

December 23, 2024
Keio University

Fukuzawa Yukichi Memorial Keio History Museum
The Fukuzawa Memorial Center for Modern Japanese Studies' 2025
Exhibition of Newly Acquired Materials
(January 10–February 8)

As a part of its regular programming for the new year, the Fukuzawa Memorial Center for Modern Japanese Studies will be showcasing the new items it added to its collection in 2024. Keio University has held commemorative events for the birthday of its founder, Yukichi Fukuzawa, on January 10 since the Meiji period, meaning that this tradition has continued for over one hundred years. The exhibition originated as a New Year's celebration where pieces of calligraphy that Fukuzawa had scribed were hung as decorations. After World War II, it became an annual event to display newly acquired pieces and materials. In the past, this was an exclusive event held only on January 10. However, the exhibition was extended for the viewing public after the museum was founded.

We hope that you join the festivities as we introduce newly uncovered writings by Fukuzawa, calligraphy from the first and second deans of the School of Medicine, Shibasaburō Kitasato and Taichi Kitajima, as well as other documents depicting Keio's rich history. These include documents formerly in the possession of Mikio Hiramatsu, a scholar in English literature and editor of *Mita Bungaku*, letters from Shōzō Abe (pen name, Takitarō Minakami) and Shinzō Koizumi to their mutual friend, Kakichi Kajiwaru, and photographs of the Keio Gymnastics Club from the 1935 International University Games (precursor to the World University Games).

1. Exhibition Details

Dates: Friday, January 10–Saturday, February 8, 2025

Closed: Sundays and Holidays

Venue: 2nd Floor, Old University Library, Temporary Exhibition Room, Keio History Museum

Open: 10:00–18:00

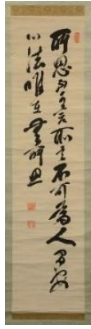
*This exhibition is open to the public

Exhibition page: https://history.keio.ac.jp/?page_id=3830 (available in Japanese)

*Please check the museum's English website for future updates : <https://history.keio.ac.jp/en/>

2. Featured Items

1. Calligraphy by Fukuzawa Yukichi, *What one thinks should not be spoken* (Formerly owned by Shigekatsu Iida)
2. Model of the "KEIO" rowing boat that was used at the Melbourne 1956 Summer Olympics (Formerly owned by Yasukuni Watanabe)
3. Correspondence from Yukichi Fukuzawa to Naruo Sekitō dated February 5, 1878
4. Correspondence from Shōzō Abe (Takitarō Minakami) to Kakichi Kajiwaru dated January 8, 1912
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3. Venue Access

Venue: Fukuzawa Yukichi Memorial Keio History Museum (⑪) on the map provided below on the 2nd floor of the Old University Library)

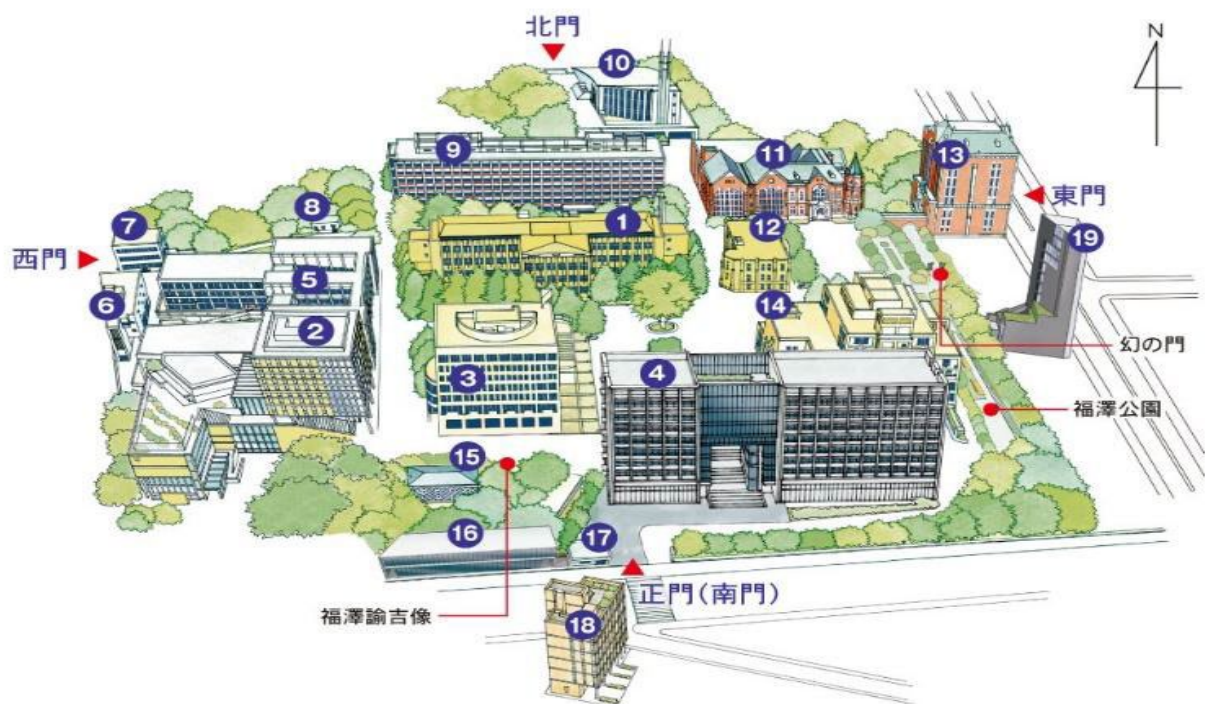
Address: 2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-8345

Keio University Library Old Building 2F on Keio University Mita Campus

Access: Tamachi Station (JR Yamanote Line/JR Keihin-Tohoku Line) 8 minutes on foot

Mita Station (Toei Subway Asakusa Line/Mita Line) 7 minutes on foot

Akabanebashi Station (Toei Subway Oedo Line) 8 minutes on foot



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*We have sent this news release to the MEXT Press Club and the social, educational and cultural news departments of other media outlets.

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