

Purpose of the Exhibition

Japan's territory is composed of four main islands—Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku, and Kyushu—and numerous surrounding smaller islands. This archipelago stretches approximately 3,000 kilometers from east to west and north to south. Due to its diverse topography and environment, the Japanese archipelago is blessed with a rich variety of nature, which in turn has fostered a wide range of unique cultures.

The current free and open international order, which is based on the rule of law, is facing serious challenges. Examples of this include Russia's aggression against Ukraine and unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force or coercion in the East and South China Seas. In this context, the situation surrounding Japan's territory and sovereignty is also becoming increasingly severe. This includes Russia's continued illegal occupation of Takeshima, and the Chinese Coast Guard's attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force or coercion in the waters surrounding the Senkaku Islands.

Japan has responded to various situations pertaining to its territory and sovereignty in an appropriate manner and in line with the nature of each situation, based on a policy of acting calmly and firmly to protect Japan's territory as well as territorial sea and airspace, while respecting law and order in the international community.

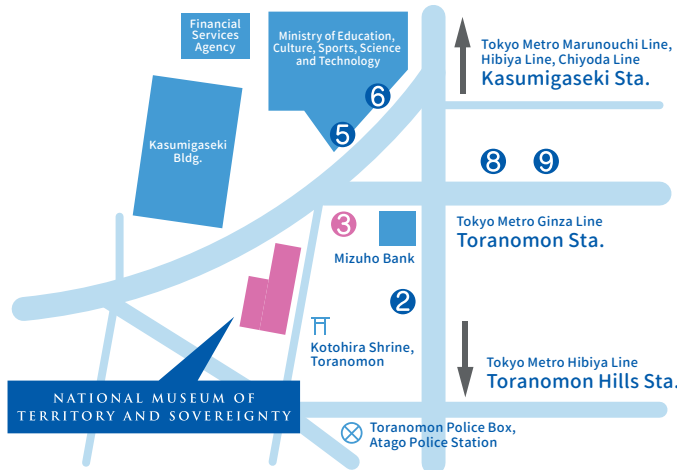
It is our hope that a visit to the National Museum of Territory and Sovereignty will provide an opportunity for all visitors to learn about Japan's territory and seas and to consider how Japan should respond amid an increasingly severe international environment.



Access

- **Location and Mailing Address :**
1st Floor Toranomon Daibiru-East Building
3-8-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Japan 100-0013
Please use the entrance along Sotobori Street.
- **Opening Hours : 10:00-18:00**
- **Admission : Free**
- **Closed :**
Mondays (except for public holidays) and the period between Dec. 29 and Jan. 3. If Monday is a public holiday, the museum is closed on the following weekday.
The museum is also closed on the first Sunday of March.
- **Tel : 03-6257-3715**
- **Nearby Metro Stations:**
Toranomon Sta. (1-min. walk from the Exit 3) : see the map below.
- **Nearby Facilities :**
National Diet Building, Parliamentary Museum,
Museum of METX, Chiyoda City Hibiya Library & Museum,
Hibiya Park, Toranomon Hills, etc.

*No parking available. Please inquire in advance if you wish to arrive by large charter bus.



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Territory and Sovereignty

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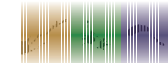
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*It has been reported that the short-tailed albatrosses of Torishima and the Senkaku Islands are different species.

Admission Free

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Floor Guide

Go beyond experiencing. The journey of knowing,
thinking, and exploring begins here!



Our new learning hub is finally complete!



The museum is a multipurpose space that can be used for lectures and workshops, in addition to exhibits, and it also functions as a library for educational and research purposes.

3-Sided Screen (Capacity: 80 people)



Our immersive video theater with a 3-sided screen will feature films on topics such as "Japan's Diverse Culture and Nature" and "The Nature and Life on Remote Border Islands." Through this powerful visual experience, you'll be able to feel the appeal of Japan more deeply.



The space is suitable for lectures and symposiums (including hybrid formats) and can be used for remote learning and workshops.

Ino's Small Maps of the UK
(Life-Size Replica*)



Only three sets of Ino's Small Maps are known to exist worldwide. The set in the collection of the National Archives in the UK is particularly interesting as it was provided by the Edo Shogunate to the British Navy. Its excellent state of preservation and the various annotations added to it for British naval charts make it a fascinating artifact.

*Scheduled for completion around March 2026. Until then, a small-scale replica will be exhibited.

Library



We collect and organize books, magazines, and other materials on the history and current situation of Japan's territory and sovereignty. We also provide educational resources such as supplementary teaching materials, lesson plans, maps, and historical documents to aid research and education.

Digital Japan Map Corner



Trace the changes in the perception of "Japan" through maps from the Edo to early Meiji periods.

Gateway Hall

Exhibition Room

At the Exhibition Room, we feature displays focused on "seeing" and "experiencing," with a focus on the Northern Territories, Takeshima, and the Senkaku Islands. The Gateway Hall is a multipurpose space where visitors can deepen their learning on the broader topics of Japan's territory and seas through activities like listening, researching, thinking, and discussing. School groups are permitted to bring and have their lunch at the Gateway Hall.

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Immersive Theater



Natural Scenery from the Northern Territories, Takeshima and Senkaku Islands is projected onto the floor, walls and ceiling to create an overwhelming feeling. You can have a virtual experience of flying over the islands or diving into the sea.

It's just like
island-hopping!



