

Press Release

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Keio University

Keio University Mita Campus Architecture Open Day (October 30 - November 1, 2025)

The Keio University Art Center will once again host the annual "Keio University Mita Campus Architecture Open Day" at the Mita Campus. For three days only, the historic *Enzetsu-kan* (Speech Hall) and the Ex Noguchi Room, both ordinarily closed to the public, will be specially opened.

The event will be held from Thursday, October 30 to Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, and members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Visitors will receive an "Architecture & Sculpture Map" and are encouraged to explore the campus at their own pace. Guided tours will also be available. Further details, including downloadable maps and flyers, can be found on the event page at the URL below.

1. Basic Information

Date: Thursday Oct. 30 – Saturday Nov. 1

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.

 $Website: \underline{http://www.art\text{-}c.keio.ac.jp/en/news\text{-}events/event\text{-}archive/architecture\text{-}pmn\text{-}}2025/2000 + \underline{http://www.art\text{-}c.keio.ac.jp/en/news\text{-}events/event$

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

- *Due to construction, entry to Keio Corporate Administration (Jukukan-kyoku) is prohibited.
- *On October 30 and 31, due to a large-scale academic conference, many vehicles will be entering and exiting the campus. Please take caution.

2. Event Overview

When students on campus learn that the buildings they casually use as classrooms and libraries are important cultural properties or the works of world-famous architects, they will become aware of the environment surrounding them, the university, and architecture, and will begin to richly experience space.

The architecture of the Mita Campus is a rare opportunity to see the history of modern Japanese architecture. Therefore, these buildings are not only an important cultural resource for Keio University, but also for the local community.

We plan this 'Architecture Open Day' to introduce the architecture at Mita campus, including Enzetsu-kan (Public Speaking Hall, 1875) and Old Noguchi Room (Shin Banraisha, 1951/2005) which are usually not opened to the public.

2. Related Events

© Guided Architecture Tour: 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.

http://www.art-c.keio.ac.jp/en/news-events/event-archive/architecture-pmn-2025/

© We are collecting photos of Mita Campus buildings: we are currently collecting photographs—especially of buildings on the Mita Campus—that capture their appearance in the past. We warmly invite you to contribute!

Follow the link below for more information.

http://www.art-c.keio.ac.jp/en/news-events/announcements/2025-09-22/

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 m².
- Ex Noguchi Room: <u>The interior is also open for the tours</u> Second Faculty Building: Designed by Yoshiro Taniguchi. Completed in 1951. 2-story reinforced concrete building. Floor space of 1,050 m².
- Relocated in 2005, coordinated by Kengo Kuma. Landscaping design by Michel Desvigne.

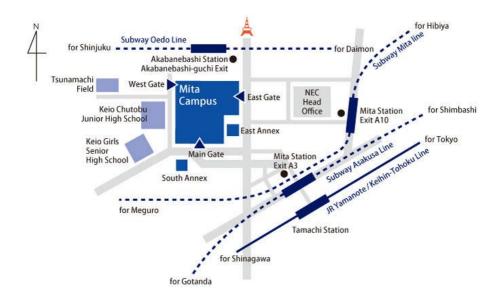
 Jukukan-kyoku (Keio Corporate Administration): Only the exterior is available for viewing Designed by Sone Chujo Architectural Office. Completed in 1926. 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level. Floor space of 2,455.38 m².
- Old University Library: <u>The interior is partially open for the tours</u>
 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 m².
- First School Building: <u>The exterior and some classrooms are available for viewing</u>
 Designed by Sone Chujo Architectural Office. Completed in 1937. 3-story reinforced concrete building with a basement level. Floor space of 5,672.13 m².
- 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 m².
- 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 m².

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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