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- **Photocopying** ※Up to 25 photocopies can be requested at a time up to a maximum of 100 per day
- **Electronic copying using a microfilm reader-printer** ※Monochrome only
- **Printing out electronic information**

Copying documents using the Inter-Library Loans (ILL) system

Charge: 60 yen for monochrome and 200 yen for color

This service enables users to order copies of documents in the Research and Information Center's collection through libraries. The service is available through public libraries and the libraries of universities and research institutions.

※The original books/magazines, etc. cannot be loaned

※Copies cannot be sent directly to individuals.

Reference services

If you have any questions about how to search for materials, please ask at the reference counter.

Rules

- Bags cannot be taken inside. Please use the lockers. Plastic bags are available upon request.
- Please handle the materials carefully and use pencils only for writing.
- Eating or drinking is not allowed in the reading room.
- Smoking is not allowed in the Research and Information Center.
- Please ensure you do not disturb other visitors.



Reference counter



Entrance to the reading room

Hours 9 : 30 – 17 : 00

Counter hours 9 : 30 – 16 : 00

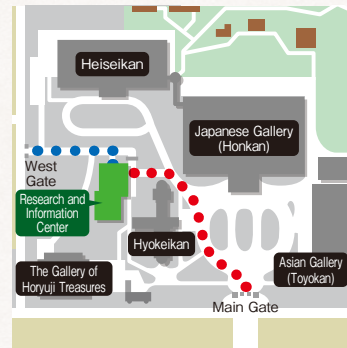
※For requesting materials and applying for copies

Closed Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, the last day of the month (or the preceding day if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday), and the year-end holidays.
※The Center may be closed at other times and its hours are different from the Museum's.

Access JR Line: 10 minutes' walk from Ueno or Uguisudani Station; Ginza or Hibiya Tokyo Metro Line: 15 minutes' walk from Ueno Station; Chiyoda Tokyo Metro Line: 15 minutes' walk from Nezu Station; Keisei Line: 15 minutes' walk from Keisei Ueno Station



Please use the West Gate if you are visiting the Research and Information Center only → ●●●●●
Please use the Main Gate if you are visiting the Museum as well as the Research and Information Center → ●●●●●



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Tokyo National Museum Research and Information Center Visitor's Guide



Outline

Tokyo National Museum's Research and Information Center opened to the public in 1984. Its holdings include books, journals, photographs, and other resources for conducting research on the arts, history, and archeology of Asia. The Center is open to everyone regardless of affiliation.

We have been acquiring books and journals since the founding of Tokyo National Museum in 1872. Our holdings include over 260,000 books and 7,000 journal series, including exhibition catalogues, archaeological surveys, and publications in Japanese, Chinese, and Western languages.

Our photographic archive includes 410,000 negatives and digital images of cultural properties, predominantly those in the Museum's collection. Our reading room has photographs arranged in cabinets, and computers for browsing digital images of cultural properties. Digital images of the Museum's collection are also viewable online. Some of our rare books are viewable through the Digital Library.

We have a copying service for books, journals, and digital images required for study, research, or publication.

As of 2021, our holdings include about 40,000 publications in Chinese or Korean, and about 15,000 in Western languages. These include periodicals and exhibition catalogues, as well as specialized books on the arts and archaeology of East Asia acquired through exchanges with museums, galleries, and research institutions outside of Japan. Our holdings also include 19th-century publications formerly owned by private schools or the shogunate in Edo (now Tokyo). Comprising valuable works on natural history and medicine, these publications were inherited from an academic institution founded by the Meiji government.

Using our books

Books, etc. are not available for loan and can only be viewed within the Research and Information Center.

Open-stack books, etc.

Reference books, general books, large catalogues, journal back numbers, and printed works/recent materials related to Tokyo National Museum (books, magazines, and exhibition catalogues) are arranged on open stacks in the reading room.

Closed-stack books, etc.

Materials in the book vault can be retrieved on request. Please print a "retrieval request ticket" using a reference computer in the reading room and submit it at the reference counter. You can request up to five books at a time.

Book search (OPAC)

• OPAC (book search)

There are four reference computers in the reading room that can also be used to browse images. OPAC is available online.
<https://webopac.tnm.jp/>

• Art Library Cross Search

Book information from multiple galleries and museums can be cross searched.
<https://alc.opac.jp/search/all/>

Rare Books (Prior Application Required)

Prior application is required for some books listed on OPAC, as indicated on the Books/Magazines Detailed Information screen. These books can be read in the special reading room.

※Some rare books and materials are available in the digital library.

Audio-Visual Materials

Resources such as videos and DVDs are available in the reading room's audio-visual area.

