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Students from Nijinohashi Kindergarten, Odaiba Gakuen, and Mayor of Minato City.
Odaiba Gakuen will be used as a sport service center for the British Olympic Association during the Tokyo 2020 Games.

New Year's Greetings from the Mayor

As the Mayor of Minato City, I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Last year, Japan achieved enormous success in sport. In the first Rugby World Cup held in Japan, Japan's national team became the first team from Asia to make it to the quarter-finals of the tournament. Also, Akira Yoshino was awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, because of his achievement in inventing the lithium-ion electric battery.

Last April, Minato City achieved the zero waiting list for nursery schools by increasing the capacity of private and municipal nursery facilities and nursery school personnel.

With the increase of tourists, the city implemented MINATO Flag System and the Night Time Economy to promote tourism at night and secure safety in the city. The city provided blue flags to businesses operating at night. Currently, more than 150 businesses have registered in this system.

As disaster measures, Minato City became the first city in 23 cities of Tokyo to conclude the Agreement Regarding Emergency Medical Aid During Disaster with 12 hospitals. In order to provide prompt responses during disaster, emergency medical aid stations were opened with the cooperation of hospitals.

Last December, the Minato City Ordinance for the Promotion and Understanding of Sign Language and Various Communication Methods for People with Disabilities was implemented. Through this ordinance, the city clarified the basic concept and responsibility regarding the promotion of various communication methods, in order to realize a society which people with disabilities can lead energetic lives.

By April 2020, various facilities for residents will be opened: Moto-azabu nursery school which nurtures children with disabilities and requiring medical care, Minami-azabu welfare facility which has support home for people with disabilities, Minato Science Museum, Minato City Center for Traditional Culture, and Akasaka Kids-to-Teens Aoyama Hall.

Also, the city will clarify ordinance in preparation for the implementation of Minato Marriage system. This is a system which everyone can live together with the people who they wish to live as their family, regardless of sexual orientation or sexual identity.

In this March, the new Minato City Basic Plan will be implemented. By incorporating public opinion collected from our residents, the plan will be designed to create a city filled with vitality and safety.

This year, the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo will be conducted. The Olympic and Paralympic torch will be passed through Minato City. During the Tokyo 2020 Games, Odaiba Seaside Park will be used as a venue for triathlon competitions. By making Odaiba beach swimmable with the improvement of water quality, Minato City aims to pass on Odaiba beach as a legacy venue for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

The population of Minato City rose to above 260,000 last September. The population continues to grow and is expected to reach 300,000 by 2027. Even more, the city will enhance cooperation with our residents, companies, and organizations to respond swiftly to various demands.

We will dedicate all our power to realize communities, where all residents can live in safety and comfort.

We hope this year will be full of happiness and cheer for all of you.

Masaaki Takei

Masaaki Takei, Mayor of Minato City

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CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
03-5472-3710



Minato Science Museum and Minato City Science Museum for Children

Opening on April 1

Minato Science Museum

The Minato Science Museum is a facility where everyone from children to adults can enjoy learning about science. In the facility, there is an exhibition with a large-scale screening, laboratories, and craft workshops. On the second floor, there is a planetarium hall which has an optical 4K digital projector. The beautiful starry sky and realistic audiovisual experience stimulate interest for space development and astronomy. Also, multilingual services are available by offering English explanations in the planetarium hall and laboratory room. At the adjoining Meteorological Museum of the Japan Meteorological Agency, visitors can also learn about disaster prevention through nature and weather phenomenon.

Image of First Floor



Place Toranomon 3-6-9

Open 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

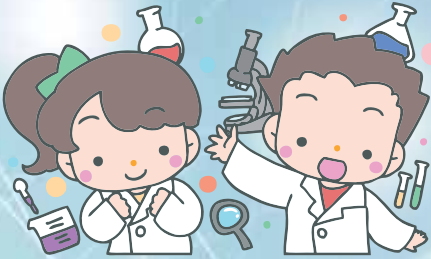
Closed Second Monday,
December 29 – January 3
Other temporary dates

