

Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency(FRA)

The Chitose Salmon Museum, will open April 15 in Chitose City, Hokkaido, following facility renovation

- The Chitose Salmon Research Gallery has been renovated and will reopen April 15 as the Chitose Salmon Museum.
- A major renovation of exhibits and contents was completed through a comprehensive cooperation agreement with Joshibi University of Art and Design. In this connection, the first 200 visitors will have the chance to participate in a general election to select their favorite image for a facility mascot character.

The Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency (FRA) has renovated the exhibits and contents of the Chitose Salmon Research Gallery and changed the name of this public information facility at Chitose City, Hokkaido, to the Chitose Salmon Museum. The facility will reopen April 15, 2016.

The facility is part of the Chitose Salmon Field Station of the Hokkaido National Fisheries Research Institute. Here, the first public salmon hatchery, the forerunner of Hokkaido Salmon Hatchery, began its operation in 1888. As a place to study Salmon enhancement program and as a recreation spot for experiencing the natural splendor of the upper Chitose River region, this Gallery has been put to wide use.

As a result of the facility's renewal, most age groups — from elementary and junior high school students to the elderly — will find exhibits easier to understand and appealing. An extra feature is the exhibition space design. It reflects the artistic talent of Joshibi University of Art and Design, the educational institution with whom FRA concluded a comprehensive cooperation agreement. The renovations include a system of large images and display panels for learning about salmon ecology, interactive images that change according to movement, plus games.

Everyone, especially people from elementary and junior high schools, is invited to enjoy this new sightseeing spot in Chitose City while studying the ecologies and the enhancement programs of salmon.

A general election will be conducted to select a facility mascot character image. Students at Joshibi University Art and Design created the candidate characters. The first 200 arrivals at the facility after it reopens April 15 can vote. Participants will receive a small gift. As the candidate characters will be posted in the, we look forward to a great voter turnout.

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Admission free of charge.

Open daily except Mondays from 10:00 to 16:00.

Closed for the new year holiday (Dec. 27 to Jan. 5).

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