



The Museum's Name

The word *shokei*, meaning to pass down, was chosen to encapsulate the primary objective of this museum (or *-kan*) – i.e., convey information to future generations regarding the hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers and their families in and after the World War II era. In Japanese, the word *shokei* has been rendered in hiragana, rather than kanji, to make the name accessible to everyone from children to adults. Moreover, the epithet, “The Historical Museum of Sick and Wounded Soldiers,” was added to explain the nature of the facility.

Admission and Hours

Admission: Free | Reception Desk (2nd Floor)

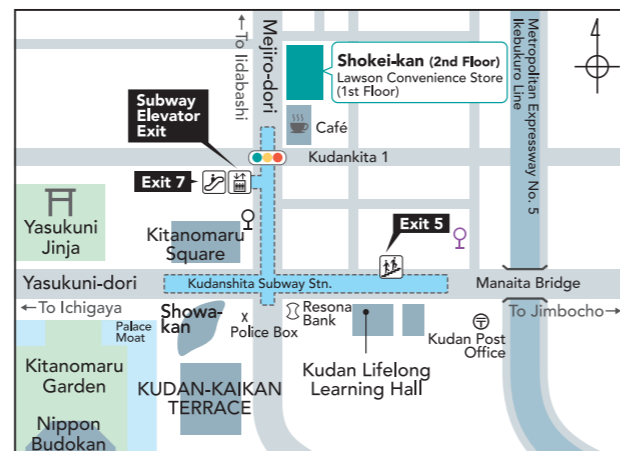
Hours | 10:00 to 17:30 (last entry: 17:00)

Closed | Mondays (except national and other holidays, when the museum will be closed the following day), and from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4

Free Services | Wheelchairs | Lockers | Exhibit Guide

Transportation Information

- Coming by Subway
 - 3 min. walk from Exit 7 of Tokyo Metro Kudanshita Station on the Tozai or Hanzomon Lines
 - 3 min. walk from Exit 7 of Toei Subway Kudanshita Station on the Shinjuku Line
- Coming by Bus
 - ♀ 4 min. walk from the Toei Bus (No. 64) Kudanshita Stop
 - ♀ 5 min. walk from the Chiyoda Community Bus Chiyoda Hokenjo Stop (Kudanshita Station)



Visitor Guidelines

- ⊘ Please do not touch the exhibits.
- ⊘ Unauthorized still and video photography, and sound recording are strictly prohibited in the museum.
- ⊘ Please refrain from speaking on your mobile phone in the museum.
- ⊘ Please refrain from eating and drinking in the museum.
- ⊘ Please refrain from smoking in the museum.
- ⊘ Please refrain from bringing pets into the museum.
- ⊘ Please refrain from bringing hazardous items into the museum.



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Inheriting and passing down both memories and pain.

Conveying the hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

The Shokei-kan

The Shokei-kan is a national museum that was established in March 2006 to provide a greater understanding of the various hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers and their families in and after the World War II era. The facility collects, preserves, and exhibits oral testimonies, historical materials, books, and other forms of information with the aim of conveying these experiences to future generations.



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Prosthetic Fingers

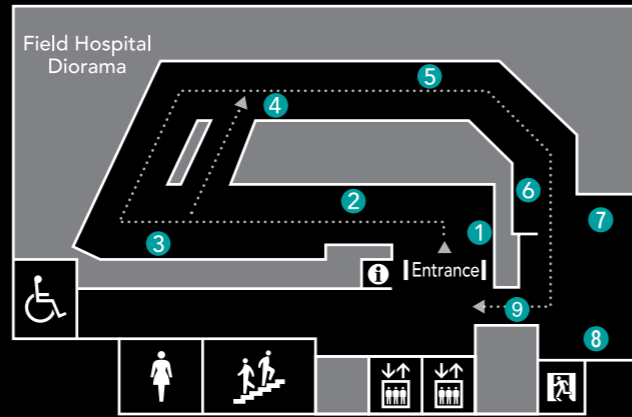
Blind Soldier's Cane

White Inpatient Coat

Hakone-style Wheelchair

Extracted Bullet

Prosthetic Eyes (Imperial Gift)



Based on actual testimonies, we retrace the lives of those who were wounded on the battlefield in order to convey the hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

- 1 Introduction The Story of a Young Soldier
- 2 Heading to the Front The Draft, Enlistment, Leaving for the Front, and Life on the Battlefield
- 3 Pain and Treatment on the Battlefield The Wounded and Ill, Relief and Shelter, and Field Hospitals
- 4 Transporting Soldiers to the Hospital Transporting Soldiers Off the Battlefield, Hospital Ships, Wartime Reoperation, and Social Rehabilitation after Hospital Discharge
- 5 With the Help of Family Struggling with Poverty, Living with Injuries, and Overcoming Problems Together
- 6 Hands-on Exhibits
- 7 Theme-based Exhibits Displays of Gifted Items Arranged by Theme
- 8 Hardships of Mental disorders
- 9 Messages for Peace from Sick and Wounded Soldiers and Their Families

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In the special exhibition room, theater, and library, we present first-hand experiences recounting various hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers and their families during the war era.



- 3 Library
The museum contains a collection of books on medicine, welfare, and relief measures as well as memoirs by sick and wounded soldiers, and other first-hand accounts of the war. Books can be freely accessed, but they cannot be borrowed from the museum.



- 4 Computers for Information Searches
The computers in the library allows visitors to search for the following information: 1) reference materials, 2) actual documents, 3) records of sick and wounded soldiers, and 4) personal-experience videos.

Museum Guide



- 1 Special Exhibition Room
In four annual exhibitions, we examine various hardships endured by sick and wounded soldiers during the war era.



- 2 Theater
In video presentations, sick and wounded soldiers relate their personal experiences. Other events include lectures delivered by storytellers.

The Wounded and Ill



The Moment of Injury



Relief and Shelter



Wartime Reoperation



Struggling with Poverty



Life with Disabilities in an Affluent Society