Fee No entrance fee

Planetarium Hall Screening

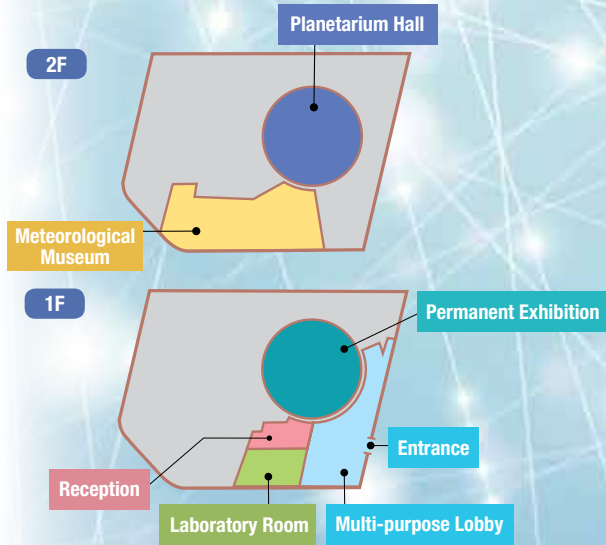
Adult	¥600
Elementary, junior high, and high school student	¥100
Annual ticket Adult	¥2,000
Elementary, junior high, and high school student	¥300

Map



Permanent Exhibition

This exhibition is in a participatory format that lets visitors explore science around them. With the four themes of nature, sea, town, and myself, the large-scale screening stimulates interest over science through enjoyable experience.



Planetarium Hall

Conducting screening about astronomy and space, lectures by experts, and events which nurture dream and excitement toward science.

2020 New Year Present

Q1 What is the name of the hall on the second floor of the Minato Science Museum?

(1) Planetarium Hall
(2) Laboratory Room
(3) Permanent Exhibition

Minato City Center for Traditional Culture

Come, See, and
Feel the Attractions
of Museums

Minato City Center for Traditional Culture

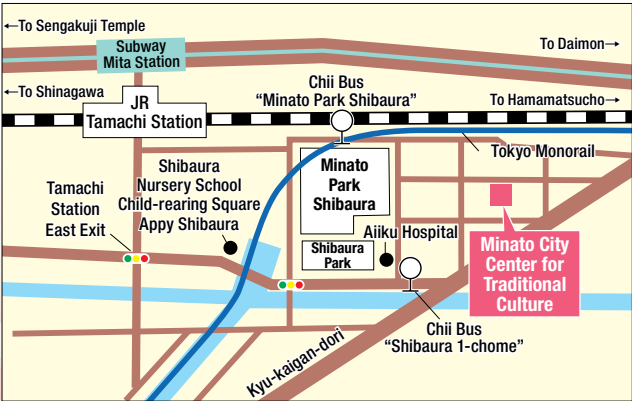


- Place** Shibaura 1-11-15
- Open** 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Closed** December 29 – January 3
Other temporary dates
- Admission** Free admission
*Some programs require separate charges.

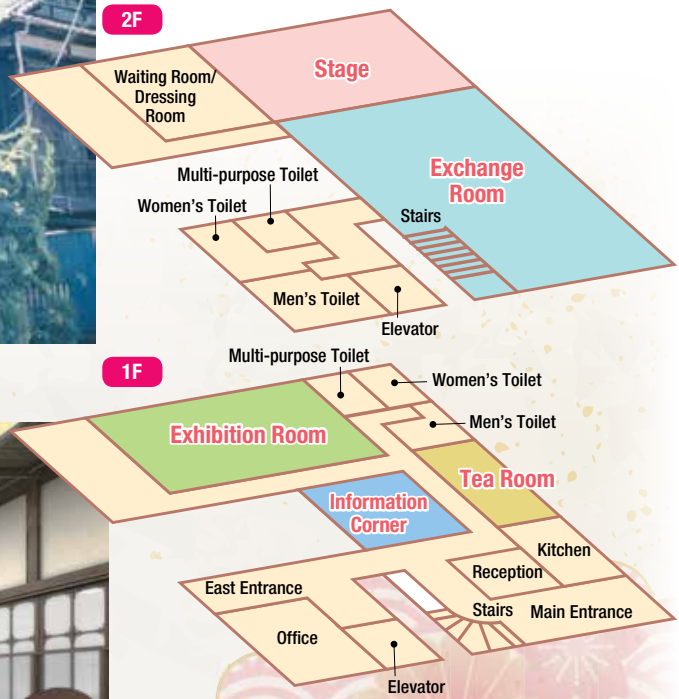
The Minato City Center for Traditional Culture is a facility to pass down traditional culture to the next generation by preserving and exhibiting Minato City Designated Cultural Assets. This building was originally built in 1936 as an office for the assignment of *geisha* of the *Shibaura Karyukai*.^{*1} Although it was closed in 2000, the construction for reopening was conducted by Minato City, due to residents' requests to preserve and utilize the building. The construction works were completed in December 2019, and the building will reopen as the Minato City Center for Traditional Culture.

