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

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Feature on

Disaster

Prevention

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Be prepared

Are you prepared fo

You never know when disasters like

strike. Be prepared to avoid panic

earthquake or wind/flood damage will

safe evacuation route for your family

unexpected event

and have

no regrets

in case of a disaster l

evacuation areas, and

to protect yourself in case of

disaster. Are you well prepare

relation/support syste

neighbors or governr

## 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 is 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

iven the name "Nogizaka."

Shinzaka

8-6 Akasaka

Between 7-4 and

e road through to

2th year of Genroku

sugi-kaido, opened

years ago in the

THE REAL

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

Nanbuzaka Between 2-22 Akasaka and 2-1 Roppondi This is where the famous scene of "Parting in the Snow at Nanbuzaka" (Nanbuzaka vuki no wakare) of Chushingura took place. The widow of Asano Takumi-

no-kami sent off Oishi Kuranosuke off here. Although



## t is a quiet residential 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 Korekivo Takahashi, the Minister of Finance at the opening of Tokyo Midtime (current TBS Akasaka Park Building).



Yagenzaka

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

Various origins and stories of upslopes and downslopes in Akasaka

## Anchinzaka Between 1-3 and 1-4 Moto-Akasaka

A man named Kuroku an ancestor of Akimoto 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.



Kuroguzaka

# Tangozaka

Between 4-2 and 4-5 Akasaka 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 he northeast side of the road. It is one of the oldest roads in Akasaka that is located on the border f Tango Town and Hitotsugi Town. The length is

many people.



## shinakizaka ween 4-1 and 4-8 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 e 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-hori is Minato City. It is said that the name "Akasaka" originated



The area from Geihinkan and Gakushuin Primary School to Shinjuku City's Mina motomachi Park is calle Samegabashizaka It used to be a low-altitude area with a eed-covered pond that ran his Samegawa River was called "Samegahashi" bridge and then the slope

Samegahashi

zaka



Korobizaka changed from "嶺" to "霊" during the course of history. The beautiful Between 6-5 and 6-9 Akasaka It was such a had road in the Edo Period that made many pedestrians fall down. The Motohikawazaka next to th Seitokuji Temple was once referred to as Korobizaka



Danivozaka Between 4-9 and 4-18 Akasaka

The slope goes above the Akasaka Palace and Branch Temple of Tovokawa Inari, obliquely crosses the Aovama 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 alace who y annointed eral) for ger



here are hardly any traffic accidents o this slope. e bottom of the slone stands the Hodoji Temple ere the grave of Raiden Tamcemon, one of the atest sumo wrestlers of late Edo period, is located



isai Festival in September along with the powerful call of "Yoisho!" i quite spectacular. was also referred to as "Samegahash-zaka." The river was later filled in with



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

## Inarizaka Between 7-5 and 7-6 Akasaka The Entsuij 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 Sojizaka as the residential quarter of samurai who used to clean the Edo Castle was on both sides of the slope.

## Motohikawazaka 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 enjoyg the beautifully moss-coated stone walls of Hikawa rine and lush greens.

## Notice from Akasaka Regional City Office

## Renovation construction of the keniinii-gaki style fence of the former Nogi residence

herry trees along the peripheral road of The fence standing in front of the entrance of former Nogi Arkhills from Sakurazaka to Spain-zaka that residence, a Minato City-designated cultural property, was ere planted at the time of major redevelopment project of the Arkhills in 1986 create reconstructed in August due to aging. Keniinii-gaki is one of the tunnel of cherry blossoms. They are lit traditional shielding bamboo fence used for Japanese gardens. ip during the blossoming season, attracting It is difficult to beautifully finish the Keniinii-gaki fence although any visitors Arkhills Sakura Matsuri Fes the style of the fence may seem rather simple. Palm rope is used al is held annually at the end of March. to put unprocessed natural bamboos together which require extraprecautions for the adjustment and node alignment.











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 Minato

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

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









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 1000 students around 1927-1936.











