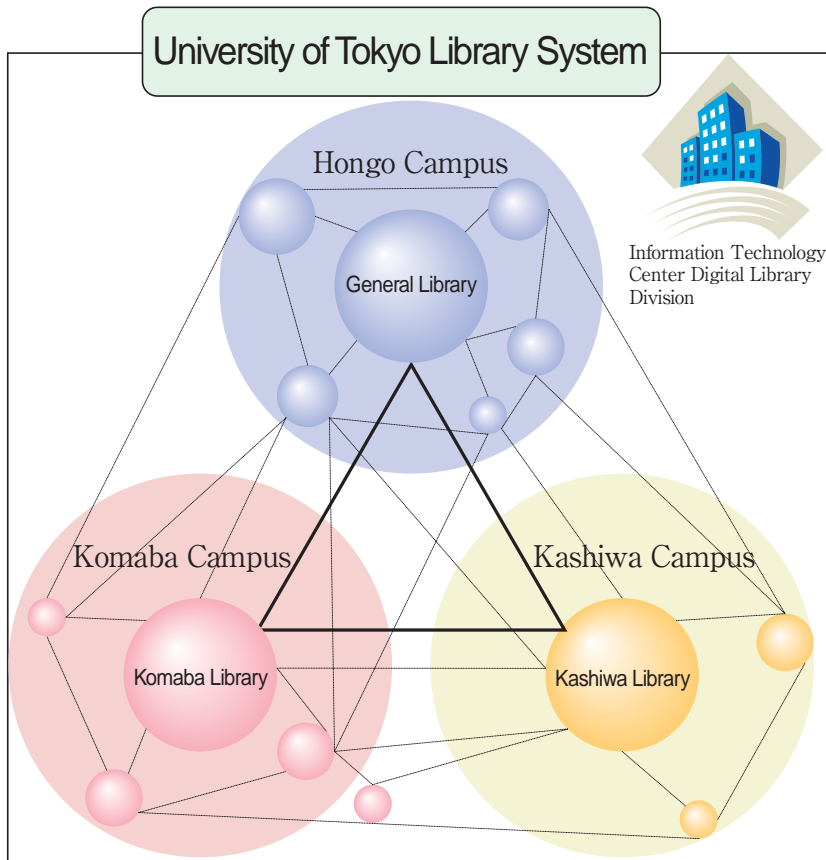


## 1 ) THE LIBRARY SYSTEM

The University of Tokyo has three main libraries : **the Komaba Library** (Komaba Campus), **the General Library** (Hongo Campus), and **the Kashiwa Library** (Kashiwa Campus). In addition, some 40 libraries are attached to university faculties and institutes. As a whole, they are referred to as **the University of Tokyo Library System**.

Despite their spread over a wide geographical area, the university libraries form one large unit and provide a great variety of integrated services. The Library System's collection totals 8.5 million volumes of books - growing at a pace of 20,000 volumes per year - and about 140,000 journal titles.



The three main libraries function as university-level institutions, their foremost role being the support of academic activities. On the other hand, research institute and faculty libraries focus on providing specialized materials to back research activities. **The Information Technology Center's Digital Library Division**, which is part of the Library System, also provides a number of services.

## 2 ) MAIN LIBRARIES

### ●The Komaba Library

As the main library on the Komaba campus, the Komaba Library is primarily oriented to serve the needs of undergraduate students at the College of Arts and Sciences, and of graduate students and professors at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Its collection holds approximately 560,000 volumes and 1926 journal titles, and it offers a capacity of 1,064 seats. The Mediapark is equipped with 53 computers linked to the university network. Users can also watch CNN and BBC World, or view video and DVD materials in dedicated booths. The library's multimedia environment makes it a great place to study.

#### Outside View



Inaugurated in October 2002, the building is characterized by long slanted openings in the external walls, corridors bathed in natural light, and a spacious lounge. Window seats on the 3rd and 4th floors have a view over Shinjuku.

#### Reading Room



<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/koho/guide/guide/komaba-e.html>

### ●The General Library

The General Library is mainly used by students, teachers and researchers active on the Hongo Campus. It offers a collection of 1.2 million volumes, including several special collections and materials from international organizations. Total capacity : 1,144 seats.

