

October 27, 2023
Keio University

Keio University Mita Campus Architecture Open Day (November 14–16, 2023)

The buildings that make up Keio University's Mita Campus have undergone a variety of changes before they ended up in their current form. Some were constructed during the lifetime of Keio's founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, while others were designed by the leading Japanese architects of their respective generations. By experiencing these architectural legacies, visitors can get an up-close look at the history coursing through these buildings. When students are made aware that their library, classroom complexes, and other buildings which they have grown accustomed to in their daily routines are actually regarded as Important Cultural Properties of Japan or designed by world-class architects, how might their perspectives and appreciation towards their spatial experience of the campus be enriched? The collection of buildings scattered across Mita Campus provide a valuable setting to understand the progression of modern architecture in Japan. This is why Keio's architecture is not only considered an asset to the university, but is a cultural resource for the entire community.

During the "Keio University Mita Campus Architecture Open Day," visitors are allowed entry into areas that are normally closed to the public, including the Ex Noguchi Room and Public Speaking Hall (*Mita Enzetsu-kan*). Maps explaining different sculptures and the architecture of Mita campus will be distributed on site. Take one and feel free to explore!

1. Basic Overview

Date & Time: 11:00–17:00, November 14–16 (Tues.–Thurs.)

Venue: Keio University Mita Campus

Cost: Free of charge

Participation: Anybody is welcome to join in the event. This includes people who are not regularly affiliated with the campus.

*Please contact us in advance if you wish to tour the Ex Noguchi Room in a wheelchair.

Website: <http://www.art-c.keio.ac.jp/en/news-events/event-archive/architecture-pmn-2023/>

Organized by: Keio University Art Center (KUAC) and the Cultural Narrative of a City Project

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2. Related Events

© Guided Architecture Tour: 14:00, Tuesday, November 14, and Wednesday, November 15

A guided tour in which a faculty member of the Keio University Art Center (KUAC) gives detailed explanations of the buildings while exploring campus.

Click the link below for more information.

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3. Included Buildings

- Public Speaking Hall (*Mita Enzetsu-kan*): **The interior is also open for the tours**
(Completed) May 1875 (Structure) 2-story wooden building with a hipped tile roof
(Floor space) 192.16 m²
- Ex Noguchi Room: **The interior is also open for the tours**
Second Faculty Building: (Design) Yoshiro Taniguchi (Completed) 1951 (Structure) 2-story reinforced concrete building (Floor space) 1,050 m²
2005 Relocation: (Relocation design) Kengo Kuma (Landscaping design) Michel Desvigne

- *Jukukan-kyoku* (Keio Corporate Administration): **Only the exterior is available for viewing**
(Design) Sone Chujo Architectural Office (Completed) 1926 (Structure) 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level (Floor space) 2,455.38 m²
- Old University Library: **The interior is also open for the tours**
(Design) Sone Chujo Architectural Office (Completed) 1912 (Structure) 2-story brick building with a basement level; some portions constructed with steel-framed reinforced concrete (Floor space) 3,562.1 m²
- First School Building: **The exterior and some classrooms are available for viewing**
(Design) Sone Chujo Architectural Office (Completed) 1937 (Structure) 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level (Floor space) 5,672.13 m²
- Keio University Library: **Only the exterior is available for viewing**
(Design) Fumihiko Maki (Completed) 1981 (Structure) Steel-framed reinforced concrete 7-story building with 5 floors underground (Floor space) 15,188 m²
- Graduate School Building: **Only the exterior is available for viewing**
(Design) Fumihiko Maki (Completed) 1985 (Structure) Steel-framed reinforced concrete 9-story building with 2 floors underground (Floor space) 8,787 m²

4. Venue Access

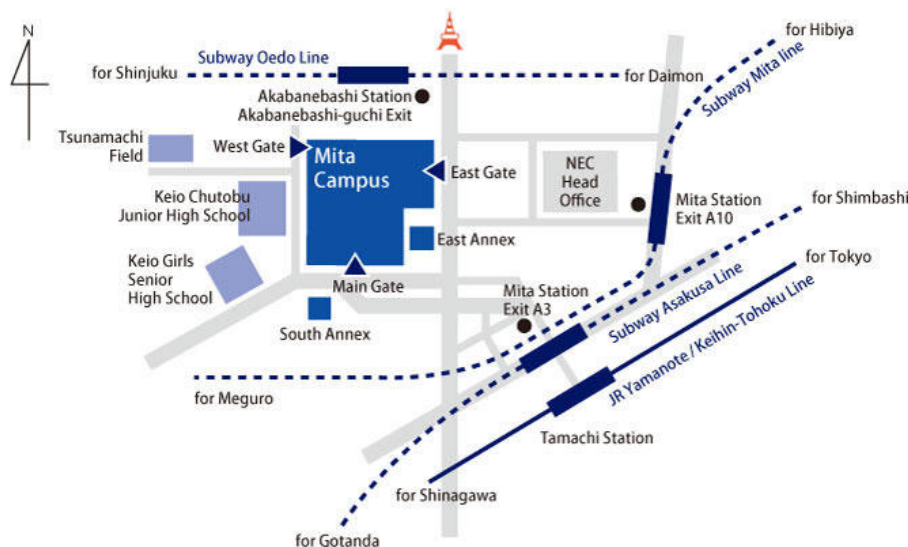
Venue: Keio University Mita Campus

Address: 2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-8345

Access: 8-minute walk from Tamachi Station (JR Yamanote Line/JR Keihin-Tohoku Line)

7-minute walk from Mita Station (Toei Subway Asakusa Line/Mita Line)

8-minute walk from Akabanebashi Station (Toei Subway Oedo Line)



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