# No slopes in Aoyama? But...

Nezuzaka Aoyama has a few slopes, such as the ones in front of Floracion Aoyama in front of the newly-constructed Aoyama Guest House, and on the Gaien













to stand next to the shrine had more than



sight of reproduced floats heir pulled up the slope during the Reitathe soil resulted from the outer moat construction of the Edo Castle.

tween 6-19 and 9he slope runs from Aks aka to Roppongi along e Hinoki-cho Park that oreads toward Tokyo lidtown. The residence

arden was full of hinoki

Sakurazaka

Between 1-11 and 1-12 Akasaka

The road was newly built in the middle of

tand at the bottom of the slone until it was

burnt in the war. About 150 someivoshino

eiji Period. A huge cherry tree used to



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Application/Distribution

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## About Akasaka/Aoyama District

As of October 1, 2005, the day-time poputhe night-time population by 5.5 times; daytime population is 166, 378 while the nigh-time population is 30,500. A disaster in the daytime will cause 95,000 people difficulty in returning

Of them, 8,000 people are elderly or physically will need assistance in case of a disaster. Everyone will be expected to help each other while of course putting their own safety first. It is also expected that the 3,500 foreign istrict may face various diffi quage or cultural difference

# evacuation areas

conding to the size, type, and condition of disasters Make sure to find out where to evacuate to! That is the first and most important step.

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.

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

## Evacuation Shelter (hinanjyo)

been collapsed or burned down due to disaster.

### 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 SUPPLIES

There are 17 supply storehouses in Akasaka/Aoyama 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.

# First check the

Evacuation areas are divided into the following five categories ac-

Evacuation Areas and Remaining Areas of Regions

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Moto-Akasaka (2)

Evacuation Shelters

asaka Elementary School 8-13-29 Akasaka

Akasaka Junior High School 9-2-3 Akasaka

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4-18-13 Akasaka

6-6-14 Akasaka

03-3404-8602

03-3412-9306

03-3404-7522

03-5561-7833

4-21-15 Minami-Aoyama 03-3404-8608

Your Address

Mata-Akasaka 1 or 2-chome

Alouio 1-9-chome

Secondary Evacuation Shelters

Akasaka Community Welfare Hall 6-4-8 Akasaka

vama Community Welfare Hall 2-16-5 Minami-Aovama 03-3403-201

Seiran Community Welfare Hall 4-10-1 Minami-Acuama (13-3423-49

### Temporary Gathering Location (ittoki shugo basho)

A temporary gathering area you should go to before evacuat-

Remaining Area of Region (chikunai zanryu chiku)

A temporary residential shelter for those whose home have

## Secondary Evacuation Shelter (niii hinanivo)

## (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

Food Supplies

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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

In order to make mutual support in communities evacuating on their own in case of a disaster are listed and provided to fire departments, police depart ments, social workers, and child committee memthat can be easily contacted to receive the list

Activities Promotion Subsection, Community Activi-Disaster Prevention Subsection, Disaster Prev ection Tel. 03-3578-2111 (Main). Ext. 2545 or 2517 enior Citizeps' Welfare Subsection, Support Service es for Senior Citizens Section Tel. 03-3578-2111. Ext 2391 2392 2393 2394 239

## Storm or Heavy Rainfall can be Dangerous Sandbags are provided for flood prevention

Flooding of basements and lower grounds may be caused in case of heavy rain. You are expected to protect against such flooding on your own. Sandbags are provided free of charge. Please take them any time from the following locations.

Locations Hikawa Park 6-5-4 Akasaka Aoyama Park 2-21-12 Minami-Aoyama Kita-Aovama 1-Chome Children's Park. 1-6-6 Kita-Aovama

## 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 access to emergency water wells.

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 the districts

### Disasters hit everyone at the same time No one will come for you right when a disaster strikes The basic rule is that you must be responsible for your own

## What to do in case of an earthquake

Be calm and put out any fire in an early stage Be calm: Panic can cause injury Secure escape routes by opening doors and windows Do not rush outside to avoid being injured by falling objects Stay away from gates and walls Check the security of your home, family, and safety. Be prepared for an unexpected situation recautions Prevent furniture from falling over Remove furniture from bedrooms Secure escape routes Make sure all family members understand the ways to contact each other Inquiries: Disaster Prevention Subsection, Disaster Prevention Tel: 03-3578-2111 (Main), Ext. 2519

What to take

Shut off electricity and gas prior to evacuation 5.5 5.4 5.5

First-aid

Flash lights

Portable radio

Other daily necessities

### Emergency stocks

Other necessities