^{*1} A facility responsible for the assignment and entertainment expenses of *geisha*, including *okiya* and *machiai geisha* house, and *ryotei* restaurant.

Map



Former *Kyodo-kaikan* in 1989



Exchange Room

Known as the *Hyakujojiki* hundred *tatami* mat room, this place symbolizes the historic value of the former *Kyodo-kaikan*. Conducting lectures and *rakugo* storytelling. It can be also used as a rental room.^{*2} Also, providing space where visitors can come and see.^{*3}

- ^{*2} Registration necessary.
- ^{*3} The facility may not be open for tours due to particular events or scheduling.



Exhibition Room / Information Corner

Introducing the building and its surroundings through photos and videos. There are also exhibits that visitors can touch.

Tea Room

Providing drinks, sweets, etc. Visitors can eat and drink in the Tea Room or take meals in the Exchange Room from noon to 2 p.m.^{*4}

^{*4} Due to events, there are times that are unavailable to use/visit.

Quiz

In 1936, what was this building Minato City Center for Traditional Culture originally built for?

- (1) Inn
- (2) Office for the assignment of *geisha*
- (3) Movie theater

How to submit your quiz answers

40 winners selected at random from entries with correct answers will receive a book token for ¥1,000.
Fill in the postcard as shown below and send it to the Minato City Hall.

Note: Your personal information will only be used for mailing the book token.
Deadline: January 10, 2020

63 yen stamp	105-8511
Minato Monthly New Year's Quiz Office of Mayor Minato City Hall	

1) Your address and name
2) Your answers Q1 Q2
3) Your comment about Minato Monthly

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Minato City Events

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

All events listed on this page are conducted in Japanese except MIA events. For more information, please see the Minato City Web. Programs may change without notice.

Date	Time	Program	Place/Capacity
2/23	2 to 4 p.m.	Minato Traditional Culture Introductory Program Amazing Japanese traditional instrument <i>Okoto</i> Introducing charms of <i>koto</i> with <i>shakuhachi</i> duet, contemporary dance, etc. Interpreter available. Free admission. Application: Call Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710 *Childcare services available, apply by January 31. Capacity: First 250 people, 10 for childcare Inquiries: Global Community Planning Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2308/2046	Civic Hall, Takanawa Civic Center
Library Movies *Doors open 30 min. before the starting time.			
11	2 p.m.	The Strange Love of Martha Ivers – 1946, U.S., 116 min.	Konan/45
12	2 p.m.	Yuzuriha – 2010, Japan, 103 min.	Akasaka/35
17	2 p.m.	Parlor, Bedroom and Bath – 1931, U.S., 73 min.	Takanawa/40
26	2 p.m.	Crossroads – 1986, U.S, 99 min.	Mita/60
30	5:30 p.m.	Ice Castles – 1978, U.S., 110 min.	Azabu/30
Library Events			
8	3 p.m.	Storytelling	Akasaka
10	2 p.m.	Origami class for adults Eligibility: Junior high school students and older	Takanawa/10
11	10:30 a.m.	Bookstart	Takanawa
11	12:30 p.m.	Play board games Eligibility: Children 10 years old and older	Akasaka/20
12	2:30 p.m.	Japanese card game	Azabu
25	2:30 p.m.	Choo choo train storytelling	Azabu
Sale of Recycled Bikes			
Minato Recycling and Management Office Working Contact , 3-9-6 Moto-azabu			
12	10 a.m.	About 15 recycled bikes in good condition that are reclaimed and repaired are sold. The drawing starts at 10:30 a.m. Minato City residents have priority. Inquiries: Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710	
MIA Events			
Minato International Association Toei Kita-aoyama 1-chome Apt. No. 3, 1-6-3-B1 Kita-aoyama, 107-0061 Tel: 03-6440-0233 Fax: 03-6440-0234 E-mail: office@minato-intl-assn.gr.jp Web: http://www.minato-intl-assn.gr.jp			
18	5 to 7:30 p.m.	New Year's Party 2020 Enjoy Slovak dance performance, drinks, buffet, etc. Capacity: First 200 people Fee: ¥2,000 for MIA members, ¥3,500 for non-members, ¥1,000 for 6 to 12 years old children and international students, and free for pre-schoolers Application: Call or send an email to MIA.	Cafeteria of International University of Health and Welfare, Akasaka Campus, 4-1-26-2F Akasaka
25	10 a.m. to noon	Welcome to Minato City ~Coffee Morning ~ Having difficulty finding the information you need? We can help you. Coffee will be served.	MIA/ Call or send an email to MIA
Kissport Events and Announcement			
Minato Sports, Community, Culture, and Health Foundation Tel: 03-5770-6837 Fax: 03-5770-6884 Web: www.kissport.or.jp *Programs may change without notice.			
19	12:30 p.m.	Akasaka Jazz Festival Capacity: First 400 people Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Free admission	Akasaka Civic Center, Tel: 03-5413-2711
25	2 p.m.	Fire Drill Experience Concert Performer: La Gemma Capacity: First 200 people Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Free admission	Daiiba Civic Center

