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SPORTS

Shunsuke Togami



One of the best Japanese table tennis players is at Meiji.

World Cup 2022

Let's check Japan's rival teams in 2022 World Cup Group E.



ENTERTAINMENT

Meiji Graduates

Here are some alumni who are well-known in the eyes of students and some who actually graduated from Meiji but are less recognized. We bet you'll be astonished.

Meiji in the Movies



Surprisingly, Meiji University has been in the movies since 1928. Here are three of the most notable works with photographs, Enjoy!

TRAVEL

Take a 1-Day Trip



College life is considered 'life's summer vacation' but many of us have no time to travel so a 1-day trip is the best choice for busy students.

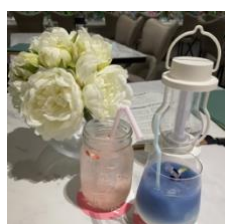
CROSSWORD

Crossword

Let's challenge the crossword!! All the words come from the Truman Show, including names, contents and vocabulary we learnt in class.

FOOD

Instagramable Cafes



Everybody has an Instagram account so why don't you visit an instagramable café and post a lot of fashionable pictures of flowers.

Reasonable Restaurants

Do you want to know reasonable and tasty restaurants near Izumi campus?



SPORTS

SHUNSUKE TOGAMI

There are many Meiji students who are very good at sports. Today we would like to introduce SHUNSUKE TOGAMI from the [Meiji University Table Tennis Club](#) who is a junior in the Political Science and Economics faculty at Meiji University.



At the 2022 All Japan Table Tennis Championships, Togami won the men's singles for the first time, and also won the men's doubles.

Profile

Influenced by his family, Togami started playing table tennis when he was three years old. Through continuous efforts, he played as the mainstay of all his teams since his freshman year in high school.

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All Japan Table Tennis Championships	men's singles	1 st place
	men's doubles	1 st place
WTT CONTENDER ZAGREB	men's doubles	2 nd place
WTT FEEDER WESTCHESTER	men's doubles	1 st place
WTT FEEDER FREMONT	men's doubles	1 st place
WTT SINGAPORE SMASH	men's doubles	2 nd place

Why Meiji

Because of Togami's good performance in table tennis in high school, he could go on to several universities through table tennis. He had an image of Meiji University as being serious about both club activities and studies, and full of outstanding athletes. He thought Meiji was the best choice for him, so he decided to enter Meiji.

Training & Studies

Although Togami is extremely busy with training, he is working hard to balance training and studies. Last year, competitions often conflicted with classes, so he had few opportunities to go to school. In this situation, he was actively contacting teachers and being punctual with reports.

Aims

Togami also told us about his aims. As a Meiji student, he will do his best to graduate in four years. As a table tennis player, he will work hard so that he can win successive victories at the 2023 All Japan Table Tennis Championships after winning this year.

The words from Togami

'I am Shunsuke Togami and I am working hard at table tennis with the aim of competing in the 2024 Paris Olympics. I will do my best in both academics and competition in the remaining two years of my student life. I'm looking forward to your continued support. Thank you very much!'



Food

Reasonable Restaurants Near Meidaimae.

Would you like to know about cheap and tasty restaurants near campus?

We will introduce 3 delicious and cost-effective lunch places in Meidaimae for Meiji student.

1. Kohinoor



- Indian and Thai restaurant
- ¥600~
- Staff Recommendations menu Butter Chicken Curry

☆Rice and naan can be refilled.

There's a student menu at night, so all days reasonable.
Curry and naan's taste is really good. You should try it.

2. Musasino abura-gatsukai (武蔵野アブラ会)

- Oil Ramen Noodles restaurant
- ¥640~
- Staff Recommendations menu musaseno abura soba

☆ Recommend when you want to eat enough.
The noodles are chewy and delicious.



