

The Science Museum of Map and Survey



We provide a space where you can enjoy learning about the relationship between your daily lives and maps and surveying.

The Science Museum of Map and Survey is an experiential facility where everyone from children to adults can have fun learning about the role of maps and surveying, which are essential to our daily lives. It is widely used for social studies tours, training and inspections by companies and organizations, and people learning about local geography and climate. Information on special exhibitions and hands-on events related to maps and surveying will be posted on our website.



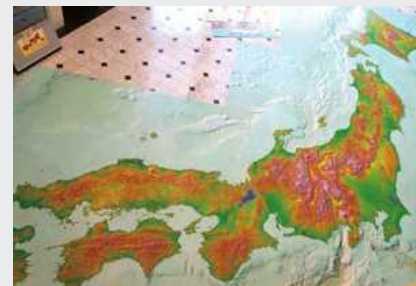
Opening Hours: 9:30-16:30
Closed: Mondays
(Tuesday if a holiday falls on a Monday)
Year end and new year holidays
Admission free
Parking available
<https://www.gsi.go.jp/MUSEUM/>



Introduction of the Museum

Japanese Archipelago Skywalk Map

The entire Japanese archipelago is drawn on the floor at a scale of 1:100,000. When seen with 3D glasses, the archipelago looks three-dimensional, which makes you feel like it is the actual topography of land and sea.



Permanent Exhibition Room

The Permanent Exhibition Room features old maps which reflect the view of the world at the time they were made and precious surveying equipment that was used at various places in Japan. Here you can have a fun time learning about the fascinating histories and roles of maps and surveys.



Earth Plaza

When you climb up on the 22m-diameter Earth Plaza you can see a 1:200,000 scale model of the world around the Japanese Archipelago. Please enjoy the experience of viewing the expanse of Japan and the roundness of the Earth. The decommissioned survey aircraft Kunikaze (first model), which was in service from 1960 to 1983, is also on display.



Planning · Events

Planned exhibits

At special exhibitions held about four times a year, we use survey results and related materials to explain about various themes related to maps and surveying.



Thinking about Japan's "Territory and Sovereignty"
(held from October to December 2023)

Exhibition of All Japan School Children's Excellent Mapping Work

Co-sponsored by Exhibition of All Japan School Children's Excellent Mapping Work (Secretariat: GSI) and the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan, works recommended from exhibitions held by member organizations from all over the country are brought together in the Exhibition of All Japan School Children's Excellent Mapping Work. Art exhibitions are held at four venues.



The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award

The Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award
(26th National Children's Map Exhibition)

Special events on Survey Day

Every year on the first Sunday in June, special planned events are held to commemorate "Survey Day", which is June 3rd. There are hands-on events as well such as the "Fun School of Mapping and Surveying."



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