

History is a Guide to Thinking About the Future

The Yokohama Archives of History was established on June 2, 1981 (Showa 56), the anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama, on the historic site where the Treaty of Kanagawa (Japan-US Treaty of Peace and Amity) was signed. Its purpose is to collect, publicly exhibit, and disseminate domestic and overseas historical materials from the Edo period to the Taisho and early Showa periods.

We hope to re-examine Yokohama's historical role at the intersection of world history and Japanese history, and for everyone to learn more about Yokohama through history. To that end, we encourage many people to utilize our archives. In addition to permanent exhibitions, we hold special exhibitions of materials from our collection. If there are materials you wish to see, or subjects and questions you want to know more about, please be sure to make an advance reservation to use the Reading Room. Our abundant materials and reference services will help solve your questions. History is not simply a thing of the past; it is a guide to thinking about the future.



Landing of Commodore Perry and His Men at Yokohama

Opening Hours

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM (Last admission at 4:30 PM)

Closed Days

Mondays (or the following weekday if Monday is a national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays, etc.

The Reading Room is closed on Mondays (or the following weekday if Monday is a national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays, the 4th Friday of the month, material organization weeks (June and February), etc.

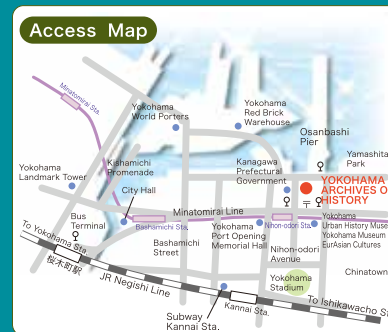
Admission Fee

| | When only Exhibition Rooms 1 & 2 are open | During Special Exhibitions |
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| Adults (Groups of 20 or more) | 200yen (150yen) | 500yen (400yen) |
| Elementary/Junior High School Students / Yokohama residents aged 65 and over (Groups of 20 or more) | 100yen (80yen) | 250yen (200yen) |

- Admission is free for elementary, junior high, and high school students every Saturday.
- Admission is free for those holding a physical disability certificate, Ai-no-Techo(rehabilitation certificate), or mental disability health and welfare certificate, as well as their caregivers. Please present your certificate or the certificate screen on the smartphone app "Mirairo ID" upon entry.

Access & Contact

- 2-minute walk from Exit 4 of Nihon-odori Station on the Minatomirai Line.
- 15-minute walk from the South Exit of JR Kannai Station or the Municipal Subway Kannai Station.
- Alternatively, take a municipal bus from JR Sakuragicho Station, get off at "Nihon-odori Eki Kencho-mae," and walk for 1 minute.



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Exhibition Building

1F Exhibition Room 1:

The Road to Yokohama's Opening

Japan changed dramatically with the arrival of Commodore Perry, which shook the peace and the over 200-year policy of "national isolation". This room introduces Perry's arrival, the global situation before and after it, and the conditions in Japan and Yokohama. On display are Perry's account of his expedition to Japan, numerous kawaraban (broadsheets) showing surprise and curiosity towards the Black Ships and Perry, as well as nishiki-e (color woodblock prints), maps, and photographs depicting Yokohama shortly after its port opened.

2F Exhibition Room 2:

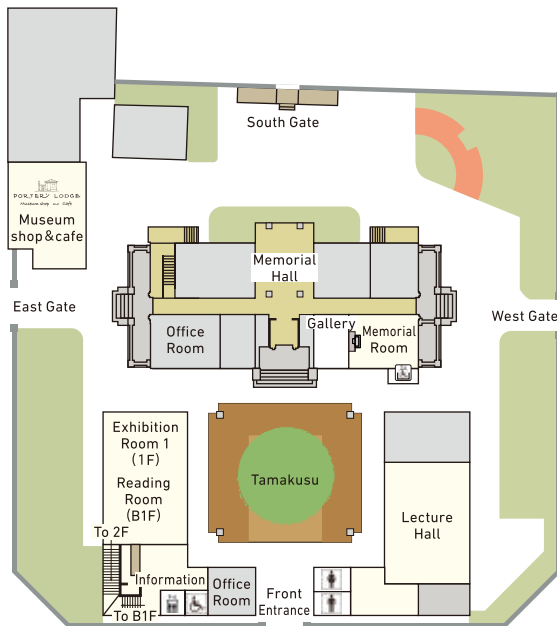
The Town Speaks - Civilized Yokohama

Here, "Yokohama Firsts" that originated in specific locations are introduced on a floor map based on the actual survey map of Yokohama published in 1881 (Meiji 14). Yokohama after the opening of the port, centered around the period of civilization and enlightenment, became a place of interaction between Japanese and foreigners as a port town open to the world, and served as a gateway for adopting Western culture through this exchange.

