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Embassy of Hungary  
Keio University School of Medicine

## Embassy of Hungary to host "Dr. Katalin Karikó Exhibition" at Keio University School of Medicine (September 21 – October 21)

An exhibition organized by the Embassy of Hungary has been held at Keio University's Shinanomachi Campus to highlight the achievements of Hungarian-American biochemist Dr. Katalin Karikó, who was awarded the 26th Keio Medical Science Prize last year. Dr. Katalin Karikó is highly regarded for her basic research leading to the development of messenger RNA vaccines, and we hope you will enjoy the exhibition introducing her life and achievements using cartoons depicting her.

### 1. Overview

**Date:** Wednesday, September 21 to Friday, October 21, 2022

\*Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays

**Venue:** Collaboration Hub, Center for Integrated Medical Research (1F), Keio University School of Medicine, Shinanomachi Campus, Tokyo

**Open Time:** Mon. to Fri. 9:00 – 16:30

**Admission:** Free

**Organizer:** Embassy of Hungary

**Cooperation:** Keio University School of Medicine

**For more information, visit the Keio Medical Science Prize website:**

<https://www.ms-fund.keio.ac.jp/en/news/prize/2022/09261646.html>

### 2. About the Exhibition

This exhibition aims to promote the achievements of Hungarian bioscientist Dr. Katalin Karikó. The Embassy of Hungary and Keio University have collaborated on this project as Dr. Karikó was a recipient of last year's Keio Medical Science Prize. The exhibition will use photographs, various exhibits, and videos to introduce her life and achievements as well as the country of Hungary.

#### Katalin Karikó, Ph.D.

Senior Vice President RNA Protein Replacement Therapies, BioNTech SE

Adjunct Professor, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

Dr Karikó was born in Hungary in 1955 and received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Szeged, Hungary. In 1985, she and moved to the United States before continuing her research on mRNA at BioNTech SE, headquartered in Mainz, Germany, where her technology was used to develop the new coronavirus vaccine introduced by BioNTech/Pfizer. She was awarded The Keio Medical Science Prize in 2021, and the Japan Prize in 2022.

### 3. Exhibits on Display



1. Life-size Dr. Karikó (Manga) installed at the exhibition site



2. Teddy bear (replica) that Dr. Karikó slipped paper money into when she came to the U.S.

### 4. Opening Ceremony (Invitation only event)

**Date & Time:** 10:00-11:10, Thursday, September 29

**Venue:** Collaboration Hub, Center for Integrated Medical Research (1<sup>st</sup> floor), Keio University School of Medicine, Shinanomachi Campus, Tokyo

\* The Minister of Culture and Innovation of Hungary, the President of Keio University, and others will participate in the event.

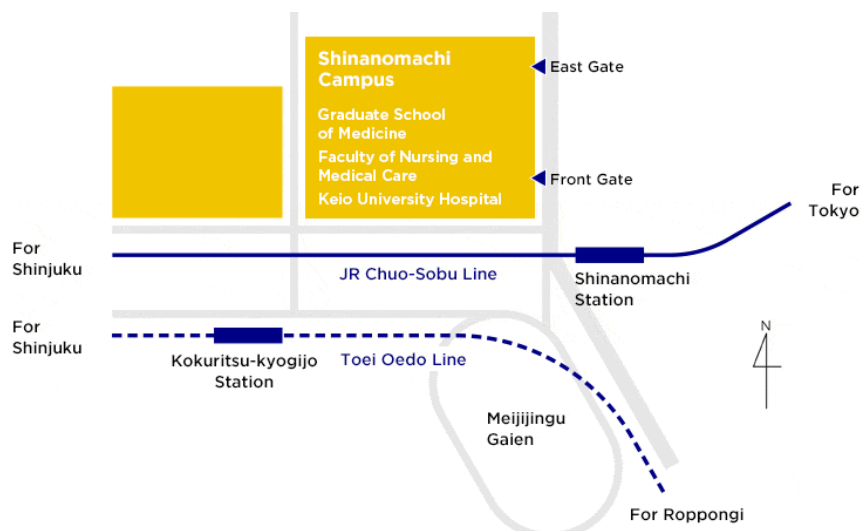
### 5. Venue & Directions

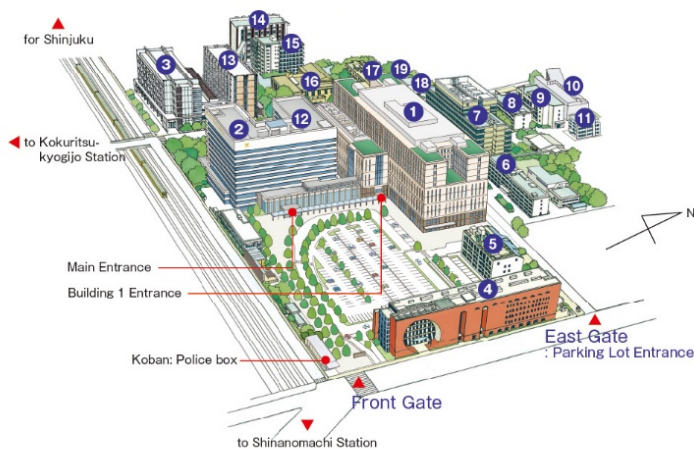
**Venue:** Collaboration Hub, Center for Integrated Medical Research (1F), Keio University School of Medicine, Shinanomachi Campus, Tokyo

**Address:** 35 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-8582

**Directions:** • 1-minute walk from Shinanomachi Station (JR Sobu Line)

• 5-minute walk from Kokuritsu-kyogijo Station Exit A1 (Toei Oedo Line)





Campus map  
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## **6. The Keio Medical Science Prize**

The Keio Medical Science Prize is awarded by Keio University to researchers who have made outstanding and creative research achievements in the fields of medicine and life sciences that contribute to the development of medicine and other sciences around the world. Each year, two laureates receive a certificate of merit, medal, and a monetary award of 10 million yen. The award events and the commemorative lectures are held at Keio University. Of the 49 laureates of The Keio Medical Science Prize, eight have later been awarded the Nobel Prize.

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