

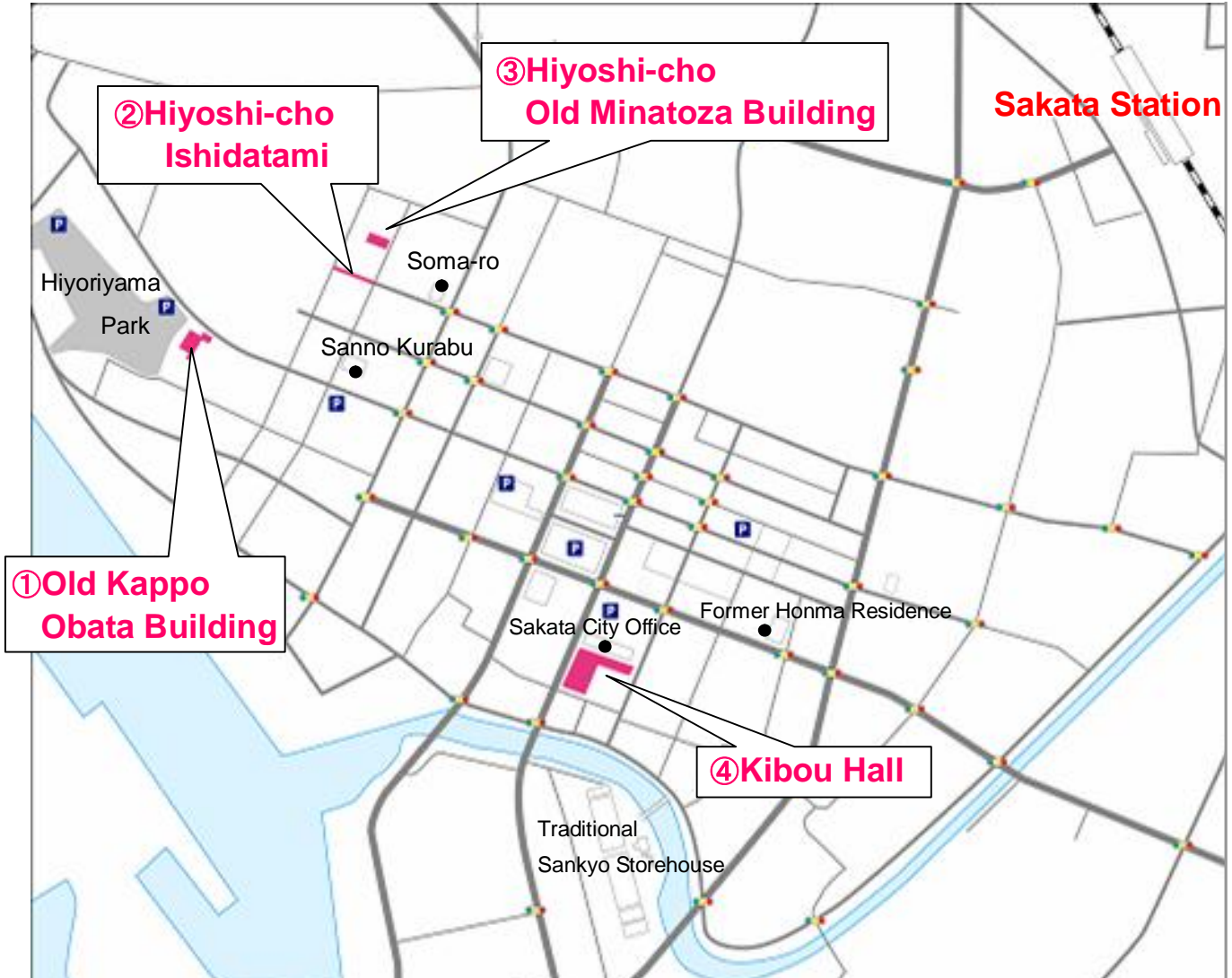
Winner of the 2008 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film

Departures

Departures was filmed in Sakata City and throughout the rest of Yamagata prefecture!

Sakata City access information is located here. <http://www.yamagatakanko.com/english/sightseeing/sakata.html>

Map of *Departures* Filming Locations in Sakata City



① Old Kappo Obata Building



This building was used for exterior shots of the NK Agency, where the main character of *Departures* works as a mortician. It appears in the film in more or less the same condition it is in currently.

② Hiyoshi-cho Ishidatami (Stone Tatami Road)



This road where stones are arranged like tatami mats appears in the film as part of the beautiful landscape of Sakata City, the main character's home town. There are restaurants nearby where you can see *maiko*, young women who perform traditional music and dances.

③ Hiyoshi-cho Old Minatoza Building



The main character's first Job was filmed here. This building was once loved by the people of Sakata as a local movie theatre, and, although it is now closed, you can still look at its exterior.

④ Kibou Hall



The concert performed by the orchestra the main character belongs to was filmed here. The orchestra was played by the Yamagata Symphony Orchestra, and the extras in the audience were composed of local Sakata residents.