

Special Feature on Disaster Prevention

Be prepared and have no regrets

## Are you prepared fo unexpected events

You never know when disasters like earthquake or wind/flood damage will strike. Be prepared to avoid panic in case of a disaster I safe evacuation route for your family evacuation areas, and relation/support syste neighbors or governr to protect yourself in case of disaster. Are you well prepare

# Akasaka is a city of slopes. Up and down the sloping roads...

The "unmissable" feature of Akasaka is the sloping roads. The names they are referred to were given in the old times. We would like to introduce the origin of the names as well as the interesting episodes. Wonder why the names of some roads are not identifiable today...



Nogizaka

9-6 Akasaka Nogizaka ie in

Between 8-11 and

outside of Exit 1 or 2

voda Line. It used to

of Tokyo Metro Chi-

be called Yukiaizaka

or Yureizaka (ghost

slope) however such

names were abolished

### Shinzaka Between 7-4 and 8-6 Akasaka

along with the funeral of Count Nogi in 1912 and was officially

to posterity, planted a nettle tree (enoki in Japanese) as a sign. This

story is known as the origin of the name of the slope and the town.

o Yoshinaga suc-

eded in the creation

Akasaka Tameike

Pond) in this area, His

leave this achievement

Between 4-2 and 4-5 Akasaka

tainer, hoping to

t is presumed that the road was opened in 1688 (1st

year of Genroku Period), Around that time, there

vas the residence of Yonekura Tango-no-kami on

the northeast side of the road. It is one of the old-

est roads in Akasaka that is located on the border

f Tango Town and Hitotsugi Town. The length is

many people.

approximately 7 meters and

the width is approximately 8

neters. Stairs were built as the

slope was so steep and people

used call it "Tango dan-dan."

oday, the road is surrounded

by buildings and the slope is

indispensable for the life of

man-made lake

e road through to sugi-kaido, opened years ago in the 2th year of Genroku



Between 2-22 Akasaka and 2-1 Roppongi This is where the famous scene of "Parting in the Snow at Nanhuzaka" (Nanhuzaka vuki no wakare) of

Chushingura took place. The widow of Asano Takumino-kami sent off Oishi Kuranosuke off here. Although t is a quiet residential opening of Tokyo Mid-



Between 4-17 and 7-1 Akasaka

This long slope has an interesting form as both ends are higher than the middle of the road. This form reminds us of vagen a traditional equipment used to grind medicine materials. The road was taken by the Konoe Dai-san Regiment at the time area, more pedestrians of 2.26 incident as they attempted the murder of pass this area due to the Korekiyo Takahashi, the Minister of Finance at the time (current TBS Akasaka Park Building).





Various origins and stories of upslopes and downslopes in Akasaka

## Kuroguzaka

Between 1-3 and 1-4 Moto-Akasaka A man named Kuroku an ancestor of Aki-



## Anchinzaka

Between 2-1 and 2-2 Moto-Akasaka

The section extended from Samegahashizaka to the moto Yazaemon who was the headman of intersection of Akasaka Palace and Meiji Kinenkan Hitotsugi Town in Edo Period, resided in this Hall is called Anhinzaka. There used be a shrine of area. It was also referred to as Teppozaka as Anchin Daigongen in the vicinity. It is also known as there was a gun range (teppo means gun in Gondawarazaka named after a samurai called Gondawara.





Nezuzaka



was commonly called "Kitazaka." Many compelling and profound stories give nostalgic feelings to the fans and explorers of Tokyo's slopes. It goes by the name of "Nezuzaka". The beautifully curved slope along the white wall of Nezu Museum is such a picturesque road. It is a perfect spot take a leisurely stroll.



# shinakizaka

e road used to be so bad and long that even the cows pulling the cart yould start screaming Intil the current Aovama ori was built, this was ne famous backstreet used

for transportation from East Sea Route to Edo: Called the Oshu-do in the Kamakura Period and the Atsugi-kaido in the Edo Period.

### Kinokunizaka

Between 2-1 Moto-Akasaka and Chivoda City

There used to be the vast residence of Tokugawa Family of Kishu (Wakayama Prefecture). The slope is also known for appearing in "Kaidan" the book written by Yagumo Koizumi. It is one of the most charming slope of Minato City. The gradual slope goes down from Akasaka Detached Palace through Benkei-bori to Akasakamitsuke. To the south of Benkei-bori is Minato City. It is said that the name "Akasaka" originated



### Reinanzaka Retween 1-10 Akasaka and 2-1



nese character "Rei"

changed from "嶺" to "霊" during the course of history. The beautiful red brick Reinanzaka Church with spire was built in 1879 designed by Mr. Kingo Tatsuno who is know as the designer of Tokyo Station. The church, an architectural masterniece of Taisho Period, remained as the symbol of Akasaka until it was rebuilt in 1985.



