



## The Bunkyo Ward

### 文京区

*A city famous for schools & greenery!*

#### Fun Facts!

**Location:** central Tokyo (one of 23 'special wards')

**City Crest:**

**City Flag:**

**City Tree:** Ginkgo



**City Flower:** Azalea



**Connections:**

**Sister City:** Kaiserslautern, Germany



**Friendship Cities:**

1. Beyoglu District, Istanbul, Turkey



2. Tongzhou District, Beijing, China



3. Morioka City, Iwate Prefecture, Japan



4. (12 other cities in Japan- please check online)

**Country Connection:** Republic of Benin



**Schools:** There are many **public** schools and **private** schools like Keika Girls' School. There are also many universities like University of Tokyo and Toyo University.

**People:** Hayao Miyazaki, the **co-founder** of Studio Ghibli & Yukio Hatoyama, the politician and former **Prime Minister** of Japan.

**Transportation:** B-Guru Bus



**Areas:** (1) Yushima / Hongo, (2) Nezu / Sendagi, (3) Korakuen / Kasuga, (4) Koshikawa, (5) Hakusan / Honkomagome, (6) Sekiguchi / Mejirodai

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**What is in  
this issue:**

**Seasonal  
Spots to  
See in the  
Bunkyo  
Ward**





## Spring

### Spots to See:

#### Yayoi Museum & Takehisa Yumeji Museum

These two little museums are in the same building with a café next door. They are a **hidden** gem! They have popular seasonal **exhibits** about **illustrations** and **prints** from the **Meiji**, **Taisho**, and **Showa** periods.

#### University of Tokyo

The top university in Japan and one of the best in Asia! You can see the famous **Akamon** (Red Gate) at the Hongo Campus and the sweet **statue** of **Professor** Hidesaburo Ueno and his **faithful** dog Hachiko at the Yayoi Campus.

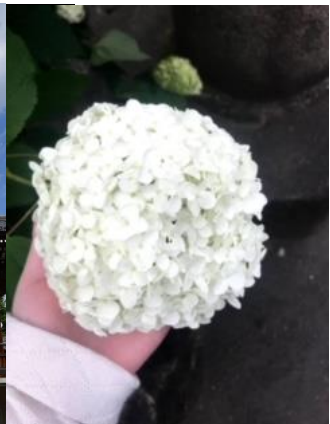
#### Nezu Shrine

A **Shinto** shrine full of thousands of red, pink, and white **azalea** flowers. Please come to the Bunkyo Azalea Festival in April & May. You can get snacks at the street **stalls** too!

#### Edogawa Bridge

It is **enjoyable** to spend an afternoon walking by the river on Edogawa Bridge. There are many cherry blossom trees that are a **lovely** pink in spring. We recommend a nearby café called Café & Kitchen Nico. They have delicious desserts and drinks in **fancy** teacups.





## Summer

### Spots to See:

#### Hakusan Shrine & Hakusan Park

This shrine is very close to our school! We like to play with the cute cats there. It is **pretty** in every season but the best in June because of the **hydrangea**. You can see thousands of them in so many colors; purple, blue, pink, white! At the Bunkyo Hydrangea Festival, you can watch performances by local students and dance schools. We have watched Hawaiian Hula Dance, Japanese Buyo Dance, Japanese Taiko Drumming, a rock band, and the Keika Brass Band.  
#NeverDie

#### Denzuin Temple

This is a **Buddhist** temple **founded** in 1415. Ieyasu Tokugawa buried his mother Odai here in 1602! Please visit in July to see all the large **morning glory** flowers open up in the warm sun. You can enjoy the 'Morning Glory Market' too.



## Autumn

### Spots to See:

#### Hakusan Street & Keika Street

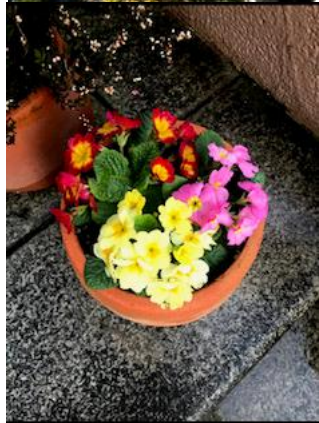
Of course, you know this area because it the home of Keika Girls' School, Keika Boys' School, and Keika Commercial School! You can get a **yummy** lunch for about ¥600 at the Toyo University Cafeteria! Let's be **grateful** for the **cheerful** yellow ginkgo leaves on our **path** to school.

#### Koshikawa Korakuen Gardens

This spot is a '**National** Treasure!' It is famous for its flowers in spring and trees in the fall. We recommend that you see the beautiful autumn **leaves** in red, orange, and yellow as well as the **pond**!

#### Sugamo Jizodori Shopping Street

Sometimes called 'Grandma's Harajuku' this street is a great place to shop for **sturdy** clothes, home goods, and **traditional** treats. We also **recommend** the Manekineko Karaoke right near here and Sugamo Station. Let's sing!





## Winter

### Spots to See:

#### Tokyo Dome City

This is a little **amusement park** in the middle of the busy city! There are restaurants, stores, rides, and the Tokyo Dome, home of the Yomiuri Giants baseball team. If you are a baseball fan, please visit the Baseball Hall of **Fame** and Museum. It is the first of its kind in Japan! Check out the bright **illuminations** in the winter.

#### LaQua

This is a **charming** little area with restaurants, stores, a **spa**, a **roller coaster**, a **Ferris wheel**, and a **carousel**. It is especially **magical** during Christmastime because of the **twinkling** lights. Our favorite restaurant here was the **Moomin Café** but it **closed** at the end of 2022. How sad! I will miss the **Scandinavian** food and big **stuffed animals**. I wonder what will take its place...

