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Press Release

Keio University

Fukuzawa Yukichi Memorial Keio History Museum
The Fukuzawa Memorial Center for Modern Japanese Studies'
2026 Exhibition of Newly Acquired Materials
(January 10–February 7)

—Displaying fifty items, including a newly discovered letter by Yukichi Fukuzawa—

Keio University has held commemorative events for the birthday of its founder, Fukuzawa Yukichi, on January 10 since the Meiji period, meaning that this tradition has lasted 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.

2026 marks the 125th anniversary of Fukuzawa's passing on February 3, 1901. In addition to the newly discovered letter written by Fukuzawa, this year's exhibition includes memorabilia from the former collection of E. B. Clark, also known as the father of Japanese rugby, postwar Keio Chutobu Junior High School uniform in an unrecorded color, and the special school flag for league-deciding Waseda-Keio baseball matches (recently retired), among other materials connected to Keio's rich history.

1. Exhibition Details

Dates: Saturday, January 10, 2026–Saturday, February 7, 2026

Closed: Sundays and Public Holidays

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

Open: 10:00–18:00

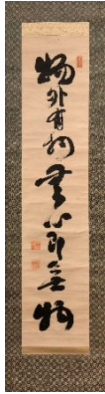
*This exhibition is open to the public

Exhibition page: https://history.keio.ac.jp/?page_id=4448 (available in Japanese)

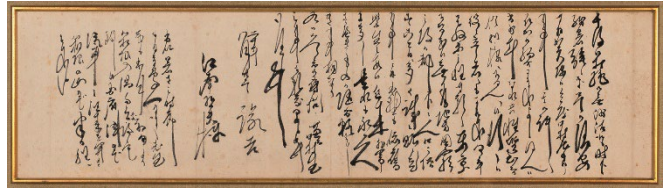
*Please check the museum's English website for future updates: <https://history.keio.ac.jp/en/>

2. Featured Items

1. Calligraphy by Fukuzawa Yukichi: "Beyond things, there are things; without mind, there are no things"
2. Correspondence from Fukuzawa Yukichi to Enami Tetsuo, August 22, 1887
3. Rugby 30th anniversary tournament commemorative item (former collection of E. B. Clark), 1931
4. Judo club photo during the ship voyage to US tour, 1938
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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)

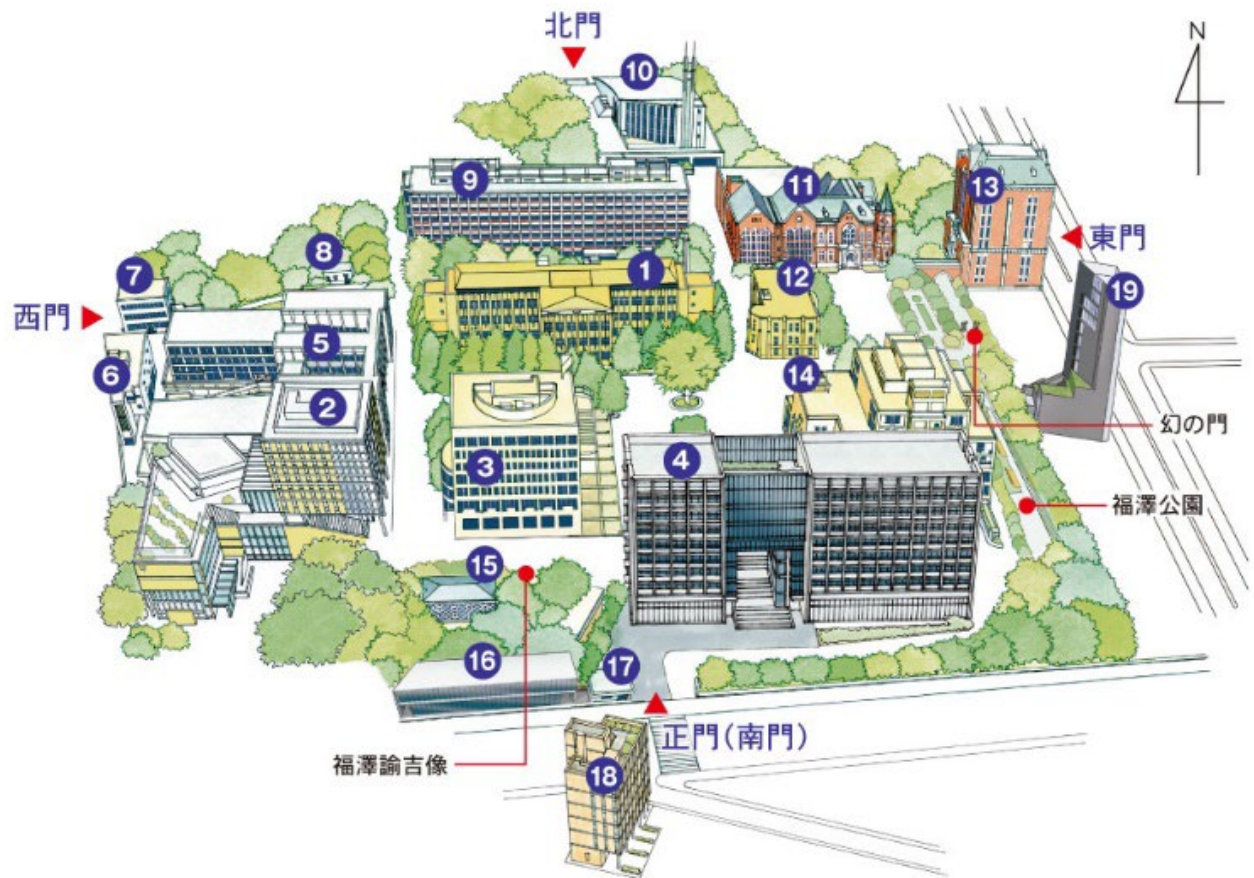
Address: 2-15-45 Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 108-8345

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

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

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

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



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