

Manga Mecca, Toshima City Tokiwaso-dori Oyasumidokoro (Tourist Information)

Tokiwaso — an apartment building of miracles, where gods of manga spent their early years.

The Mecca of Japanese manga is said to be the Tokiwaso Apartment in Minami-Nagasaki (formerly Shiinamachi). Tokiwaso, built in 1952, was the home of TEZUKA Osamu—who is called the god of manga in Japan, famous for Astro Boy and other creations—and a steady stream of other aspiring young manga artists (many of whom went on to enjoy great fame and success). While Tokiwaso no longer stands, there are still monuments, memorials and other areas that remind people of its history throughout the city.

- Manga artists who lived at Tokiwaso.**
- TEZUKA Osamu
 - Hiroo Terada
 - Fujiko Fujio (A)
 - Fujiko F. Fujio
 - Shinichi Suzuki
 - Naoya Moriyasu
 - Shotaro Ishinomori
 - Fujio Akatsuka
 - Hideko Mizuno
 - Tokuo Yokota
 - Joji Yamauchi

Toshima City Tokiwaso-dori Oyasumidokoro

View numerous manga related exhibits and manga created by Tokiwaso artists are on displays.

■ Address: 2-3-2 Minami-Nagasaki, Toshima-ku, Tokyo

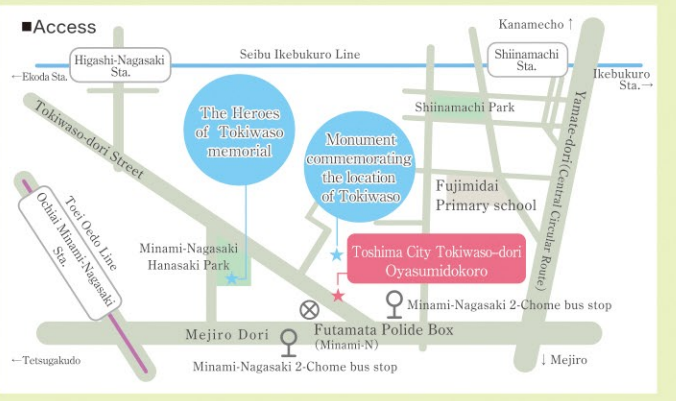
■ Hours: April to September: 10:00 to 18:00 (final admission at 17:30)
 - October to March: 10:00 to 17:00 (final admission at 16:30)

■ Closed: Mondays (the following day when Monday falls on a national holiday) and the year-end/New Year's holidays

■ Admission Fee: Free (fees may be charged for themed exhibitions)

■ TEL: 03-6674-2518

■ <https://www.toshima-mirai.jp/tokiwaso/>



Getting to Minami-Nagasaki: the town where Tokiwaso once stood

- Approx. 15-min. walk from either Shiinamachi Station or Higashi-Nagasaki Station on the Seibu-Ikebukuro Line
- Approx. 10-min. walk from Ochiai Minami-Nagasaki Station on the Toei Oedo Line
- Approx. 3-min. walk from Minami-Nagasaki 2-Chome bus stop (board Toei Bus line 65 from the east exit of Ikebukuro Station)

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Tourist information center

■ **ToshimaCity Tourism Association** Direction A-2

Tourist information center

Various tourism information of Ikebukuro and other areas of Toshima City are available here through guidebooks pamphlets and other resources. English-speaking staff are always available, so you can casually access the latest tourism information.

● Notoya Bldg. 3F, 1-19-7 Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku ☎ 03-3981-5849
 ● Mon.-Fri. 9:00-18:00 Sat., Sun. & holidays 10:00-17:00 Closed: Dec.29-Jan. 3 <http://www.kanko-toshima.jp/>

■ **SEIBU Tourist Information Center Ikebukuro** A-2

Located inside Ikebukuro Station, furnishing information of sight-spots along the Seibu Railway, around Ikebukuro Station and other locations. English-speaking staffers are always available, making it a snap to consult on the best sightseeing plans.

● 3-18-18 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo ● 8:00-18:00
 Open year round <http://www.seibu-group.co.jp/railways/tourist/english/index.html>

Tourism information Just a step away from Ikebukuro Station

Homyoji Temple & Kishimojin Hall

Homyoji Temple was built in 810. Kishimojin Hall, which was built in 1578, offers worshippers the promise of being able to conceive and easy childbirth. Zelkova, gingkos, and other large trees grow luxuriantly on the temple's grounds, imbuing it with the atmosphere of old Japan, and the temple is known for its cherry blossoms in spring.

■ **Homyoji** Direction B-4
 ● 3-18-18 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo ☎ 03-3971-4383 ● 6:30-17:00 <http://www.homyoji.or.jp/>
 Approx. 15-min. walk from Ikebukuro Station East exit.

■ **Kishimojin Hall** Direction A-4
 ● 3-15-20 Zoshigaya, Toshima-ku, Tokyo ☎ 03-3982-8347 ● 6:30-17:00 <http://www.kishimojin.jp/>
 Approx. 15-min. walk from Ikebukuro Station East exit.

Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center Direction A-4

Taking this 2-hour disaster prevention tour (including simulated earthquake, firefighting and smoke experiences and viewing a film of the Great East Japan Earthquake) gives visitors a detailed tutorial in how to deal with disasters in Japan. Tours begin at 9:30, 13:00 and 15:00 daily. Group tours require advance reservations. Participants experience five different earthquakes (including the Great East Japan Earthquake of March 2011).

● 2-37-8 Nishi-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo ☎ 03-3590-6565 ● 9:00-17:00 (the reception of the experience area closes at 16:15)
 Closed : Tue., third Wed. (the following days when those dates fall on national holidays),
 Year-end/New Year's holidays (Dec. 28 to January 4)
<http://www.tfd.metro.tokyo.jp/hp-ikbskan/index.html> Approx. 5-min. walk from Ikebukuro Station West exit.