



# SHINJUKU NEWS



**"What if...?" Can you act without panicking?**

## Disaster Prevention Experience Tour

Enjoy Learning and Making Yourself Safer!

You never know when an earthquake or fire might occur. That's why Shinjuku City organizes programs to help foreign residents become familiar with disaster prevention so they can be ready for those "what if" situations. In this issue, we introduce the Disaster Prevention Experience Tour at the Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center, where you can have fun while discovering how to handle disasters.

### Disaster Prevention Experience Tour scenes

Note: Held on October 10, 2021.



#### Fire extinguisher lecture

Did you know that a fire extinguisher empties completely in about fifteen seconds? Remembering that and how to use one properly is essential.



**Fire!**

When you discover a fire, yell "Kaji da-!" (Fire!) immediately to alert your neighbors.



#### VR experience (fire and earthquake)

The 360-degree audiovisual VR is immersive, and you can really sense the dangers a disaster presents.

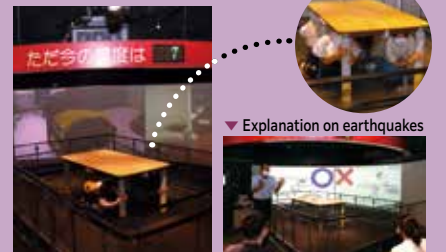


▲ VR goggles



#### Earthquake experience

Since I grew up in a country where there are no earthquakes, I really felt the impact of tremors with a seismic intensity of 7. This experience gave me an opportunity to think about disaster prevention.



▼ Explanation on earthquakes

The next Disaster Prevention Experience Tour will be announced on the Shinjuku City website and via the city's official SNS.



The experience tour participants

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For more information on the Life Safety Learning Centers, please check:  
<https://tokyo-bskan.jp/>



The next issue of *Shinjuku News* will be published in July 2022. *Shinjuku News* is available at various public facilities, including the Shinjuku City Office, Shinjuku Multicultural Plaza, Branch Offices and public libraries.

Preparing for  
Shinjuku City Life

# Introducing Shinjuku City Services for Foreign Residents!

Including advice from seasoned veterans

Are you starting a new life in Shinjuku City? Here are some services we'd like you to know about.

Nothing but questions in a new place

First, watch the *Shinjuku Start Guide!*

- A set of eight videos that describe rules and customs of common courtesy in Japan

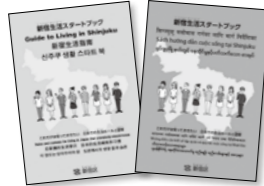


Each video is about three to five minutes long. Watch in any order you like, starting with the topics that interest you most.



## Guide to Living in Shinjuku

This guide describes the customs and rules of common courtesy of Japan.



## Information on Everyday Living

Describes municipal programs and procedures.



Available at the Shinjuku City Office and local Branch Offices; they can also be downloaded from the Shinjuku City website.

## Advice from seasoned veterans

Everyone is very kind, so don't be afraid!

It's a good idea to make as many Japanese friends as possible. You can have fun learning Japanese!

When looking for housing, pay attention to the kitchen! You need space when you cook.

Don't be shy! Speak in Japanese as much as possible!

Through all kinds of experiences, enjoy your everyday life in Japan!

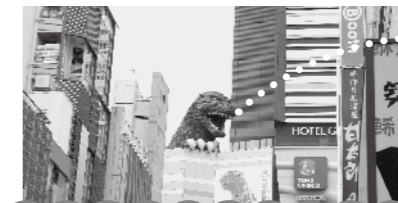
## We asked veteran foreign residents: What places would you recommend visiting?

- **Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden**  
The scenery is absolutely beautiful!

Photographs courtesy of Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden Management Office, Ministry of the Environment, Japan



- **Godzilla Head (Toho Cinemas Shinjuku)**



Godzilla is a registered resident of Shinjuku City

We recommend the Shin-Okubo Station area and Toyama Park as well!

## Visit Shinjuku Multicultural Plaza!

There are Japanese-language classes and all kinds of events at the Plaza, plus a lot of multilingual materials.

For directions to the Plaza →



Japanese-language classes and events are offered



There are plenty of multilingual materials available

For information updates, please scan the sources below: Information on disasters and COVID-19 is also provided



Shinjuku SNS Foreign-Language Editions  
Facebook Twitter  
LINE Weibo



Information on Everyday Life Website for Foreign Residents



Please share the information on this page with your friends! You can also read *Shinjuku News* via the Shinjuku City website.



I wish I could ask someone for advice... I don't know what to do...

You can ask for advice in your native language.

Free

Consultants can help resolve your questions and concerns.

