

150th

HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY

150th anniversary in 2026

2025.9



1 Main Gate noski un apa

A new gate was built here in 1936, the year Emperor Showa visited the campus. The red brick gatepost of the former structure was relocated to the South Gate.

2 Administration Bureau kanpikar us i

Originally built for the preparatory courses under the former university education system. Construction began in 1935 and took two years to complete. The Liberal Arts faculties used the building after the war. It became the Administration Bureau in 1966.

3 Information center "The Elm Forest" sono ko us i "Erumu no mori"

This hall was established in 1985 as a place for domestic and international academic exchange, with the aim of becoming a globalized university. It is used for academic conferences, lectures, and international conferences.

4 Bust of Shosuke Sato Sato Shosuke esikarun kani noka

Shosuke Sato was one of Sapporo Agricultural College's first batch of graduates. He served as the president of Sapporo Agricultural College and Hokkaido Imperial University for about 40 years. He made outstanding contributions towards establishing Hokkaido University as a comprehensive university for the natural sciences.

5 Elms donated by Mrs Nitobe Nitobe Mary ekte cikisanai

These are 5 of 24 Japanese Elm trees donated by Mary Elkinton, Inazo Nitobe's wife, after she had left the city. The memory of Sapporo Agricultural College still lingered in her mind so she donated them in 1905 to commemorate the construction of new school buildings. The trees were planted along the roadside in various places around the campus under the careful supervision of Dr. Kingo Iiyabe.

6 Monument to Preparatory Courses hoski kanpinuye us i isikarun sumas os

Launched when Sapporo Agricultural College was promoted to the Agricultural College of Tokohu Imperial University in 1917, the 43-year history of the preparatory courses culminated in 1950, with the transition to a university under the new system. In June 2004, the monument was erected in front of the Administration Bureau (formerly, the preparatory courses building).

7 Conference Hall kanpinuye utar utarukarareus i

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8 Centennial Hall asikne hot ne pa isikarun sise

The information counter provides guidance for visitors. A reading corner for public relations magazines, a shop, and a cafe are also available. The building is designed to be environmentally friendly and barrier-free, and the wooden construction evokes an atmosphere of warmth.

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Closed for year-end & New Year holidays

9 Furukawa Hall Furukawa esikarun uwyayahankka sise

This hall was built with donations from the Furukawa Group in 1909. It served as the classrooms for forestry studies. The designs on the circular inscriptions include the Japanese character for "forest." Used as the main building for the School of Liberal Arts after the war, it was used as a research facility for the Graduate School of Humanities and Human Sciences until March 2019.

Notice to visitors:

As a service to the local community, Hokkaido University's general lush campus is open to the public with its functions as an educational and research institution. To ensure a safe and smooth campus operation, we request that all visitors follow the rules listed below.

- Entry by car is prohibited.
- Follow traffic rules.
- Please stay on the footpath while taking photos.
- Use of drones is prohibited.
- Take away your garbage with you.
- Beware of falling branches or climbing trees.
- Do not feed wild animals.
- Do not enter the river.
- Do not enter buildings without authorization.
- Do not step on flower beds or pick plants.
- Do not start fires.
- Smoking is prohibited.

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We sincerely ask for your support in preserving our lush green environment and historic architecture on the campus. Please join us in sustaining our beautiful campus for future generations, in close partnership with the local community.

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**10 Central Lawn
noski un mun us i**
**11 Sakushukotoni River
sa kus koton i**

10 This green area of approximately 12,000 m² is located at the northernmost end of the Toyohira River alluvial fan. The Sakushukotoni River used to flow through this area (The current stream is artificial). Salmon could be found swimming here until the early Showa period.

11 Once flowing through the campus, the Sakushukotoni River was restored in December 2003 as part of the project to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the university's founding. In Ainu Language, "Sakushu" means "going through the beach" and "Kotoni" means "basin." The name "Sakushukotoni River" means "the closest river to the Toyohira River among all that flow through the basin."

**12 Bust of Dr. William S. Clark
Clark esikarun kani noka**

William Smith Clark was the first Vice President of Sapporo Agricultural College. Some of his words are Hokkaido University mottoes, like "be ambitious" and "lofty ambition." The bust was erected in 1926 as a project to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the university's founding (the current bust is a post-war recommission).

**13 Clark Memorial Hall
Clark esikarun uwekarpa cise**

This was the first large-scale student hall at a national university in Japan. Built in 1959, it was part of the project to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the university's founding. It is now an essential facility for students' campus life.

**14 School of Agriculture
toyta kanpinuye us i**

This building is featured in magazines, on TV, etc. as an iconic symbol of Hokkaido University. Construction of the main building of the School of Agriculture began in 1933, but was only finally completed in 1960, partly due to the war.

**15 Monument to the Imperial Visit
iruesikarun suma sos**

This monument commemorates the establishment of the Imperial General Headquarters at the School of Agriculture and its use as a temporary home for Emperor Showa when the army held a special large-scale exercise in Hokkaido in 1936. Unveiled the following year (1937), it is made of garnet from Hidaka.

**16 Former School of Entomology
kikir kanpinuye/sarapne kar kikir respa kanpinuye teeta tunpu**

This is the oldest surviving school building of all the ones built when the campus of Sapporo Agricultural College was moved from its original location (near today's Sapporo Clock Tower) to where it is now. It was built in 1901. Many of Dr. Shonen Matsumura's achievements in entomology took place here. It now serves as the Center of Education and Research for Hokkaido Wines.

**17 Former School of Agriculture Library
teeta kanpi pu**

Designed by Seiichiro Chujo, it was built at almost the same time (1902) as the Former School of Entomology. It served as the central library for more than 60 years after it was built. Currently, it is used by Hokkaido University Press, among others.

