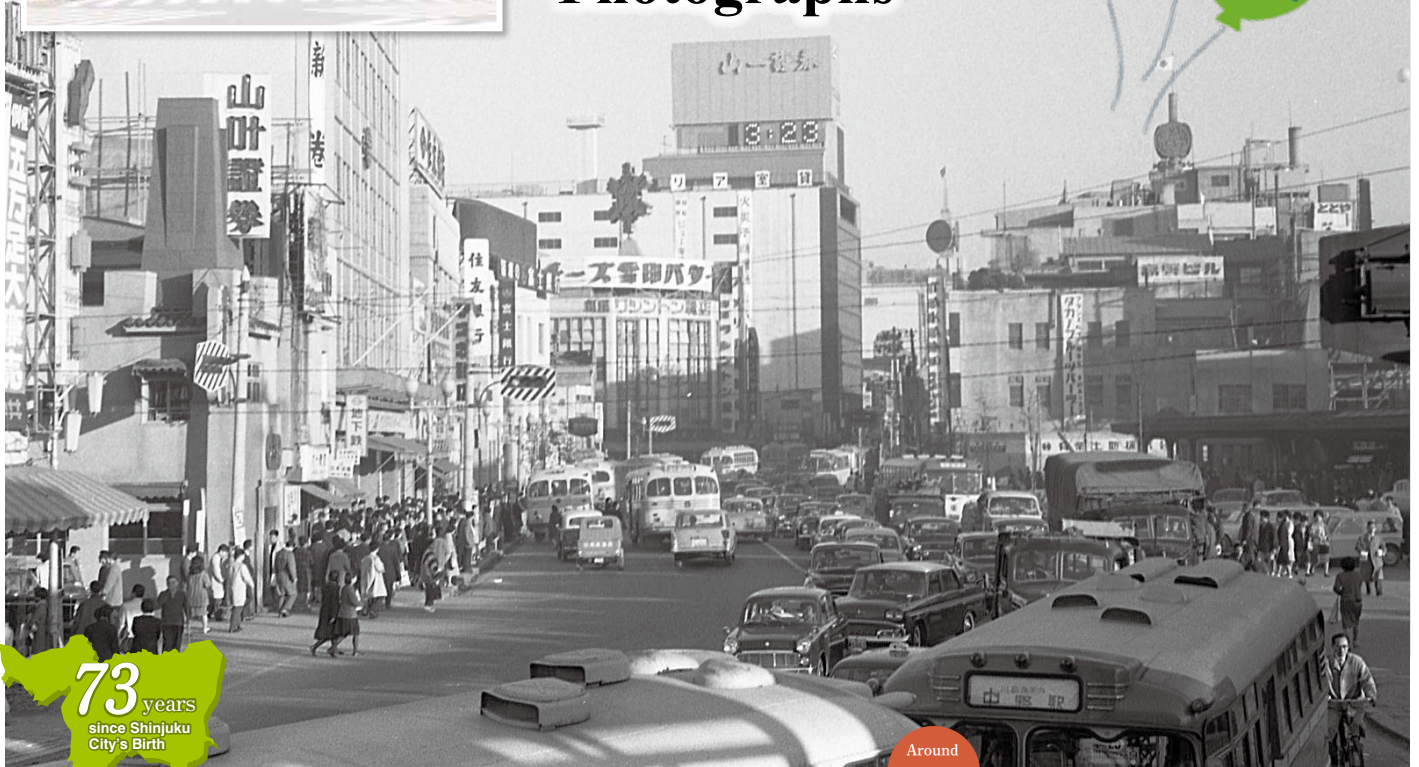




SHINJUKU NEWS



Looking Back on Shinjuku City through Photographs



Shinjuku is one of the busiest towns in Japan. It is also one of the most famous districts of Tokyo, crowded regardless of the time of day, and one part of it is known by foreign tourists as “the town that never sleeps—Shinjuku Kabukicho.” While traces of its original character remain, the streets of Shinjuku have changed significantly since the end of World War II, and the town continues to evolve. Join us in a look back on the history of Shinjuku through photographs.

Around
1961

Shinjuku Station East Exit (Shinjuku O-dori Avenue)

Shinjuku Station East Exit Plaza is an open space conveniently located near Kabukicho and the Seibu-Shinjuku Line. Long ago and even today, it is a popular meeting point. The zelkova trees that stand in the plaza's center are especially beautiful in May (with young greenery) and November (with autumn colors). Shinjuku O-dori Avenue is bursting even today as a major main street, with famous department stores lined up in a row.

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Shinjuku News has been redesigned as of July 2020 to make it easier to read. In addition to a more universal design, the bulletin's front and back pages are now in color. Shinjuku News is published three times a year, in July, November and March.

The next issue of Shinjuku News will be published in November 2020. Shinjuku News is available at various public facilities, including the Shinjuku City Office, Shinjuku Multicultural Plaza, Branch Offices and public libraries.

