

Directions:

Driving from MCAS Iwakuni to Sakura Horikiri in Fukuoka

Sakura Horikiri is about 250 km (150 miles) from Iwakuni and is about a 3 hour drive.

To get to the Sanyo Expressway: Exit the main gate, cross the tracks, and turn right on route 188 at the first traffic light. Follow route 188 until route 2. At route 2, turn left. Follow route 2 to the expressway entrance. (Yes, there are faster and shorter ways to get there but these directions are easy to explain and easy to follow.)

Once you pass the toll gate, get on the expressway going in the direction of Kitakyushu. Follow the **Sanyo Expressway** until it ends at the **Chugoku Expressway**. (There will be no toll gate, you will simply merge onto the Chugoku Expressway.)

The last service area on Honshu is “**Dannoura**” (mile post 541.) This service area has a nice view of the Kamon strait and the bridge that connects Honshu and Kyushu. (The corresponding service area on your way back is “Mekari.”)

When you get back on the expressway and cross the bridge, the name of the expressway will shortly change to the **Kyushu Expressway**. (You will not have to turn, exit, or go through a toll booth, only the name of the expressway changes.)

Exit the **Kyushu Expressway** at **Exit 7 - Fukuoka**. (See map #1.)

After the toll booth, follow the **route 201** sign that says “**To Fukuoka.**” (On the map it’s shown as “E. FUKUOKA BYPASS 201”)

Option 1: (Less traffic and easier turns.)

Follow route 201 until **route 21** (about 3.4 km.) Turn left on **route 21**. Follow route 21 until you cross the railroad tracks. **Turn left at the first traffic light after the railroad tracks.**

Follow this road until you see Toy’s R Us on your right. Move to the left lane. Turn left at the sign that says to Hakata Station. Follow the signs to Hakata Station. (You’ll need to make one more left turn to get to the station.)

At Hakata Station follow map #2 to Sakura Horikiri. Sakura Horikiri will validate parking at the parking garage marked P1 on the map. I’m not sure about the parking garage marked P2.

Option 2:

Follow route 201 until **route 21** (about 3.4 km.) Turn left on **route 21**. At the 2nd traffic light (about .7 km), turn left on **route 3**. Get in the right lane.

Follow **route 3** until you see the Fukuoka airport off to your left. The sign should say Airport Domestic Terminal to the left and Hakata Station to the right. Turn right at this signal. Follow the signs to Hakata Station.

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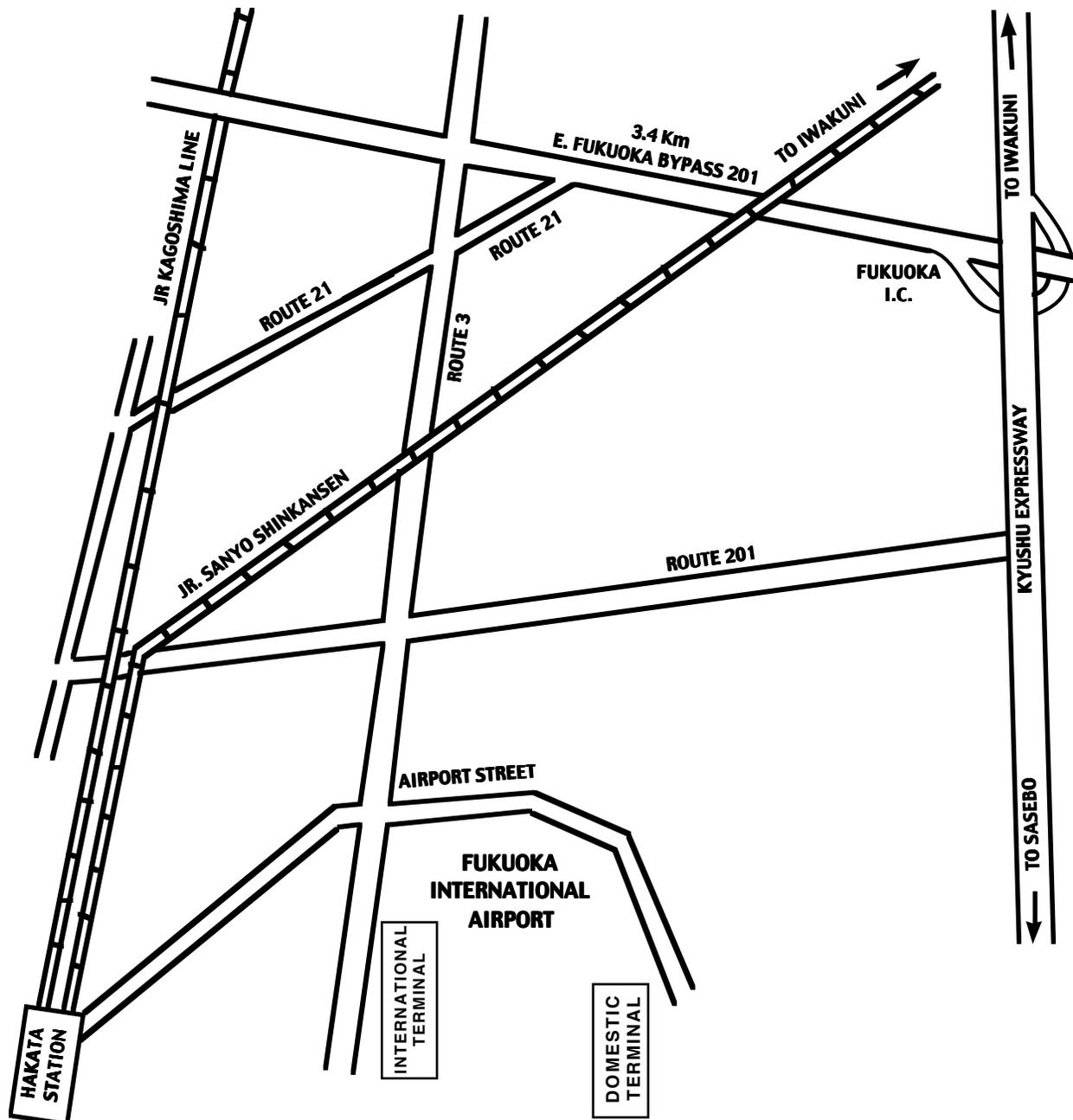
Returning to the Fukuoka Interchange:

Go back down the hill on Josui dori to the main street. Turn right and follow the signs to Hakata Station.

See map #2. At Hakata Station follow the road that goes to the Airport. From there continue to follow the signs that point to the Airport

See map #1. On this road you will encounter two route 3's. The first is **route 3** and the second is **route 3 bypass**. Go straight at the first **route 3**. Just before the airport you'll come to **route 3 bypass**. Turn left on **route 3 bypass**. Stay in the right lane. Watch for **route 21**. Turn right at **route 21**. (If you miss the turn at route 21, proceed to **route 201** and turn right there.) Follow **route 21** until **route 201**. Turn right on **route 201**. Follow route 201 to the expressway.

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Map # 1

