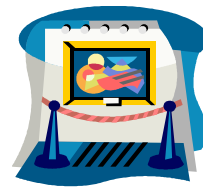


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Okamoto Taro Museum



The 5th Year Anniversary Exhibition is being held at the Okamoto Taro Museum. In all his activities Okamoto Taro surpassed all existing genres. Through his many appearances on TV, he was a widely known person throughout Japan. From the early days of TV broadcasting and for over 50 years Okamoto Taro appeared on the "box" on a wide range of programs, starting with news programs, interviews and accounts of his ideas, he also appeared on dramas and variety shows. These programs dealt with various themes but they mostly picked up on Okamoto Taro's personal views on numerous issues that were causing confusion in modern society. This current exhibition deals with Okamoto Taro and TV. The museum presents from its collection exhibits that are divided into 6 zones. These are treasured images of Okamoto Taro, TV commercials, accounts of his ideas, interviews, dramas and interviews.

Furthermore, as it is the 5th year anniversary of the opening of the Okamoto Taro Museum representative pieces of Okamoto Taro's work from pictures, sculptures, photographs and engravings will be presented in one exhibit for public viewing.

This exhibition will continue until January 16, 2005. The first of the visual work exhibition run from the opening to Dec.5 and then the next part will be shown from Dec.6th to Jan.16.

Entrance fee is ¥900 for adults, ¥700 for senior high school and university students and it's free for those of junior high-school age and younger as well as for those aged over 65. The fee covers entering the museum twice during the exhibition.

It opens from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm and is closed on Mondays except when it's a national holiday, in which case the museum will close the following day instead.

The Museum is a 17 minute walk from Mukogaoka-yuen Station on the Odakyu Line.

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Kawasaki International Center Reference Room



The Reference Room is on the second floor of the International Center at the Kawasaki International Center in Nakahara Ward. The room was set up in order to be a place where people could get a good understanding of regional inter-nationalization and intercultural subjects. The Reference Room is based on the theme of international exchange and international relations and with this in mind you can find a selection of books and reading materials on social issues, economics, history, culture and so on written about Japan and other countries.

The opening hours of the Reading and Reference Room are from 10:00am to 8:00pm. It is closed on Mondays except if Monday happens to be a national holiday, in which case the room will be opened on Monday but closed on the following day instead. It is open for use to all people over the 4th grade of elementary school and children who are younger than 3rd grade should be accompanied by their parents.

When using the Reference Room, please try not to use the room for other purposes such as studying for tests.

Apart from having over 10,000 books on international exchange, international relations and various topics from different countries there are also newspapers in Chinese and English.

When you use the Reference Room you may keep pens, pencils and so on out on the tables but you must put your other belongings into the lockers provided. These lockers operate on a returnable fee system. You may only use books within the Reference Room, the facility doesn't lend books out.

There are also videos that you may watch in the video booths that are located in the Reference Room.

It is forbidden to smoke, eat, drink or use your cell phone in the Reference Room. There is no charge in using the books and other materials so please come and see what the Reference Room is like. The Reference Room is in the Kawasaki International Center which is a 15 minute walk from Motosumiyoshi on the Toyoko Line. For more information please phone the International Center at 044-435-7000.

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Kawasaki Peace Museum

Kawasaki City Heiwa-kan

The Peace Museum is a facility set up in order to help raise feelings of love and wealth in our hearts along with presenting a new way of being active with regard to peace. The museum tries to do this through exhibits and exchanges.

Within the Peace Museum are exhibits related to history such as the “Large Air Raid on Kawasaki”, “Japan and War”, “War and Humans” and so on.

There is also the “Other War” exhibit which deals with famine, poverty and environmental problems. Please, when you visit the Peace Museum, while learning about past history, think and consider about peace and the future.

In the “War and Humans” section you can reflect on the history of war, weapons of mass killings, ethnic wars etc. The “Other War” exhibit allows you to reflect on the oppression of human rights, famine, poverty, destruction of the global environment as well as introducing you to the groups and people, such as the United Nations and citizen groups, who dedicate their lives to peace.

At the Peace Museum there is also a video corner where you can watch videos of animation and so on that relate to peace. You can use the information retrieval corner to search information on peace related topics on the computers provided. Furthermore there is an area of books dealing with peace issues that you are welcome to use.

The Peace Museum is a 8 minute walk from Musashi-kosugi Station (JR Nambu Line, Tokyu Toyoko Line and Meguro Line) or a 10 minute walk from Motosumiyoshi Station (Tokyu Toyoko Line). The Peace Museum can be found in the Nakahara Peace Park. The exhibit corners are open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. And it is free to enter the museum. The Peace Museum is closed every Monday and on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. It also closes during the end of year holidays.

So why don't you try to take some time out and come along to the Peace Museum and while looking at the displays think about the meaning of peace.

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