For information on the location and schedule →



## Foreign Resident Advisory Corner

● English ● Chinese ● Korean

## Foreign Resident Consultation Corner

● English ● Chinese ● Korean ● Thai  
● Nepalese ● Myanmar (Burmese)



Please feel free to stop by and ask for advice.

## For those who want to learn Japanese

- Shinjuku City Japanese-Language Classes (SJC)



- Free Japanese-Language Lessons "Nihongo Hiroba"

Free



Let's study together!

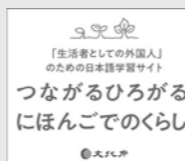
For information on fees and scheduling:



If you'd like to join:



For those who want to study online



Connect and Enhance Your Life in Japanese (Agency for Cultural Affairs)



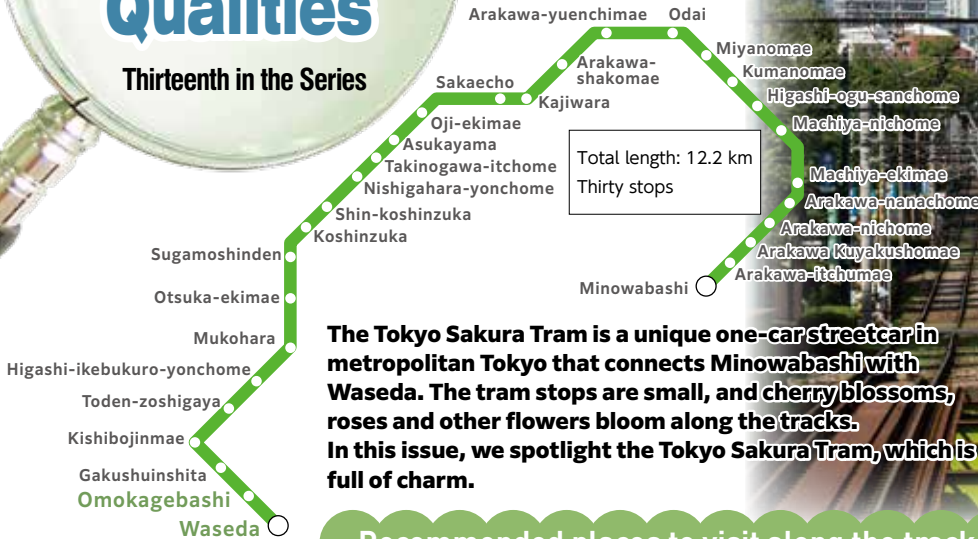
Interpreting services are available via tablet in fifteen languages, including Vietnamese and French.



Discover  
**Shinjuku's  
 Most Attractive  
 Qualities**

Thirteenth in the Series

The Only Streetcar Left in Tokyo  
**Tokyo Sakura Tram**  
 (Toden-Arakawa Line)



The Tokyo Sakura Tram is a unique one-car streetcar in metropolitan Tokyo that connects Minowabashi with Waseda. The tram stops are small, and cherry blossoms, roses and other flowers bloom along the tracks. In this issue, we spotlight the Tokyo Sakura Tram, which is full of charm.



Recommended places to visit along the tracks

● Rows of cherry trees along the Kanda-gawa River



In spring, you can see a sweeping view of cherry blossoms blooming along both banks of the Kanda-gawa River from Omokage-bashi Bridge as soon as you get off the tram.

Nearest stop Omokagebashi

● Kansen-en Park



This Japanese garden can be enjoyed in any season, and features azaleas, hydrangeas, autumn colors and yukizuri (ropes and wires to protect tree branches from heavy snowfall).

Nearest stop Waseda

● Omokage-bashi Bridge



There are various stories explaining why the bridge is also called *Sugatami-no hashi* (Reflection Bridge). Three of these stories are on the explanatory sign along the river.

Nearest stop Omokagebashi

Most of the stops are unmanned, and there are no ticket wickets. You can buy a one-day pass while on the tram.



An information sign

How to ride the Toden tram



A stop button

Getting on	Board from the front and pay the fare.
Getting off	Press the button to let the driver know you want to get off at the next stop. Exit from the back.
Fares	Adults: ¥170 (IC ¥168)
	Children: ¥90 (IC ¥84)

For more information, such as the tram schedule →



Inside the tram

We asked the staff that run the Tokyo Sakura Tram about what makes the Toden special.

I think the best thing about the Tokyo Sakura Tram is the scenery you can enjoy from the tram window. In April, you can see cherry blossoms; in May and October, you can enjoy roses. I also recommend taking the tram from Waseda to Minowabashi to enjoy the change of scenery from modern city thoroughfares to old-fashioned *shitamachi* town streets.



Pointing conversation sheet  
 A handy "pointing conversation" sheet in English, Chinese and Korean is available for foreign passengers.

We would appreciate your cooperation in practicing COVID-19 countermeasures, such as wearing a mask on the tram and at the stops.