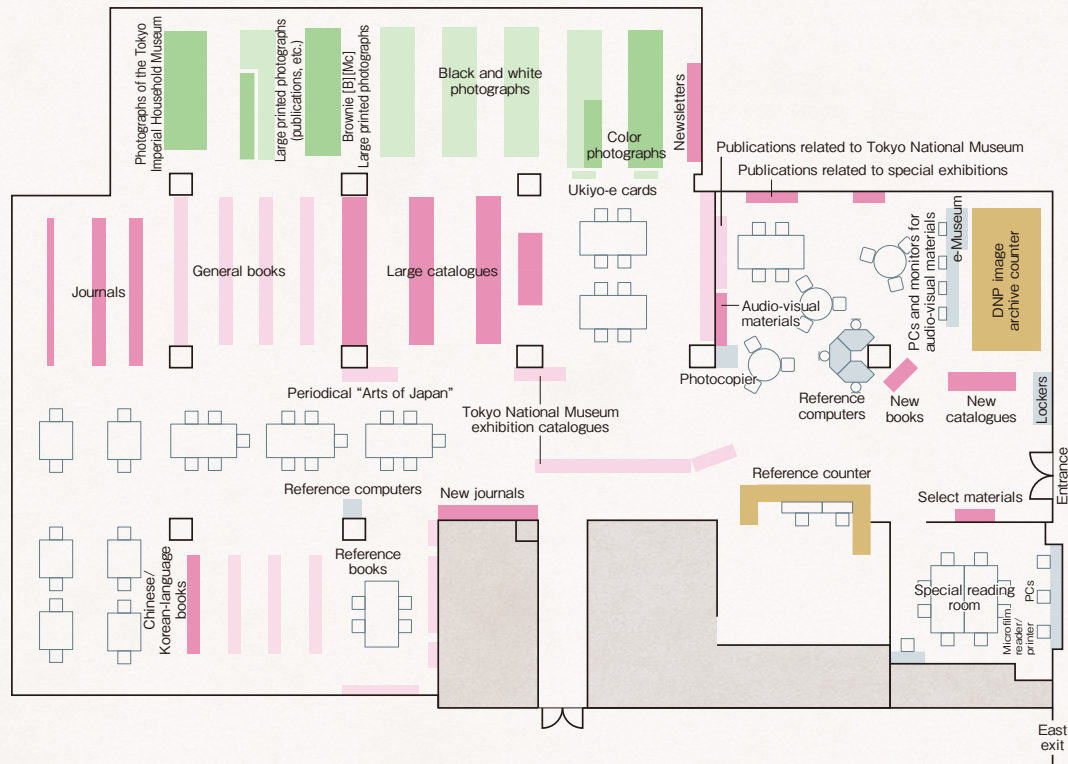


Reading room



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Research and Information Center Reading Room



National Diet Library digitized contents transmission service

Some materials at the National Diet Library are out of print and may be difficult to obtain. Digitized versions are viewable on computers in the Research and Information Center and may be copied, copy-right law permitting. Registration is required, so please bring an ID the first time you use this service.



Reference computers



Research and Information Center image search

Photographs

About 280,000 color and black-and-white photographs are arranged by genre and era in cabinets in the reading room. Please feel free to browse these cabinets. Please return the photographs to the reference counter when you are finished.



Image Search

Research and Information Center Image Search

You can also search for images of cultural properties outside of the Museum's collection. This service is only available within the Research and Information Center.

Online Image Search

You can search for images (around 112,000 as of March 2017) of cultural properties in the Museum's collection.
<https://webarchives.tnm.jp/imgsearch/>

Digital Library

Digital images of some of the Japanese-, Chinese-, and Western-language books in the Museum's collection are available for viewing.
<https://webarchives.tnm.jp/dlib/>

Digital Archive of the Siebold Book Collection

The Research and Information Center has a collection of Western books that the German physician and zoologist Philipp Franz von Siebold owned during his trip to Japan. You can view a list of the 760 books in the *Catalogue of the Library Brought to Japan by F. Siebold* alongside digital images (186 as of July 2018) of related materials in the Museum's collection.
https://webarchives.tnm.jp/infolib/meta_pub/G0000002150406SB

Digital Research Archives Database

You can access images of Tokyo National Museum's collection of natural history albums, seal albums, maps, documents, texts on international exchanges, copies of temple and shrine treasures related to the Kobikichō Kano family, and documents connected to the Itaya family.
<https://webarchives.tnm.jp/database>

Using our images

Digitized images are available for loan (fees apply). Images are available at no charge provided they are used for non-commercial purposes and certain conditions are met. Please read "Regarding the Usage of Digital Content" for details.
https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=1841

Inquiries about image use

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