

Meguro, Tokyo

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Meguro (区 Meguro-ku) is one of the 23 special wards of Tokyo, Japan. It calls itself Meguro City in English.

Meguro hosts fifteen foreign embassies and consulates. One of Tokyo's most exclusive residential neighborhoods (Kakinokizaka) is located in Meguro.

As of December 31, 2007, the ward has an estimated population of 259,968 and a density of 17,685 persons per km². The total area is 14.70 km².

The ward was founded on March 15, 1947.

History

The Higashiyama shell mound contains remains from the paleolithic, Jōmon, Yayoi, and Kofun periods.

Geography

Four other special wards surround Meguro. They are Shibuya (to the northeast), Setagaya (to the west), Ōta (to the south) and Shinagawa (to the southeast).

Districts

Meguro Area

Aobadai	Nakachō
Ōhashi	Nakameguro
Kamimeguro	Higashiyama
Gohongi	Mita
Komaba	Meguro
Shimomeguro	Yūtenji

Meguro

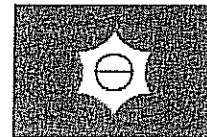


— Special ward —

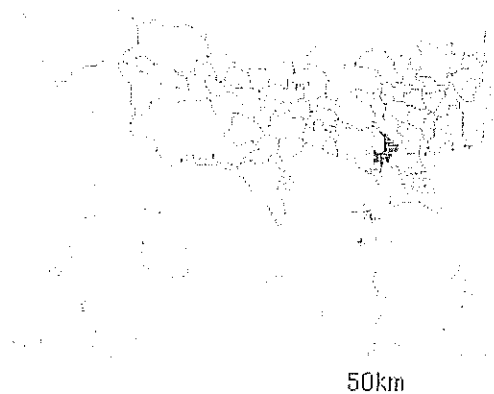
区 Meguro City



Cherry blossoms along Meguro River, Nakameguro.



Flag




Location of Meguro in Tokyo

Hibusuma Area

Coordinates: 35°38'N 139°41'E

Ōokayama	Haramachi
Kakinokizaka	Higashigaoka
Jiyūgaoka	Himonya
Senzoku	Midorigaoka
Tairamachi	Minami
Takaban	Megurohonchō
Chūōchō	Yakumo
Nakane	

 Meguro

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Politics and Government

The current mayor is Aoki Eiji, an independent. Meguro has a city assembly with 36 elected members.

Elections

- Meguro local election, 2007
- Meguro mayoral election, 2008

Transportation

Further information: Transportation in Greater Tokyo

Rail

- Tokyu Corporation
 - Tōyoko Line: Naka-Meguro, Yutenji, Gakugei Daigaku, Toritsu Daigaku, Jiyugaoka Stations
 - Ōimachi Line: Jiyugaoka, Midorigaoka, Ōokayama Stations
 - Meguro Line: Ōokayama, Senzoku Stations
 - Den-en-toshi Line: Ikejiri-Ōhashi Station
- Keio Electric Railway Keiō Inokashira Line: Komaba-Todaimae Station
- Note: Meguro Station (JR, Tokyu Meguro Line, Tokyo Metro Namboku Line, Toei Mita Line) is in Shinagawa, not Meguro.

Highway

- Shuto Expressway No.3 Shibuya Route (Tanimachi JCT - Yoga)

Country	Japan
Region	Kantō
Prefecture	Tokyo
Government	
 - Mayor	Aoki Eiji

Area

 - Total 14.70 km² (5.7 sq mi)

Population (September 1, 2008)

 - Total 261,033

 - Density 17,757/km² (45,990.4/sq mi)

Time zone Japan Standard Time (UTC+9)

City symbols

 - Tree	Castanopsis
 - Flower	Lespedeza
 - Bird	Great Tit

Website	Meguro (http://www.city.meguro.tokyo.jp/)
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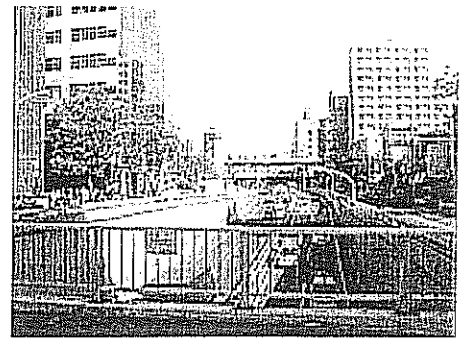


Hokusai ukiyo-e of a view of Mount Fuji from Shimo Meguro.

Education

Colleges and universities

- University of Tokyo Komaba Campus
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Note: Tokyo Gakugei University and Tokyo Metropolitan University were formerly in Meguro. They have moved, but railway stations named for them retain their names.



Nakameguro Station

Public schools

Public elementary and junior high schools are operated by the Meguro City Board of Education. Public high schools are operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Board of Education.

- Geijutsu High School [1] (<http://www.geijutsu-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)
- International High School [2] (http://www.kokusai-h.metro.tokyo.jp/english/english_faqs.htm)
- Komaba High School [3] (<http://www.komaba-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)
- Meguro High School [4] (<http://www.meguro-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)
- Tokyo Metropolitan University High School [5] (<http://www.toritsudai-h.metro.tokyo.jp/>)

In addition the metropolis operates a consolidated junior and senior high school called Ohshyukan Secondary Education School [6] (<http://www.meguro-chuto-j.metro.tokyo.jp/>) .

Economy

Companies

- TopTour Corporation

Private international high schools

- KAIS International School
- St. Mary's International School

Culture

- Meguro Museum of Art, Tokyo

Religious institutions

- Himonya Catholic Church
- Himonya Hachiman Shrine
- Ōtori Shrine
- Ryūsen-ji (Meguro Fudo temple). Its black-eyed (me-guro) statue of Fudo gave Meguro its name.
- Yūten-ji

Famous people

- Yumiko Fujita: actress
- Waka Inoue: model, actress
- Masako, Crown Princess of Japan
- Shigeru Izumiya: folk singer, entertainer
- Kazuo Tokumitsu: announcer

Notable residents

- Takuya Kimura: singer and actor in male idol group SMAP
- Shizuka Kudo: popular singer, Takuya Kimura's wife
- Keisuke Kuwata: singer, Southern All Stars
- Nobuyo Ōyama: voices the cartoon character Doraemon
- Halca & Yucali of the Hip-hop duo Halcali

See also

- Meguro Parasitological Museum, probably the world's only parasite museum

References

External links

- Meguro City official website (<http://www.city.meguro.tokyo.jp/english/index.html>) in English
- Wikitravel: Tokyo/Meguro (<http://wikitravel.org/en/article/Tokyo/Meguro>)

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