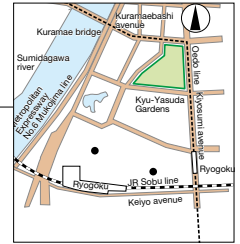


Yokoamicho Park



Administrator ■ Tokyo Irei Association

- Location Yokoami 2-chome, Sumida Ward
- Contact Information Yokoamicho Park Administration Office tel: 03-3622-1208 (2-3-25 Yokoami, Sumida-ku 130-0015)
- Transport 10-minute walk from Ryogoku (JR Sobu line). 5-minute walk from Ryogoku (Oedo line).



Yokoamicho Park was built and opened by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government in September 1930. In 1922, Tokyo City was building a park after the relocation of the Army Clothing Depot. During this construction, the Great Kanto Earthquake struck on September 1st, 1923, and many people were evacuated to this vacant site. They brought their furniture and household goods, which caught fire, and this was fanned by strong winds. Many of them were burned to death. To remember the people who died in the earthquake and the major undertaking of rebuilding Tokyo after the earthquake, Tokyo Metropolitan Memorial Hall and the Great Kanto Earthquake Memorial Museum were built in this park. Afterwards this park as a memorial park came to place to mourn victims in the Great Tokyo Air Raid as well as the earthquake.

to death in this site, because the park was still under construction and was not much greenery. On the other hand, the Japanese garden in Tokyo with woods and paths around a pond were highly effective for disaster prevention and evacuation. Lessons learned from that provide motivation for the urban greening project of Tokyo. So those lessons are not forgotten, and to convey to future generations Japanese garden was constructed in the park.

Tokyo Metropolitan Memorial Hall

This Memorial Hall was built in 1930 to enshrine the remains of about 58,000 victims of the Great Kanto Earthquake. Afterward, some remains of victims from the Great Tokyo Air Raid on March 10th, 1945, were also enshrined. Now about 163,000 remains of the both victims of the earthquake and the war disaster are preserved in this hall.



Front of the Tokyo Memorial Hall

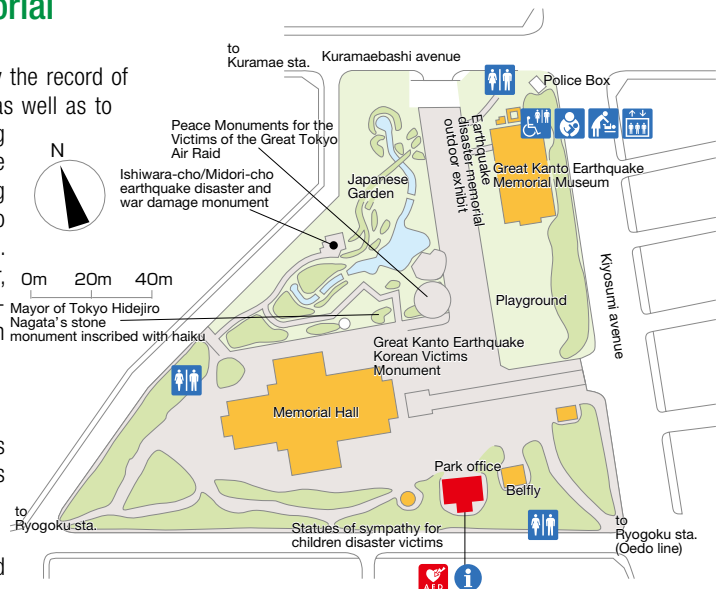
Great Kanto Earthquake Memorial Museum

This Museum was opened in 1931 to convey the record of the earthquake disaster to future generations as well as to commemorate the major undertaking of rebuilding from scorched Tokyo. Afterward the exhibits of the disaster of the Tokyo Air Raid were added, telling us that today's peace and prosperity in Tokyo have been realized after many precious sacrifices. Artifacts from the earthquake and war disaster, pictures, Photographs, diagrams and other materials that present the situation at the time are on display.

Admission :Free of charge
 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (the last entry at 16:30)
 Closed: Mondays (the following day if the Monday is a national holiday) year-end and New Year holidays

Japanese Garden

One of reasons for so many people were burned



Opened / September 1, 1930 Area / 19,579.53 m² Trees / Tall trees: 430 , Shrubs: 880 m²

Main plants / Ginkgo , Cherry (Someiyoshino) , Japanese apricot , Japanese zelkova, Castanopsis , Japanese camellia

Events / Memorial service (Every March 10 and September 1), Memorial flower offering (spring equinox, Fall equinox Obon festival)