

A New Mobility Experience Enriched by a "Sando" Sequence

– Tourism and Interaction through AI Taxis

Overview

Traveling by AI taxi is more than just a means of transportation. The AI concierge introduces the charm of the local area and encourages interaction between residents and visitors. The route to Tokuyama Zoo incorporates a “sando” -like experience, turning the journey itself into an enjoyable attraction. This approach helps bring vibrancy and human connection to the entire city.

Tourism and Interaction through AI Taxis

- AI taxis— autonomous electric vehicles equipped with AI concierges
- will promote tourism and interaction around Tokuyama Station.
- Tourists can enjoy their ride while receiving personalized recommendations for sightseeing spots and local restaurants from the AI concierge.
- Local residents can use the AI taxis for everyday transportation, such as trips to hospitals, shopping areas, or school drop-offs and pickups.
- The AI taxi pool in front of the station
- Conversation with the AI concierge inside the AI taxi



AI Taxi System

AI taxis can be reserved through a dedicated smartphone app. The vehicle design is inspired by the zebra, a symbol of Tokuyama Zoo. For ease of boarding and safety, AI taxis run on dedicated lanes.

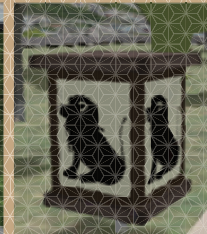


↑ Main building (Honden) as the central structure

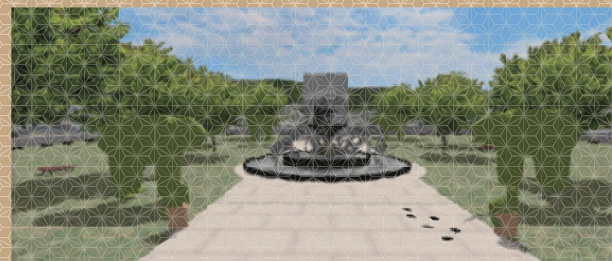
Approach to Tokuyama Zoo

From the Shunan Bypass area to Tokuyama Zoo, the route goes over an elevated bridge. This provides an open and elevated travel experience with a panoramic view of the city. Additionally, the design incorporates a “sequence-like” landscape inspired by a shrine’s approach path, making the journey itself an engaging experience.

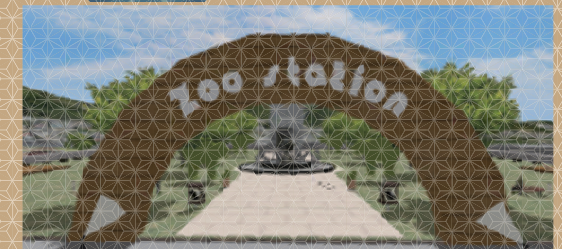
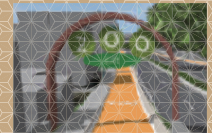
Traditional lighting fixtures



Komainu (Guardian dogs) that welcome visitors and protect the



Torii gate marking the boundary



Temizuya (purification fountain) for cleansing mind and body