#### Outside View



After being devastated by the 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake, the library was rebuilt with the help of a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. The facade design, the majestic carpet-covered staircase leading to the third floor, and the furnishings in the reading rooms are symbols of the university's long history.

#### Reading Room



<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/koho/guide/guide/soto-e.html>

### ●The Kashiwa Library

Located on the Kashiwa campus, the Kashiwa Library was inaugurated in 2004. It holds approximately 30,000 books, mainly on natural sciences. The Community Salon and Media Hall make the library a stimulating place for exchanges among individuals, and provide an interface with the local community.

With a capacity of one million journal binders, the library's automated stacks act as a back issue center for academic journals on natural sciences. The collection currently holds a total of 250,000 binders, covering the issues of 14,000 journals. A system called "e-DDS" allows readers to access any journal in electronic format.

#### Outside View



The reading room's large windows offer a view of Kashiwanoha Park.

#### Reading Room



<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/koho/guide/guide/kashiwa-e.html>

#### Automated stacks operating system



### 3 ) FACULTY AND INSTITUTE LIBRARIES

The main purpose of faculty, department and research institute libraries is to provide affiliated students and researchers with specialized collections of documents to support their advanced research activities. This section presents some of the nearly 40 libraries that form the University of Tokyo Library System.

#### ●The Library of Economics

The Library of Economics is located on the 3rd floor of the Akamon General Research Building, the first building on the right after entering the Akamon Gate on the Hongo campus. Its collection, which covers some 730,000 titles acquired over nearly 90 years, makes it one of Japan's leading libraries in this field. Materials include the Adam Smith Collection of Western books donated by Prof. Inazo Nitobe, works on the history of companies and corporations, statistical data and other documents systematically compiled and preserved. The library is also known for its collection of historical coins and notes, whose quality is considered second only to the collection of the Bank of Japan.

Adam Smith Collection



Reading room



<http://www.lib.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

#### ●Medical Library

The University of Tokyo's Medical Library was set up in 1961 as a model for Japanese modern medicine. It is located between the University Hospital and the Faculty of Medicine. The library underwent construction work in 2007 to reinforce its resistance to earthquakes, and will reopen in spring 2008. Its collection holds some 270,000 volumes and 5,600 journal titles, completed by an online journal and databases on medicine and nursing available throughout the university. It also includes precious materials on the history of medicine, such as the Kure, Miyake and Waldeyer collections, graduation albums of the Meiji and Taisho eras, as well as ancient books and scrolls.

Anatomical chart in color (1968)



Representation of a dissection session

External view of the library (before reinforcement works)



<http://www.lib.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

### ●Faculty of Education Library

The Graduate School of Education and Faculty of Education Library, taking over the holdings of the former Department of Education in the Faculty of Letters, holds materials mainly on education, psychology, and related fields. Its holdings also include Fujikawa Collection, which covers textbooks and educational materials from the later Edo and Meiji eras and is open to the public as the Digital Rare Book Collection.

The main counter is located on the 4th floor of the Faculty of Education Building, with the stacks on the 4th floor and the basement. Another counter is located in the Faculty of Medicine Building1, which holds a stacks section dedicated to pre-war journals in Japanese and Western languages, textbooks and other materials.

<http://ikuto.p.u-tokyo.ac.jp/>

Introduction to Primary Education, by Toshimichi Matsui (Fujikawa Collection)



Reading room



### ●Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences Library

The Graduate School of Mathematical Sciences Library is located in the southeastern portion of the Komaba I Campus, on the ground floor of the Graduate School of Mathematical Science Building.

Enlargement works carried out in March 2006 led to an expansion of the library from 1,200 sq. m. to 1,500 sq. m. The current collection includes 130,000 volumes and close to 1,500 journal titles. The library is also used by a large number of mathematicians from Japan and abroad, illustrating the richness of its collection.

Reading area and shelves of latest journals (ground floor)



View over Yanaihara Park (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)



The library's interior is rather vast, with an alternation of shelves and consultation spaces. The view over Yanaihara Park makes it a perfect place to concentrate on study.

<http://www.ms.u-tokyo.ac.jp/library/>

Note : The location and contact information of each library are listed in an appendix at the end of this guide. More details about the conditions for use are available on the homepage of each library.