**18 Elm Grove
cikisani tay**

Dozens of Japanese elm trees tower into the sky. Although some of them were planted in later years, huge trees over 100 years old had been growing on the site naturally since before Sapporo Agricultural College was relocated here. Lying at the end of the Toyohira River alluvial fan, the location has plenty of groundwater and is an excellent place for elms to grow naturally.

**19 Monument to Wheat Research
munki kanpinuye esikarun suma sos**

Dr. Hitoshi Kihara continued Dr. Toru Sakamura's work and pioneered a new area of cytogenetic research of wheat. A monument depicting chromosome units was erected in 1976 to commemorate the place where Dr. Kihara started his research.

**20 The Hokkaido University Museum
rupne ikor oma kenru**

Established in April 1999 to gather the university's academic materials in a single location, and make them available to people inside and outside the university. In addition to samples of academic work from various fields, it also displays achievements of educational research by the faculties, etc. There is also a museum shop and a cafe. The building was constructed in 1929 as the main building of the former Hokkaido Imperial University's School of Science.



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**21 Monument to the First Artificial Snow Crystal
upaskar us i esikarun suma sos**

In March 1936, Dr. Uchikiro Nakaya succeeded in creating the world's first artificial snow crystal in the low temperature laboratory located here. A monument depicting a hexagonal snow crystal was erected in 1979.

**22 Ono Pond
Ono to**

Prompted by an idea by Professor Kazuo Ono of the School of Engineering, an area of wetland was developed into a pond. Since its renovation in 1998 as part of the Eco-Campus Promotion Project, it has become an oasis for many people from inside and outside the university. In spring, a variety of plants put up shoots, and wild ducks flock to the pond. Trilliums bloom in the early summer, followed by water lilies, then colorful foliage in the autumn.

**23 Open Innovation Hub "ENREISO"
usa kanpinuye utasare pirkare monrayke ikkew "Enreiso"**

Inaugurated in October 2023, this is a hub for communication between people on and off campus, including the local communities, businesses, and students. Off-campus visitors can use the co-working space and meeting rooms by registering for paid membership.

**24 Monument in Honor of Inazo Nitobe
Nitobe Inazo hakase reka suma sos**

Inazo Nitobe was one of Sapporo Agricultural College's second batch of graduates. He was a professor at the Agricultural College, and the founder of Enyu Night School. He is known as an educator, a thinker, an under-secretary-general of the League of Nations, and a cosmopolitan who contributed to peace and cultural activities. In October 1996, the monument was erected in his honor to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the university's founding.

**25 Poplar Avenue
kurunni upeka ikir**

A small-scale planting of poplars took place in 1903 and later in 1912 by students from the School of Forestry as a training exercise, forming the avenue more or less as it is today. Typhoon Songda destroyed nearly half of the poplars in September 2004, but new young trees donated from all over the country were planted and the fallen ones were replanted. The road is covered with woodchips where visitors may take a stroll.

**26 Heisei Poplar Avenue
Heisei kurunni upeka ikir**

As part of the project to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the university's founding, 70 seedlings were planted in October 2000 on each side of the driveway and the pavement on the northwest side of the Experimental Farm No.1, over a total length of about 300 m. The seedlings were collected and grown from the existing Poplar Avenue.

**27 Ginkgo Avenue
ico ni upeka ikir**

70 ginkgo trees are lined on both sides of the road known as Kita 13-jo Street, which is about 380 m long. The ginkgo trees were planted in May 1939. The yellow leaves in autumn are spectacular (The best time to see them is usually from late October to early November). The avenue had been lined with cherry and maple trees before the ginkgo were planted.

**28 Miyakozoyayoi Monument
Miyakozoyayoi itak ipe aenuye suma sos**

This monument of the 1912 Keiteki-Ryo dormitory song, "Miyakozoyayoi" (lyrics by Yoshiyuki Yokoyama and music by Kenji Akagi), was built in 1957 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the university's founding. It is made of white granite from Tsukuba.

Yokoyama's handwritten lyrics are carved into the monument. The Keiteki-Ryo Alumni Association restored the monument as part of the project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the dormitory being named. It was unveiled in September 2007.



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**29 Monument to the original location of Dormitory
rewsi cise ru esikarun suma sos**

A monument was built in September 1983 on the site of the former dormitory (1931-1983), which was demolished when the present Keiteki-Ryo building was completed. Handwritten by Shosuke Sato, the inscription on the monument explains where the name "Keiteki" came from. The epigraph was written by the 12th President, Miki Arie. The monument is made of schalstein.

**30 Hokkaido University Archives
poro kanpinuye cise kor kanpi eyam kenru**

Opened in 2005, this facility collects, organizes, stores, publishes, and conducts research on historical materials related to Hokkaido University. Visitors can browse the archived materials and view exhibitions on the university's history.

**31 Botanic Garden
mosir ka us pe nukar us i**

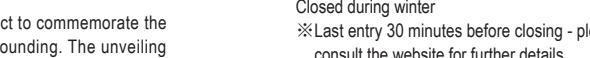
More than 30 cavities with diameters around 4 to 6 meters can be seen on the ground's surface of this site. These are the remains of pit-dwellings left by Satsumon culture from the 8th to 12th centuries; the cavities are not completely filled-in keeping them still visible. This valuable site confirms the existence of settlements from Satsumon culture.

Designed by Dr. Kingo Miyabe, the garden was built and opened in 1886. Today, it is home to some 4,000 species of plants, occupying about 133,000 m² in area. It is an educational and research facility of the Field Science Center for Northern Biosphere, while simultaneously serving as an oasis for Sapporo citizens.

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