2F Exhibition Room 3:

Memories of Yokohama - Diverse Collections

This room hosts special exhibitions focusing on people and events related to the history of Yokohama from the Edo period to the Taisho and early Showa periods. We introduce carefully selected materials from our museum's collection, including ancient documents, overseas materials, ukiyo-e (woodblock prints), pictorial maps, and old photographs.



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Former British Consulate General in Yokohama

1F Memorial Hall

The Old Building is the former British Consulate General in Yokohama, built in 1931 (Showa 6), and the Memorial Hall was once its waiting room. Displayed on the walls are a model panel recreating the townscape of Yokohama in 1865 (Keio 1), a route map of Perry's fleet expedition to Japan, a plaque for British soldiers who died in the Anglo-Satsuma War, and a plaque for consulate staff who died in the Great Kanto Earthquake.

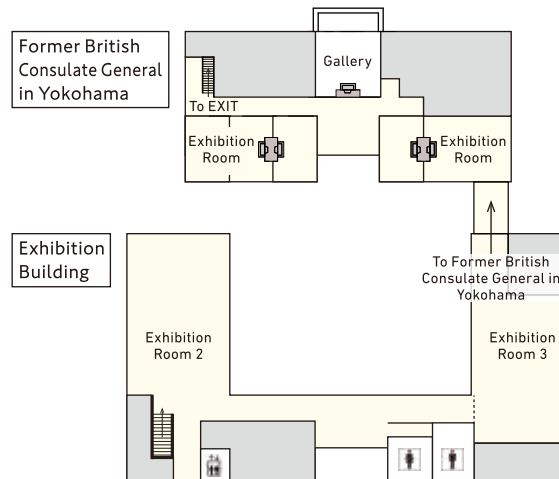
1F Memorial Room

The Memorial Room was used as the Consul General's office during the time of the British Consulate General in Yokohama. Inside, the history of the British Consulate in Yokohama is introduced, and the British Royal coat of arms that was once hung above the building's entrance is on display.

2F Exhibition Room

The 2nd floor of the Old Building was once the residential area for consulate staff. The original fireplace remains, and fittings such as window frames and doors, as well as the wall paint colors, have been restored to those of the British Consulate General era. Inside, we introduce the history of areas centered around the former foreign settlement, such as Yamashita-cho, Yokohama Chinatown, Motomachi, and Yamate.

2F



Exhibition Room 3 and the Old Building 2F Exhibition Room are closed to the public during exhibition changes and maintenance periods.

Reading Room (Exhibition Building B1F / Reservation Required)

You can browse domestic and international historical materials related to Yokohama from the Edo period to the Taisho and early Showa periods.

One of the features is that you can freely browse various English-language newspapers, as well as the Yokohama Mainichi Shimbun (Japan's first daily newspaper published in Yokohama) and the Yokohama Boeki Shimpou.

Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday if Monday is a national holiday), Year-end and New Year holidays, etc.

Usage Fee: 100 yen (When using only the Reading Room)

Advance reservations are required to use the Reading Room. Please check our website for details.

Materials available in the Reading Room



An overview of the museum's collection and the materials available in the Reading Room are published in our digital archive.



The Tamakusu Tree

A *Machilus thunbergii* (Tamakusu) tree, designated as a Yokohama City regional historic site, remains at the site where the Treaty of Peace and Amity between the United States and Japan was signed. Having been here since Commodore Perry landed in Yokohama in 1854 (Ansei 1), it is truly a living witness to Yokohama's history.



Museum Shop & Cafe PORTER'S LODGE

A select shop conveying "Yokohama's opening and British culture," which utilizes the former gatehouse of the British Consulate General (a Yokohama City designated cultural property). In the cafe space, you can enjoy famous Yokohama sweets.