Municipal Elementary and Junior High School Enrollment in April 2021

Elementary school first-graders Children born between April 2, 2014 and April 1, 2015

First-year students in junior high school Children born between April 2, 2008 and April 1, 2009

If you are a foreign resident with a child about to enter a municipal elementary or junior high school, you must file an application for enrollment. Please bring you and your child's residence cards or special permanent resident certificates to the School Management Division to apply for entrance.

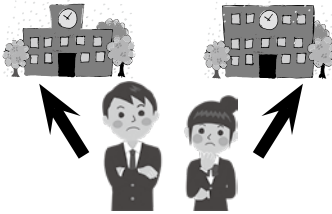
Note: For children other than new first-graders/first-year students, the procedure is the same for children wishing to transfer into a municipal elementary or junior high school in Shinjuku City. For more information, please contact the School Management Division.



Enrollment application service counter

Hours 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
excluding Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and the year-end/New Year's holiday period

School selection system (junior high school)



Shinjuku City has a program that allows new first-year junior high school students to select a school outside of their assigned school district. To take advantage of this program, please complete the school selection application form you received when you applied for your child to enter school and submit it to the School Management Division during the submission period (September 25 [Fri.] through October 26 [Mon.], 2020, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays). Please note that, depending on the school, a lottery may be used to determine who is admitted.

Schools are open to the public on certain days so that you can see what a particular school is like. Each school is open to the public on designated days, so please call the school you're interested in to ask about its schedule and obtain more information.

Note: The school selection system for elementary schools was eliminated in April 2018. If your child cannot commute to the school in his/her assigned district for some reason, you can apply via the assigned school change program to change schools. Please call the School Management Division for more information.

Inquiries School Management Division, Board of Education Secretariat (Shinjuku City Office Annex 1, 4F), Tel: 03-5273-3089 (in Japanese)

No reservations required
Free

Procedures and consultation services in foreign languages

你好 (Hello) / Hello / 안녕하세요 (Annyeonghaseyo) / नमस्कार (Namaskar) / Bonjour / Xin chào / ¡Hola!

ស័រីស៊ីតិះ / ស័រីស៊ីតិរ៉ប (Siri Sith / Siri Sith-rap) / မင်္ဂလာဝါ (Mingalawadi)

Live Interpretation Onscreen at City Office Service Counters!

Just choose your desired language and an interpreter will appear on one of the tablet screens available and interpret the conversation for you. Please use this service at the city office when completing procedures or using consultation services.

Available languages and hours Note: On weekdays for all languages; within service counter hours (until 5 p.m.); starting hours vary depending on the language.

Languages	Hours
English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Portuguese	From 8:30 a.m.
Thai, Vietnamese, Filipino, Nepalese, Hindi and Indonesian	From 9 a.m.
Myanmarese (Burmese)	Thursdays only From 10 a.m. (except between noon and 1 p.m.)
French and Russian	From 10 a.m.

Locations available
Shinjuku City Office Main Bldg. and Annex 2; Shinjuku Multicultural Plaza, local Public Health Centers, and Comprehensive Children's Center.

Inquiries Multicultural Society Promotion Division, Tel: 03-5273-3504 (in Japanese)












Where can I go for advice for this question/problem?

Here Are the Shinjuku City Office Service Counters



The Shinjuku City Office conducts various services for all city residents through different departments in different locations. Shinjuku City Office Annex 2 (5-18-21 Shinjuku), for example, has service counters for the Public Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Division (for consultations and checkups for tuberculosis, HIV, and sexually-transmitted diseases), Health Promotion Division (issuing *Mother-and-Child Health Handbooks* and providing health checkup information), and Life Welfare Division (consultations about work and family budgets). For immunizations and health consultations, please ask your local Public Health Center. In this issue, we will describe the main service counters that handle notification forms and procedures for city residents.

Shinjuku City Office Main Bldg. **Hours** Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Note: On Tuesdays, service counter hours are extended to 7 p.m., and some procedures can be handled.

