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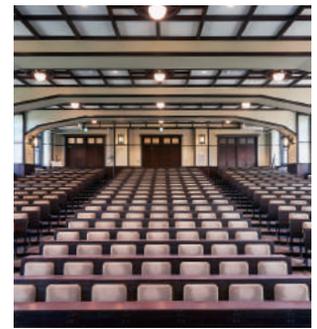
The Minato City Local History Museum, which is housed in a historical building, is a central facility where visitors can learn about, explore and interact with Minato City through its culture, history, and nature. It is a facility designed for everyone to discover the charms of Minato City through permanent and special exhibits, events, a café, and museum gift shop. We hope that all visitors here today enjoy some new experiences and gain illuminating knowledge.

This building, designed by Uchida Yoshikazu, Professor, Department of Architecture at the University of Tokyo, was constructed in 1938 as the Institute of Public Health. The architectural structure is steel-reinforced concrete, and the exterior was finished using scratch tiles. Its characteristic design is called "Uchida Gothic", which can also be found at the adjoining Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo. You can see various original design elements that have been retained inside the building, such as the former auditorium, classrooms and laboratories, as well as detailed creative elements. This renovated historic building, which includes the Minato City Local History Museum, hosts a variety of services as a community facility.



**Central Hall 2F**

The design, with its open ceiling and symmetrical stone staircases, are characteristic of this hall.



**Former Auditorium 4F**

This auditorium features terraced seating. Most of the parts have remained exactly as they were when they first opened. The lighting equipment as well as reliefs on the sides of the podium are characteristic.



**Former President's Room /  
Former Vice-President's Room  
3F**

You can see the high level of the craftsmen's skills from those days in these rooms. In particular, the walls and ceiling are finished using luxurious veneers, and the floor features exquisite parquet in the President's Room.

◀ Former President's Room

**Other facilities** \*Operating hours and holiday days are set by the museum.

**Library 3F**

In the reading room anyone can research and study the history or culture of Minato City in greater depth by perusing Minato City Board of Education publications, as well as documents owned by the Minato City Local History Museum. You can also join the Minato City Public Library and check out and return reserved materials here since we are a local branch.

**Museum Shop : Tokidoki 2F**

The gift shop offers you a full selection of publications by the Minato City Board of Education and the Minato City Local History Museum, postcards related to our collection, and museum-branded unique design objects.

**Cafe : VEGETABLE LIFE 1F**

Our farm-to-table cafe serves healthy food, such as lunch boxes and soup, using the freshest vegetables. Feel free to have them on site in our cozy, wood-furnished cafe, or to go.

Phone: 03-6450-2153

**Permanent Exhibition Room** Paid admission

**Theme 1: Dynamism of the Ocean and People** 3F

This exhibit is about the history of Minato City as it relates to Tokyo Bay through three themes: environment, shell mounds, and fisheries.



Excavated pottery from Isarago shell middens

**Theme 2: Spread of the Urban City and Culture** 3F

This exhibit looks at the state of the Minato City area, which was located in the south of the premodern city of Edo, through three themes: the city's development; samurai residences, temples and shrines, and the townspeople; and the people related to these developments.



Portion of Historic Edo Map

**Theme 3: People's Movement and Their Lives** 4F

This exhibit is about the modern history of Minato City, where many people have continued to live in and commute through, through five themes: internationalization; education; transportation and traffic; occupations and industries; and disasters.



Diorama of town and transportation, and front of a Tokyo Tramcar



**Special Exhibition Area** 2F Paid admission

**Guidance Room** 2F Free admission

We introduce the situation and everyday lives in five districts of Minato City, from the primitive and ancient ages to modern times, through digital displays.



Digital display of 5 districts

**Communication Room** 2F Free admission

We offer hands-on displays here. Everyone can learn about the nature, history, and culture of Minato City. You can handle genuine artefacts such as ancient pottery from the Jomon age, or skeletal specimens of animals including a whale. You can also take a quiz by listening to the sounds of nature in Minato City.



Gallery interior



## Access

-  1 minute walk from Exit 2 of Shirokanedai Station on the Namboku line(Tokyo Metro) or Mita line(Toei Transportation)
  -  1 minute walk from the Shirokanedai Ekimae bus stop of Toei Bus
- \*Parking is not available at the museum. Please use public transportation.

## Open

-  9 am-5 pm on Mon-Fri, Sun, and national holidays,  
9 am-8 pm on Sat
- \*The ticket booth is open daily  
from 9 am-4:30 pm and until 7:30 pm on Saturdays.

## Closed

-  The third Thursday of every month  
(closed on the previous day when Thursday is a national holiday)
-  Dec 29 to Jan 3
-  During maintenance period

## Admission fees to the permanent exhibitions

Adults		Elementary, junior high and high school students	
Individual	Group	Individual	Group
300yen	240yen	100yen	80yen

\*Group discount is available for groups of 10 visitors or more.\*Free admission: Students (6-18 years), Seniors (65 years and above), and visitors with disabilities (+1 caregiver) who reside Minato City. Presentation of ID is required.\*Admission fees to the special exhibition are charged separately.

Free Museum Days for Minato citizens : Feb 11, May 5, Aug 11 and Nov 3.

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