## 4) Documents in Electronic Format

Some of the rare documents held by University of Tokyo libraries are available in electronic format for online consultation. Here are a few examples :

### ●Historical Coins and Notes Database (trial version)

**Database homepage**

The Library of Economics is constructing an electronic database featuring its collection of historical coins (12,000 items) and notes (25,000 items). Some 16,000 items have already been included in the database and can be viewed in color. This project is unique for East Asian currencies, particularly for local paper notes issued during the Edo period, with a world-class level both in terms of quality and scope.

<http://www.lib.e.u-tokyo.ac.jp/shiryoo/kahei.html>

### ●Digital Exhibition

Every year, the University of Tokyo Library System organizes a special exhibition to present some of its collections' rare documents to students and the general public.

**Inheriting the works received from the world**

the 130th anniversary of the university and 80th anniversary of the General Library

The Digital Exhibition provides online presentations of the catalogs and sample images of each special exhibition since 1994. The latest edition, held in 2007, celebrated the 130th anniversary of the university and 80th anniversary of the General Library with an exhibition entitled “Inheriting the works received from the world.”

<http://www.lib.u-tokyo.ac.jp/koho/tenjikai/index.html>

### ●Medical Library, Historical Materials Database

The Medical Library has published part of its precious materials online. Scrolls are not publicly available in digital format, but the database includes full-page digital versions of four titles: Kaitai Shinsho, Jutei Kaitai Shinsho, Kokon Ian and Zoho Kaisei Yakuken.

<http://www.lib.m.u-tokyo.ac.jp/digital/index.html>

### Jutei Kaitai Shinsho, translated by Genpaku Sugita



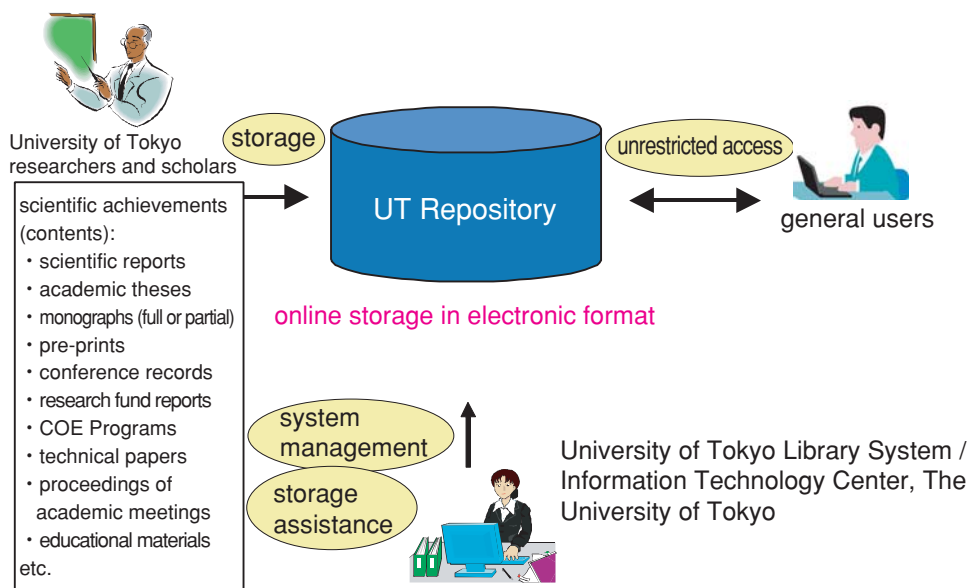
Ootsuki Shigekata Jutei (1843)

## 5) UT Repository

The UT Repository is a compilation of research outcomes produced by the University of Tokyo that is made publicly available in electronic format through a server connected to the Internet.

Research outcomes are traditionally published in a number of different ways, including through academic journals, theses, and academic proceedings. The concept of Institutional repositories, however, is now attracting considerable attention as a convenient and swift way to make academic achievements public.

### Conceptual diagram of the Institutional Repository



The University of Tokyo library system and the Information Technology Center are collaborating with different faculties and departments to gather a variety of materials and store them in the UT Repository.

More than 1,000 Institutional repositories already exist throughout the world. The accumulation of data in the UT Repository is seen as an important project meant to contribute to the university's community and beyond.



[http://repository.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index\\_e.html](http://repository.dl.itc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html)