Alba-chan,
mascot character of
the Senkaku Islands

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Digital Globe : Hands on Earth



Using a large globe-shaped video device, this section provides easy-to-understand explanations of the content that should be covered in history and geography classes in Japan. There is also a section for children where they can have fun while learning.

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History Wall



Animated images are shown on three large screens to give you a real sense of the history of the Northern Territories, Takeshima and the Senkaku Islands.

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Opening Vision



What is the purpose of the National Museum of Territory and Sovereignty? In light of the current serious international situation, it is important to discuss how to uphold Japan's territorial integrity.

Let's discuss about
Japan's territory
together!



Lyanko-chan,
mascot character of
Takeshima

02

Northern Territories Section
Takeshima Section
Senkaku Islands Section



At the booths for the Northern Territories, Takeshima, and the Senkaku Islands, visitors can learn about the history and current situation of each island group through short videos and exhibits.

Learn about the history of
each island group through
videos and exhibits!



Erika-chan,
mascot character of
the Northern Territories

Programs for Schools and Groups

We'll propose a plan that meets your needs, including the number of people, duration, and content.
Please feel free to contact us first.

- These programs are available for students visiting on school trips, social studies field trips, and other group trips.
- Guides can be assigned to each course to provide clear explanations and facilitate deeper understanding of the exhibits.
- Programs can be selected based on length of stay. The duration and content of tour programs can be adjusted according to visitor needs.
- Small-group and multi-group visits can also be accommodated.
- School groups are allowed to bring and have their own lunch at the Gateway Hall.

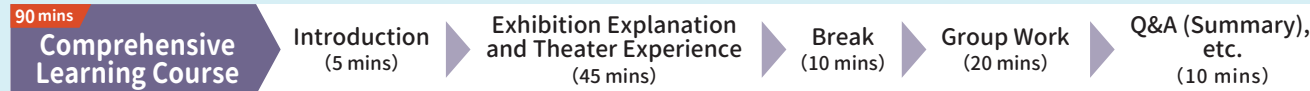
Example programs for school field trips

● Main Building Only: Model Course

Course for acquiring basic knowledge about territory and sovereignty and understanding the key points.

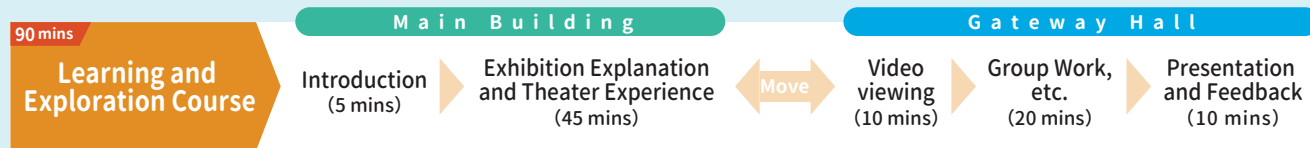


Course for acquiring basic knowledge about territory and sovereignty, gaining an overall understanding of them, and deepening understanding of specific themes (optional). Time for group work is included for this purpose.



● Main Building + Gateway Hall: Model Course

This is a course to learn the basic knowledge of territory and sovereignty, understand their overview, and explore the concept of territory from various perspectives. Groups are divided, with two groups taking turns visiting the Main Building and the Gateway Hall.



You can enjoy your lunch at the Gateway Hall after your visit to the National Diet Building.



For guided tours, advanced reservation is required.

You can ask the tour guides questions.



How to Make a Group Reservation

School groups are requested to make advance reservations. Please include the following reservation details in your email and send it to the address for group reservations. The National Museum of Territory and Sovereignty will contact you regarding reservation procedures.

Reservation Details:

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| 1 Visit Date/Time (Planned duration of stay) <small>*Please provide two options</small> | 5 Email Address |
| 2 Reservation Name | 6 Number of Participants and Chaperones |
| 3 Group Name | 7 Guide Requested (or not) <small>*Please specify desired course</small> |
| 4 Phone Number (Mobile) | 8 Notes <small>*Wheelchair-accessible use or any other requests</small> |

Notes Regarding Reservations

- Please make reservations at least 3 business days in advance
- Reservations are first-come-first-served and can be made up to one year in advance.

Email Address for Group Reservations
info@mtas.go.jp

Teacher Voices

We were worried about bringing a group of 100 students, but thanks to the staff's great support, our visit went smoothly without any issues!



Although much of the content was new to elementary school students, the easy-to-understand explanations kept them engaged, and it was a great opportunity to study in advance before learning it at school!

The videos and explanations seemed to spark the students' interest in the topics of territory and sovereignty!



Q & A

Q Is there a limit on the number of visitors?

A There are no specific limits.

We can accept applications from small groups as well. For larger groups, we may ask that they be divided into smaller subgroups. Adjustments to the visit time may be requested for each sub-group.

Q How long does a visit take?

A We can accommodate your specific requests regarding the length of your stay.

We recommend a minimum of one hour for a comprehensive visit and explanation without rushing, but we will do our best to accommodate your specific requests.

Q Is there a parking lot for buses?

A Unfortunately, there is no parking lot available at our facility. Please use a nearby parking facility.

Workshops (Current Examples)

Workshops comparing modern maps with the "Sekisui-zu", maps created by a geographer in the late 18th century.



Photo courtesy of the Memorial Society of Nagakubo Sekisui

Workshops using a diorama of a bonito flake factory on the Senkaku Islands and its 3D data are also being considered.



Pre/post-visit learning materials are available!

