

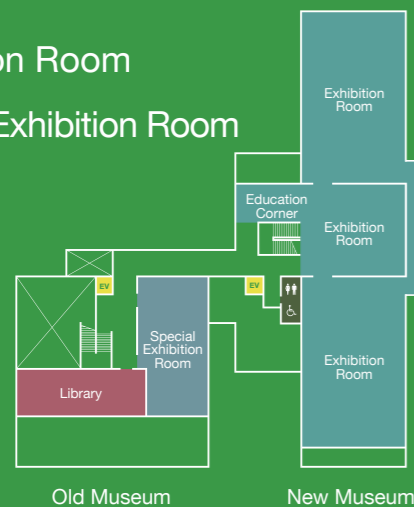
## Room Information

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Exhibition Room

Special Exhibition Room

Library



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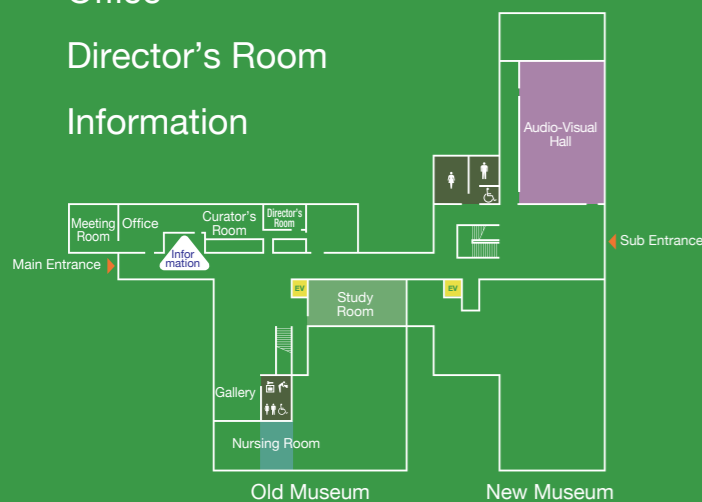
Audio-Visual Hall

Study Room

Office

Director's Room

Information



## Information

Opening Hours : 9:30 - 16:30 [admission stops at 16:00]

Closed : Mondays (or Tuesday if Monday is a National Holiday),  
New Years holiday, the day following a national holiday,  
and museum re-arrangement days

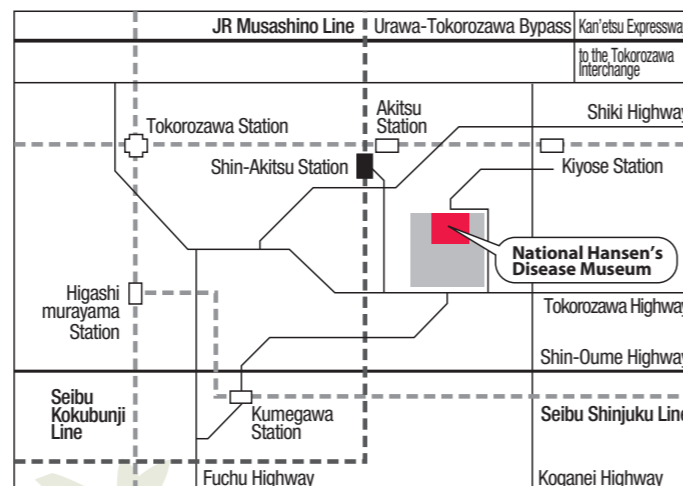
Admission : Free

Access :

By Bus 1. About 10 minutes by bus for Kumegawa station or Tokorozawa Station from Kiyose Station of Seibu Ikebukuro Line south exit  
2. About 20 minutes by bus for Kiyose Station South Exit from Kumegawa Station of Seibu Shinjuku Line south exit

By Train About 20 minutes walking from Shin-Akitsu Station (JR Line) or Akitsu Station (Seibu Ikebukuro Line)

By Car About 30 minutes from Tokorozawa IC (Kan'etsu Expressway)



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## About the National Hansen's Disease Museum

### 1. Aim

The National Hansen's Disease Museum was established as part of the national effort to erase the stigma associated with Hansen's disease and to recover the honor of people affected by the disease by building public edification and dissemination of correct information regarding this disease. The efforts are based on the "Statement by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi Concerning a Swift and Comprehensive Solution to the Hansen's Disease Issue," the preamble and the eleventh article of the "Hansen's Disease Compensation Law," and the eighteenth article of the "Law on Promotion of Issues Related to Hansen's disease."

### 2. Missions

- To promote the disseminate information on, and to promote awareness about Hansen's disease
- To erase stigma, discrimination and social exclusion against people affected by the disease
- To learn and teach from the long history of stigma and discrimination against Hansen's disease with a focus on the isolation policy, and to narrate the sufferings, hardships, and legacies of people fighting against their fate.
- To recover the honor of those who have suffered difficulties and hardships due to Hansen's disease, and to nurture the spirit of respect for human rights.
- To realize social integration of people affected by Hansen's disease.

### 3. Functions

To educate and edify the public about Hansen's Disease, to collect, preserve, and exhibit relevant information and artifacts, to conduct relevant research, to act as an information center, and to plan, coordinate, and manage the activities of the museum.

### 4. History

- June 1993 On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Tofu Association, the "Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum" was established with a view to commemorating the lives of the people affected by Hansen's disease, and in order to appeal to society never to repeat the wrongs of the past.
- April 1996 Abolition of the Leprosy Prevention Law.
- May 2001 The plaintiffs were won (by the Kumamoto District Court) a lawsuit over the unconstitutionality of the Leprosy Prevention Law. The state revoked its right to appeal to a higher court and released a "Statement by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi Concerning a Swift and Comprehensive Solution to the Hansen's Disease Issue." A plan for the expansion of the Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum was incorporated into this statement.
- June 2001 The "Hansen's Disease Compensation Law" was enforced.
- March 2004 The plan for the expansion of the Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum was formulated by the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare's "Verification Committee Concerning the Hansen's Disease Problem".
- April 2007 The Prince Takamatsu Memorial Hansen's Disease Museum was reopened as the "National Hansen's Disease Museum".
- April 2009 The "Law on Promotion of Issues Related to Hansen's Disease" was enforced. Article 18 of this law advocates the "establishment of the National Hansen's Disease Museum".