### Entsujizaka Between 4-13 and 5-2 Akasaka

It was named after the Entsuii Shring which moved to the top of the slope around 1695 (8th year of Genroku Period). It is also said that there used be another shrine that had the same name. The modern style wooden Christian kindergarten that used to stand next to the shrine had more than 1000 students around 1927-1936.



# Sakurazaka

Between 1-11 and 1-12 Akasaka The road was newly built in the middle of eiji Period. A huge cherry tree used to tand at the bottom of the slone until it was

burnt in the war. About 150 someivoshino herry trees along the peripheral road of Arkhills from Sakurazaka to Spain-zaka that vere planted at the time of major redevelopment project of the Arkhills in 1986 create tunnel of cherry blossoms. They are lit ip during the blossoming season, attracting nany visitors Arkhills Sakura Matsuri Fes al is held annually at the end of March.

### Hikawazaka

Setween 6-8 and 6-10 Akasaka he slope is located right in front of be Hikawa Shurine that was built h the order of Yoshimune Tokugawa the eighth shoaun (general) 7 pulled up the slope during the Reitaisai Festival in September along with the powerful call of "Yoisho!" i



he slone runs from Aks aka to Roppongi along e Hinoki-cho Park that oreads toward Tokyo lidtown. The residence of Mori Family of Choshu lan that used to stand round this area was known Hinoki Yashiki as its arden was full of hinoki

Japanese cypress) trees. The slope was named Hinokizaka as it ran along th Hinoki Yashiki. Before it became the Tokyo Midtown, the area was the center of national defense as there was the First Regiment of Japanese Army during the period from Meiji to the World War II and then the National Defense Agency

Motohikawazaka

rine and lush greens.

etween 6-10 and 6-19 Akasaka

otohikawa Myojin Shrine used to stand on the east

de of the slope. The area changed its appearance as

ildings and mansions replaced the manors from old

nes. It is a quiet street best for taking a walk enjoy-

ig the beautifully moss-coated stone walls of Hikawa

### Inarizaka

Between 7-5 and 7-6 Akasaka

The Entsuii Temple at the bottom of the slope on the north corner used to have the gate to the Inari God. It was once referred to as Soiizaka as the residential quarter of samurai who used to clean the Edo Castle was on both sides of the slope.

## for the same reason, but it Danivozaka

Between 6-5 and 6-9

It was such a bad road in the

pedestrians fall down. The

Motohikawazaka next to th

referred to as Korobizaka

now a gentle slope.

Seitokuji Temple was once

Edo Period that made many

Akasaka

Samegahashi

Retween 2-1 Moto-Aka-

saka and Chiyoda City

The area from Geihinkan and

Between 4-9 and 4-18 Akasaka

The slope goes above the Akasaka Palace and Branch Temple of Tovokawa Inari, obliquely crosses the Aoyama Dori (Route 246), and reaches Yamawaki Gakuen School passing between Akasaka Police Department and the headquarters of Torava (4 Akasaka). The residence of Matsudaira of the Yoshii Clan was located near

Sannunzaka

Between 5-5 and 7-6 Akasaka

Because the slope was so steep, palanguin bear

charged extra "gin-sanbu" (equivalent to ¥100 to-

here are hardly any traffic accidents o this slope.

v). Although its steepness and two sharp curves

e bottom of the slone stands the Hodoii Temple

ere the grave of Raiden Tameemon, one of the

atest sumo wrestlers of late Edo neriod, is located

11 Akacaka

road built at the time of

construction of the area

r Enokizaka, the slope

n 2004. It was named af-



### Notice from Akasaka Regional City Office

Renovation construction of the keniinii-gaki style fence of the former Nogi residence The fence standing in front of the entrance of former Nogi residence, a Minato City-designated cultural property, was reconstructed in August due to aging. Keniinii-gaki is one of the traditional shielding bamboo fence used for Japanese gardens.

It is difficult to beautifully finish the Keniinii-gaki fence although the style of the fence may seem rather simple. Palm rope is used to nut unprocessed natural bamboos together which require extra precautions for the adjustment and node alignment.







