

New City Office : Another Museum

With a concept that the whole new city office could be another museum, we would like to introduce you to Toshima City's cultural and historical assets, and natural environment. We will also produce spaces where everybody can casually gather and enjoy.

Japan's largest

Collection of Owl

From the era of Edo, toy horned owls made of Japanese pampas grass, have been popular as local folk toys, and because of the good ring of "Hukurou", owl, to "Ikebukuro", the owl has been duplicated with the image of Toshima-city. Toshima city has a Japan's largest collection of 14,000 owl pieces. World's rare owls, incl. horned owls, such as varieties of owl ornaments and toys made out of stone, wood and glass will be shown.

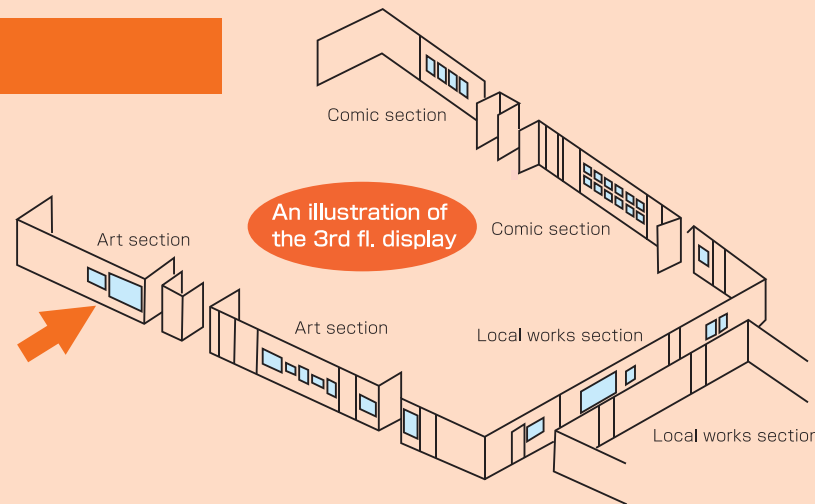


▲ Display case with many owls works (3F)

Gallery Museum

The facilities rooms in the middle of each floor are surrounded by a passage like a gallery.

We will open the "Gallery Museum" where arts and handiworks in connection of Toshima city, and arts of children, etc. will be displayed.



Digital Museum

Using a large touch-panel screen and digital technology, we will release materials of local history such as painting works, including Nishiki-e, and maps of old time Toshima-Ku, etc. one after the other.



▲ Display space in elegant tone.

Art Olympia 2015



Send out our culture worldwide, aiming an international art-and-cultural city.

The Art Olympia, a global scale art museum based on public collection of works domestically and from overseas, is held once in two years for the purpose of finding unknown talented artists, and supporting their activities. The Art Olympia 2015, its first event, was held at the new Toshima city office aiming to be an international art and cultural city. Next Olympia is scheduled to be held in June, 2017.

How new city office was built.

Based on the slogan "Building a new city office at no cost to taxpayers," redevelopment got under way on about one hectare of land. Sixty percent of the land was city-owned property—primarily the site of the former Hinode Elementary School on the southern side—while the other 40 percent was privately owned land. The city converted the rights associated with this existing property, acquiring without consideration an area of 10,740 square meters (worth some ¥ 8.5 billion), while the remaining land required (totaling 14,832 square meters of floor area and 1,049 square meters of parking space, etc.) was purchased commercially.

The costs of constructing the new city office—including ¥12.38 billion to purchase the necessary extra floor area and discretionary costs amounting to ¥13.59 billion—were funded by a lump-sum advance payment of ¥19.1 billion in rent, based on the 76-year, six-month fixed-term leaseholds of the old city office site.

