

Museum and Library in Tokyo

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Welcome to Tokyo

1. Introduction of museums and libraries in Tokyo and Saitama, a neighboring prefecture, as part of sightseeing spots.
2. Information includes accessibilities for persons with disabilities

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Omiya Bonsai Museum, Saitama city

- After the effect of Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923 many gardeners who worked for Edo feudal lords and samurai, moved from Tokyo to Omiya city and established community for gardening as Bonsai village.
- Display of Bonsai inside of the building and its garden
- Bonsai is not only a tree in a pot, but it shows overall landscape.
- URL: <http://www.bonsai-art-museum.jp/en/facilities/>



Omiya Bonsai Museum



-Located in Bonsai village in Saitama city, 30km north from Tokyo

-Accessibility

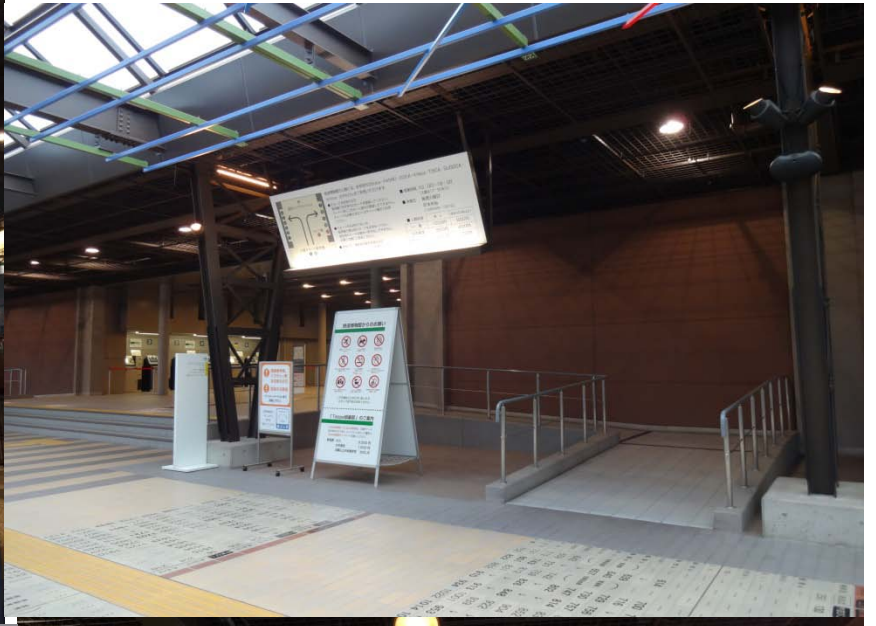
flat entrance, elevator,
toilet

No Braille information

-Can enjoy walking in Bonsai village where there are some Bonsai farms. Ohmiya park nearby is famous as one of the sakura (cherry blossom) spots.

Railway Museum

- Established for commemorating the 20th anniversary(2007) of the JR East Japan after privatized from the National Railways.
- It preserves physical elements and heritage of railways of Japan and abroad.
- Attracts many fans of railways inside and outside of Japan
- **Accessibility** :Toilet(universal and special toilet for ostomates, and service dogs), slope, no braille
- URL: <http://www.railway-museum.jp/en/>



Sumida Ward area, Tokyo

Sightseeing spot in Sumida ward

Ryogoku: [Kokugi kan \(Sumo wrestling stadium\)](#)

[Edo Tokyo Museum](#) : Actual size of building is displayed.

[Sumida Hokusai Museum](#)

[Edo NOREN](#): restaurants of Japanese traditional dishes near Ryogoku station of Japan Railways.

Sightseeing spots near the Sumida Ward

[Asakusa: Sensouji temple](#) and many small souvenir shops on the way to the temple, one of musts for foreigners, Famous sakura spot near Sumida river and Sakura cruising in Sumida river.

[Sky Tree](#) : a tower, newly developed sightseeing spot

It's design is like Edo Kiriko Grass work.

Sumida Hokusai Museum

Established in November in 2016

Specified to artworks of Hokusai(1760-1849), who is one of the popular Ukiyoe (picture, a color print) artists in Edo era. One of Hokusai's specialty is 36 pictures of Mt. Fuji from different angle. His pictures also show every day life of people including food and custom.

Accessibility of the museum: flat entrance, accessible toilet, wheel chair rental, but no braille information.

Free entrance fee for those who have certificate of persons with disabilities

Environment : *Newly developed subway "Oedo line" is accessible, so new museums have been established near stations of "Oedo line".

URL: <http://hokusai-museum.jp/?lang=en>

Sumida Hokusai Museum



Edo Tokyo Museum

- Established in 1993 by Tokyo Metropolitan Government
- Introduces the history and culture of the Edo era
 - *Edo era: 1603-1868, Tokugawa shogunate era

Accessibility :

Guide dogs are accepted.

