



## Keio University Mita Campus Architecture Open Day (November 12 & 13, 2024)

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 Important Cultural Properties of Japan or have been 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 wider community.

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

### 1. Basic Overview

Date: Tuesday Nov. 12, and Wednesday Nov. 13

Time: 11:00–17:00

Venue: Keio University Mita Campus

Cost: Free of charge

Participation: Anybody is welcome to join, including those who are not affiliated with Mita 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-2024/>

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

Funded by: Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan (in the 2024 fiscal year)

### 2. Related Events

© Guided Architecture Tour: 14:00, Tuesday 12, and Wednesday 13, November

A guided tour in which a faculty member of KUAC gives detailed explanations of the buildings while exploring Mita Campus.

Follow the link below for more information.

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### 3. Buildings

- Mita Public Speaking Hall (*Mita Enzetsu-kan*): **The interior is also open for the tours**  
Completed in May 1875. 2-story wooden building with a hipped tile roof  
Floor space of 192.16 m<sup>2</sup>.
- Ex Noguchi Room: **The interior is also open for the tours**  
Second Faculty Building: Designed by Yoshiro Taniguchi. Completed in 1951. 2-story reinforced concrete building. Floor space of 1,050 m<sup>2</sup>.

- Relocated in 2005, coordinated by Kengo Kuma. Landscaping design by Michel Desvigne.
- *Jukukan-kyoku* (Keio Corporate Administration): **Only the exterior is available for viewing**  
Designed by Sone Chujo Architectural Office. Completed in 1926. 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level. Floor space of 2,455.38 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Old University Library: **The interior is partially open for the tours**  
Designed by Sone Chujo Architectural Office. Completed in 1912. 2-story brick building with a basement level; some portions constructed with steel-framed reinforced concrete. Floor space of 3,562.1 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - First School Building: **The exterior and some classrooms are available for viewing**  
Designed by Sone Chujo Architectural Office. Completed in 1937. 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level. Floor space of 5,672.13 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Keio University Library: **Only the exterior is available for viewing**  
Designed by Fumihiko Maki. Completed in 1981. Steel-framed reinforced concrete 7-story building with 5 floors underground. Floor space of 15,188 m<sup>2</sup>.
  - Graduate School Building: **Only the exterior is available for viewing**  
Designed by Fumihiko Maki. Completed in 1985. Steel-framed reinforced concrete 9-story building with 2 floors underground. Floor space of 8,787 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### 4. Venue

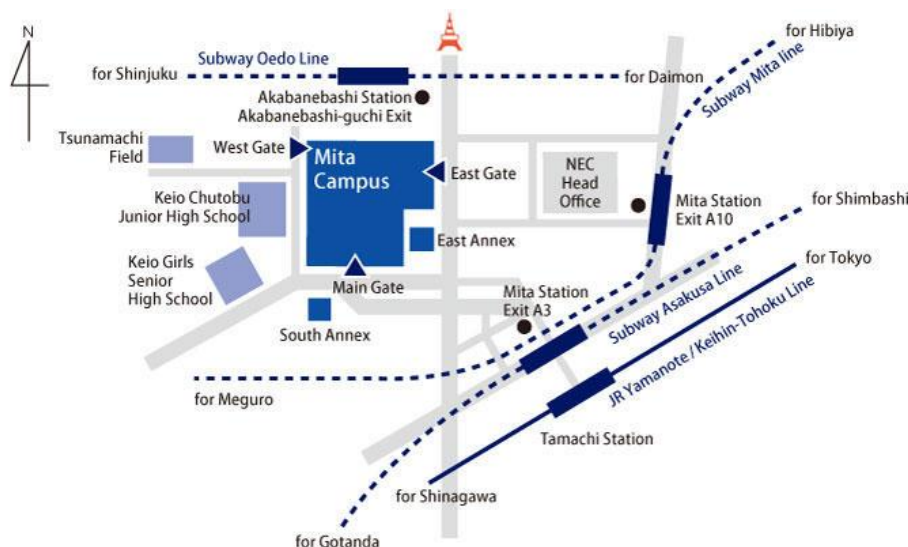
Keio University Mita Campus

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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