6F	<p>Tax Affairs Division</p> <p>Accepts reports for resident's tax, light motor vehicle tax, etc.; issues tax payment/taxation certificates; and offers tax consultations.</p> <p>Please read the following about taxes: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/todoke/todoke_10/ </p>
4F	<p>Medical Insurance and Pension Division</p> <p>● National Health Insurance Eligibility Section Handles enrollment and withdrawal procedures for National Health Insurance.</p> <p>● Payment Promotion Section Handles payment of insurance premiums and offers consultation for payment.</p> <p>● National Health Insurance Benefits Section Handles questions and procedures related to receive National Health Insurance benefits.</p> <p>Please read the following about National Health Insurance: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/kenko/kenko_3/ </p> <p>You can read the online pamphlet "National Health Insurance" here: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/pdf/pdf_1/ </p> <p>Note: From the above website, please click "Information on National Health Insurance" and select your language.</p> <p>● Pension Section Handle enrollment in the National Pension Plan and exemptions from pension premiums.</p> <p>Please read the following about the National Pension Plan and procedures: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/kenko/kenko_2/ </p>
2F	<p>Children and Family Division</p> <p>● Children's Medical Care and Allowance Section Handle child allowances, medical subsidies for children, etc.</p> <p>Please read the following about child allowances and other information: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_3/ </p> <p>● Development Support Section Handles child-raising allowance issues, single-parent family support and consultation programs, etc.</p> <p>Please read the following about child-raising allowance and other services: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_3/ </p> <p>Please read the following about welfare services for single-parent families: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/kenko/kenko_11/ </p> <p>Nursery School Division</p> <p>Handles enrollment procedures for entering nursery schools and <i>kodomoen</i>.</p> <p>Please read the following about nursery schools: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_5/ </p> <p>Please read the following about kodomoen: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_6/ </p>
1F	<p>Family and Resident Registration Division (There are also service counters at Branch Offices in ten locations.)</p> <p>● Family Register Section Handles notification forms such as birth notifications, marriage notifications and death notifications, and also issues certificates related to the family register.</p> <p>Please read the following about family register notifications: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/todoke/todoke_5/ </p> <p>● Resident Registration Section Handles change of address notification forms and completing resident records (<i>juminhyo</i>), and also issues copies of residence records.</p> <p>Please read the following about change of address notifications and residence records: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/todoke/todoke_3/ </p>

Shinjuku City Office Annex 1 **Hours** Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

4F	<p>School Management Division</p> <p>● School Management Support Section Handles matters related to enrollment in municipal elementary and junior high schools.</p> <p>Please read the following about enrollment in municipal elementary and junior high schools: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_8/ </p> <p>● Kindergarten Section Handles matters related to municipal and private kindergartens.</p> <p>Please read the following about municipal and private kindergartens: http://www.foreign.city.shinjuku.lg.jp/en/ikuji/ikuji_7/ </p>
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Note: All service counters administer services in Japanese. If at all possible, please go with someone who can speak Japanese. (You can also use the onscreen interpreting service described on page 2.) The Foreign Resident Advisory Corner is located on the first floor of the Shinjuku City Office Main Building. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask for help.

Around
1957

Kabukicho (Shinjuku Koma Theater)

Shinjuku Koma Theater was a symbol of Kabukicho, where crowds flocked to enjoy performances of Japanese *enka* songs and musicals. Today, a building with a life-size Godzilla head draws people's attention.



Present
day



Around
1959

Kagurazaka

Kagurazaka prospered as a town where geisha worked. If you enter the backstreets, you can see traces of how things used to be.



Present
day

73 years
since Shinjuku
City's Birth

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Present
day

Around
1971

Shinjuku Station West Exit Shopping Area



Present
day

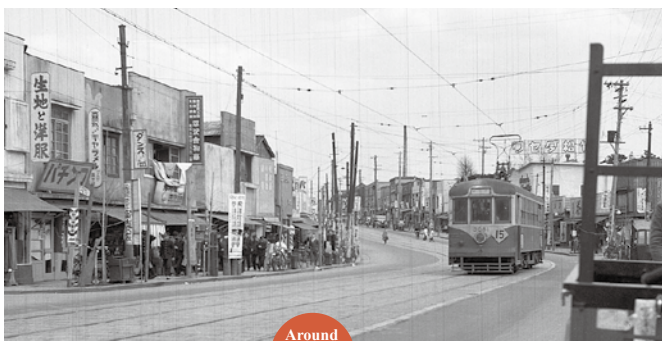


The shopping area shown on the left is called "Omoide Yokocho," and remains popular as a street lined with bars for everyday people.

Around
1978

Toden Arakawa Line Near Omokagebashi Station

A shopper wearing a *kappogi* Japanese apron and carrying a shopping basket. In the background on the right, you can see a streetcar of the Toden Arakawa Line, which still runs. This photograph shows what everyday life was like back then.



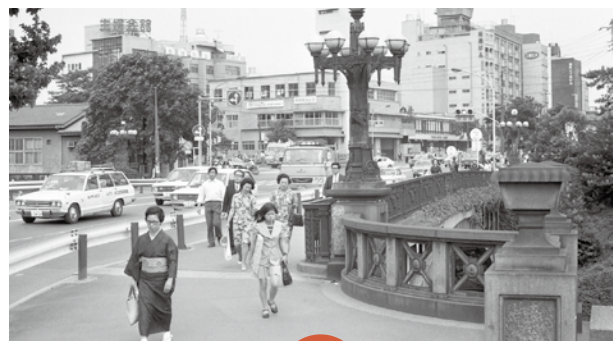
Around
1963

Waseda-dori Avenue (in front of Wasedashochiku)

A movie theater known for running famous films, Wasedashochiku shows mini-theater works and masterpieces from the past.



Present
day



Around
1973

Yotsuya Mitsuke Bridge

The beauty of this bridge, designed to harmonize with the surrounding scenery, lives on.



Present
day