Audio guide rental

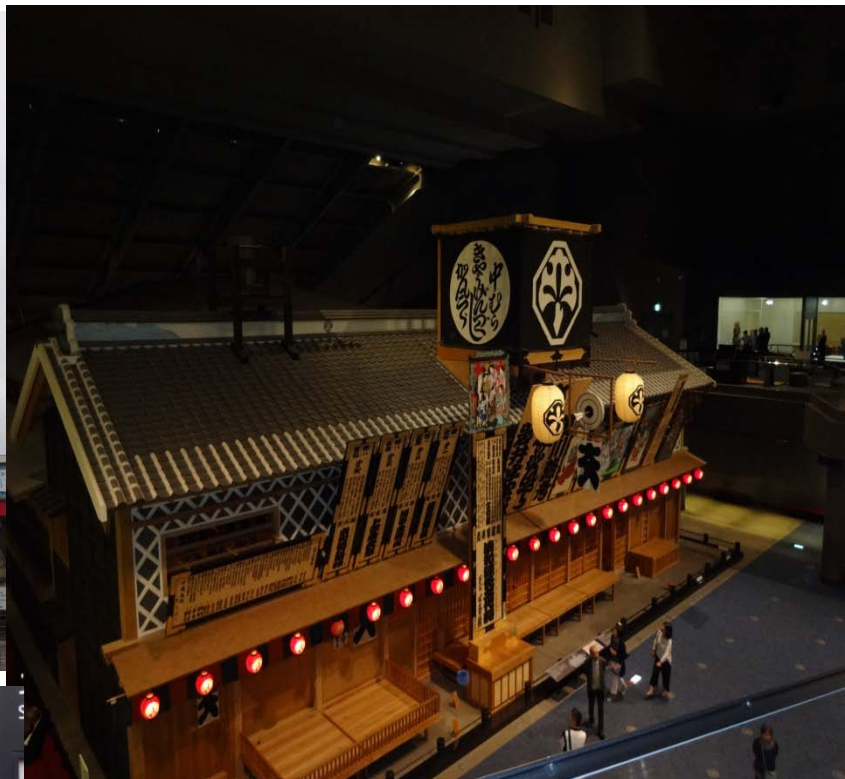
Wheelchair, baby buggy rental

Toilet for wheelchair users, ostomates

Volunteer of foreign languages (English, Chinese, Korean, French, German, Spanish and Japanese)

Admission fee : free for persons with disabilities and up to two attendants,
over 65 half of regular fee

URL: <https://www.edo-tokyo-museum.or.jp/en>



ご案内 Information **博物館施設 Museum Facility**

5F	6F	7F
特別展示室 Special Exhibition Room	常設展示室 入口 Permanent Exhibition Area Entrance	図書室 図書ライブラリー Library
チケットラウンジ Ticket Center	常設展示室 Permanent Exhibition Area	江戸東京ひろば Edo-Tokyo Plaza
総合案内所 Information Center	特別展示室 Special Exhibition Gallery	休憩所 Restroom
1F	1F	1F

ボランティア Volunteer Guides
無料 Free of charge

10:00 - 15:00

本日の言語 Today's Language

DEUTSCH	한국어
ESPAÑOL	中文
ENGLISH	日本語
	Français

順路 This Way

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Ueno park area, Tokyo

Ueno : a cultural place with museums, a concert hall and a zoo. **Ueno park** is famous as sakura spots.

As the Ueno station used to be a terminal of railways, many songs were created with the feeling of pathos.

The followings are museums.

- **Tokyo National Museum**
 - **National Museum of Western Art**
 - **National Museum of Nature and Science**
- Etc.

National Museum of Western Art

- This was established in 1959 for receiving Matsukata collection that was donated by French Government. Originally they were collected by Mr.Kojiro Matsukata who wished to establish a museum to display western artworks for young Japanese artists. Special exhibition is also planned.
- Main building was designed by Le Corbusier.
- Registered as a World Heritage which is one of the buildings designed by Le Corbusier in 2016
- Accessibility : flat entrance, elevator, multipurpose toilet
- Admission fee of Matsukata collection (regular exhibition):
People with disability, an attendant and over 65 :free

URL: <http://www.nmwa.go.jp/en/>



Library

Introduction of three public libraries

- Tokyo Metropolitan Government: two, Tama and Central
- One of words : Chiyoda ward
- City : Musashino city

Private : Gallery TOM: artworks can be touched.

<http://www.gallerytom.co.jp/>

Japan Braille Library : <http://www.nittento.or.jp/en/index.html>)

Books of Braille, tape and DAISY* are available. It runs Sapie**

*DAISY= Digital Accessible Information System, International standard of digital book instead of tape book for people with visual impairment and print disability.

**Sapie : Network of comprehensive information for persons with visual impairment on living and library and others. Sapie was developed by Japan Braille Library and run by the Society for Information Provision for Persons with Visual Impairment.

Tokyo Tama Library

- The original library was established in 1913.
- It is run by Tokyo Metropolitan Government.
- Accessibility: multipurpose toilet including ostomates, mother child toilet

Information for persons with visual impairment:
braille information, recorded tape book, Daisy book, information on recent accessible book by newsletter and Sapience(Sapie)

URL: <http://www.library.metro.tokyo.jp/english/tabid/2437/Default.aspx>
(Central and Tama)



Chiyoda city's Library & Museum

- This is run by Chiyoda ward (city).
- It is called as “Hibiya Library” as Hibiya is as the name of the place where the library is located.
- It is selected as one of 9 attractive libraries in Tokyo in internet.
- Accessibility : toilets, information for persons with visual disability including reading service, rental of DAISY books.
- URL: <http://hibiyal.jp/var/rev0/0002/2268/2014101412039.pdf>

Chiyoda city's Library & Museum



Musashino Place (Musashino Public Library)

Proposal of the library as part of Musashisakai town building, 2001

Population of Musashino city: 144,000

Nick Name “**Musashio Place**” was decided in 2008.

Open in 2011

Concept : comprehensive, multipurpose functions, place for community people


It has **four functions**. (Library, lifelong learning, Support of activities of children and youths, Support of activities of community people/NPOs)

It is selected as one of 9 attractive libraries in Tokyo in internet.

Accessibility: flat entrance, barrier free toilet, reading service for persons with visual impairment

Musashino Place





For further details,
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interesting
museum/library
directly.
Thank you.