Before construction (Left side of the Before construction (Right side of the



After construction is completed After construction is completed

The construction was performed by the Minato City Office employees. Despite the difficulties they had faced including workshops and hands-on practices taught by experts prior to the construction, everyone participated in the procedure enthusiastically. Some employees continued practicing even after the construction was completed. These are the people who usually conduct patrols and renovation of municipal roads and parks to maintain safe city environment: The behind-the-scenes supporters of our proud city

### Location: 8-11-32 Akasaka (Nogi Park)

Transportation

Train: 1-minute walk from the Nogizaka Station, Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line

Bus: Nogikoen bus stop, Cii Bus Akasaka Route Inquiries: Public Works Subsection, Community Activities

Promotion Section Tel: 03-5413-7015





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### Application/Distribution

### Eligibility

finato City residents who are elderly, disabled or those

Inquiries: Health and Welfare Subsection, Residents' Life Support Section Tel: 03-5413-7276

### About Akasaka/Aoyama District As of October 1, 2005, the day-time popu-

time population is 166, 378 while the nigh-time will cause 95,000 people difficulty in returning

Of them, 8,000 people are elderly or physically

It is also expected that the 3,500 foreign

## First check the evacuation areas

Evacuation Areas and Remaining Areas of Regions

Kita-Aoyama 1, 2, or 3-chome 
Outer Garden of the Meiji Shrin (Meiji-Jingu galen chiku)

Minami-Aoyama 1—7-chome Wicinity of Aoyama Cometery

Remaining area of the regio

Mats-Alasaka 1 or 2-chome 🕨 🥤

Secondary Evacuation Shelters

Sairon Community Welfare Hall 4-10-1 Minami-Ansama 03-3423-49

Evacuation areas are divided into the following five categories acording to the size, type, and condition of disasters Make sure to find out where to evacuate to! That is the first and

Temporary Gathering Location (ittoki shugo basho) A temporary gathering area you should go to before evacuat-

ing to the evacuation areas safety of the region is confirmed or first-aid is provided. Make sure you know where it is located.

Evacuation Area (koiki hinan basho) An evacuation area to escape from danger of fire spread in case of an earthquake.

Remaining Area of Region (chikunai zanryu chiku)

An area without the necessity to evacuate to the evacuation area because of the low-risk of fire spread in case of an earth-

A temporary residential shelter for those whose home have

been collapsed or burned down due to disaster. Secondary Evacuation Shelter (niii hinaniyo)

A temporary residential shelter for those who have difficulties living in the evacuation site due to their need for nursing care or assistance such as elderly or disabled persons

## Securityensuring STOCK

There are 17 supply storehouses in Akasaka/Aovama district where food supplies sufficient for two days are stocked. The storehouses are located in each evacuation site and region. Stock supplies include food supply, daily necessities, cooking equipment, and first-aid equipment.

(As of May 2008)

6.250 hardtacks, 60,500 pregelatinized rice, milk, porridge, etc. First-aid Equipment

Emergency equipment, first-aid kit, medical kit, hygienic goods, etc.

**Daily Necessities** 10 water filtration equipment, tents, 520 blue sheets, daily supplies, nursing items, 88 portable toilets (3 manholes available for setting toilate) 11 8/11 blankate elaaning bage 70

Daily supplies: Rice cookers, chopsticks, paper cups, dishes, portable gas stoves, kettles, knives, sanitary goods, underwear,

adult diapers, etc. Nursing items: Bottles, diapers, etc.

# Be Prepared and Have No Regrets. WHAT IF OUR TOWN WAS HIT BY A MAJOR DISASTER...

Registration of those who are in need of assistance during a disaster

that can be easily contacted to receive the list

## Water is Life Is Drinking Water Secured? As of April 1, 2007, 10 water receiving tanks for drinking and fire-distinguish

ing purposes are located within the districts in addition to the 7 fire-distinguishing water tanks. The city government also has agreement with 46 business institutions that are able to provide drinking water and 2 business institutions that has

Moreover, the water filtration systems of the modern technology can create drinking water out of pool or sea water. 10 filtering machineries are located in

Be calm and put out any fire in an early stage Be calm: Panic can cause injury Secure escape routes by opening doors and

Stay away from gates and walls

Check the security of your home, family, and

Shut off electricity and gas prior to evacuation

Tel: 03-3578-2111 (Main), Ext. 2519

Disasters hit everyone at the same time

Make sure all family members understand the ways to

Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Subsection, Disaster Prevention

safety. Be prepared for an unexpected situation

Prevent furniture from falling over

Remove furniture from bedrooms

Flash lights

Portable radio

for flood prevention You are expected to protect against such flooding on your own. Sandbags are pro-

vided free of charge. Please take them any time from the following locations.

Aoyama Park 2-21-12 Minami-Aoyama Kita-Aovama 1-Chome Children's Park, 1-6-6 Kita-Aovama



Hikawa Park 6-5-4 Akasaka

03-3402-9306