CHILD SUPPORT

After-School Child Support

Minato City is calling for new members to join our after-school Pupils' Clubs at Children's Hall and the "Hoka GO → Pupils' Club" from April 1, 2020. Both clubs provide after-school care for children of working and busy parents. For more information, please visit Minato City web.

Supervising Subsection: Child and Family Subsection

CHANNEL 11

Minato Public TV Program Guide

J:COM MINATO-SHINJUKU JANUARY schedule

Program	Time	Program
Minato-ku Koho Topics, Topics in Minato City 30 min. program	10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. & 9 p.m.	<Public Announcements> Delivers important announcements, new information, or events in Minato City. 1-10: New Year's Greetings from the Mayor 11-20: Human Rights Week's seminar and film screening 21-31: Nationwide Collaboration Marché in Shibaura

Note: Programs may change without notice. You can also see the programs broadcasted by this channel on the Minato City Web or Youtube. Video/DVD lending is available at the Office of the Mayor, Regional City Offices, and each public library. Videos/DVDs of programs broadcasted from December 2018 to last month are available.

Inquiries: J:COM Minato-Shinjuku, Tel: 0120-914-000

Minato Public Health Center

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

Eligibility: Registered residents or registered foreign residents of Minato City

Minato Public Health Center: 1-4-10 Mita, Tel: 03-6400-0083

	Eligibility	Date	Time	Place
Stomach, colon cancer	Residents aged 35 or older Capacity: 20 people	Weekdays in February	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	(B)

Appointment for HIV test, Tel: 03-6400-0081

Eligibility	Examination date	Exam. results available	Place
HIV/STD test*	Open to all	2/6, 2/20	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (A)

*The result is two weeks later from the check-up day at the Minato Public Health Center

Other examinations, Tel: 03-6400-0084

	Eligibility	Date	Time	Place
Checkup and consultation for babies/infants	An eligible resident must receive the notification - 4-month-old: Born in October 2019 - 18-month-old: Born in July 2018 - 3 years old: Born in January, 2017		A notification will be sent to eligible.	(A)
Birthday dental checkup	Babies aged one and two years old born in February	2/19	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	(A)

(A) Minato Public Health Center

(B) Genki Plaza Medical Center For Health Care, 3-6-5 Iidabashi, Chiyoda-ku

Note: You need to apply and make an appointment in advance.

Inquiries and appointment: Minato Public Health Center, Tel: 03-6400-0084

For inquiries in English, contact Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710

Himawari Medical Facilities Consultation Service

If you are looking for a doctor or pharmacy, you can call or visit the Himawari English language website. Himawari informs medical institutions and Japanese healthcare system.
Tel: 03-5285-8181, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
www.himawari.metro.tokyo.jp/qq/qq13enmnl.asp

Population of Minato City

AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2019

Total: **260,646**

Japanese Residents: 240,033

Male: 112,242 / Female: 127,791

Registered Foreign Residents: 20,613

Male: 10,841 / Female: 9,772