3. Musasino

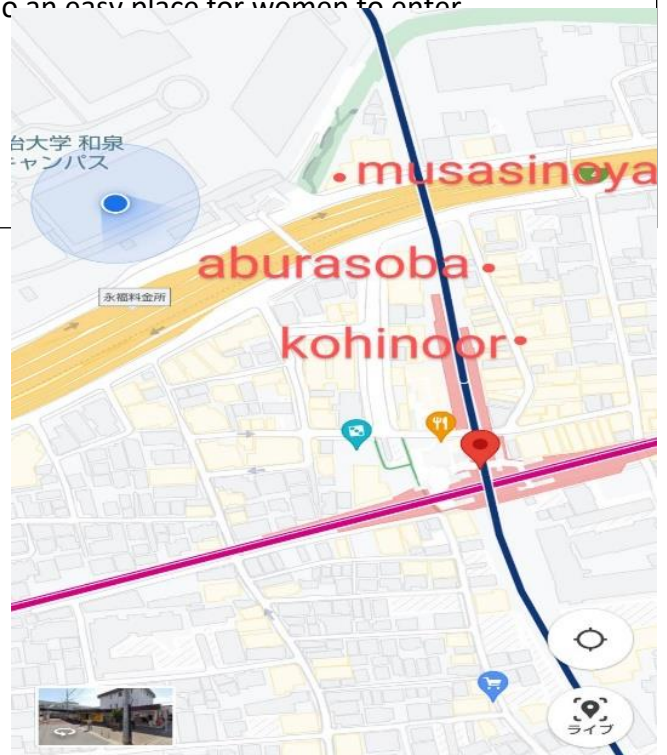


- Ramen shop
- ¥500~
- Staff Recommendations menu roasted pork fillet ramen

☆ There is a menu for women.

It was easy to go to, and the staff was very friendly!!
Many menus offer a variety of tastes.

It is also an easy place for women to enter.



Other students' opinion.

There are also other restaurants which Meiji students recommended.



I'm sure everyone has been there at least once.

FOOD

Instagramable Cafe near Meiji University



FLOWER WALL MONE is a dining and bar combining Claude Monet inspired wall art and approximately 2,000 real flowers. This was opened in Shinjuku 3-chome in March with an idea of sending flowers to connect the hearts of people who have become distant from each other due to Corona.

The menu includes flower teapots, soft drinks, alcohol, salads, parfaits, and other sweets. The staff recommends the Butterfly Peablu latte (800yen) and peach soda(900yen). They also have delicious new Monelite and White Cassis.

We actually visited there. Upon entering through the cute entrance, you can choose your favorite flowers for 500 yen each and decorate your table with flowers. This cafe calls this the flower charge. After decorating your table, you can make an order. Finally, you can take the flowers you decorated on your table to your home. This is all things you can experience there.



We really want to recommend you, especially instagramers, to visit there because you can take a lot of cute and fashionable pictures there. Also, there is a time you can see the projection mapping there. At the time you can feel other atmosphere as usual in tis cafe. This cafe is available until 4 am everyday!
Visit and enjoy your time in FLOWER WALL MONE ❤️

Prices for lunch and dinner.

☀️: ¥1,000-2,000

🌙: ¥4,000-5,000

🚶: 3minutes from Shinjuku-Sanchoume station

OTHER INSTAGRAMABLE CAFES

Here are some other instagramable cafes with a 'flower' theme.

LORANDS. Harajuku

(🚶6 minutes from Kita Omotesando station)

open sand & fruits sand,
smoothies

☀️ ¥999

🌙 ¥1,000-1,999



Aoyama Flower Market TEA HOUSE

(🚶4minutes from Harajuku station)

fruits & sweets
teas

☀️ ¥1000-1999

🌙 ¥1000-1999

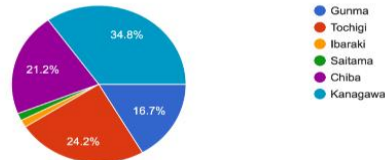


Travel

Meiji Students – Take A One-day Trip!!

Take a look at the results of the survey aimed at Meiji University students. 34.8 percent of students want to go Kanagawa Prefecture. 24.2 percent of students want to go Tochigi Prefecture. And 21.2 percent of students want to go Chiba Prefecture. In this article, 3 Prefectures are picked up, and 1 place is selected per each prefecture.

Which prefecture do you want to go for a day trip? (You can choose only one option.)
66 responses



• Kanagawa - Chinatown

In Kanagawa, there are many places to go. But especially, Chinatown is the most popular place among the young for its foods. It takes about 45 minutes to get there.

Recommendation	Ryukai hanten All-you-can-eat: ¥3,180 Shrimp Chili: 950 yen (lunch)
How long (from Tokyo Station)	45 minutes
How much	¥5,000-10,000
How to get there	By train (Keihin Tohoku Line) ¥570



• Tochigi - Nikko

In Tochigi, there are many places to visit, but Nikko is the most popular for sightseeing. Nikko is the most famous spot for its autumn leaves. Also, Nikko has a famous temple called “Nikko Toshogu”. It was built about 400 years ago, and in 1999, it was registered as a World Heritage Site.

Recommendation	Nikkko Toshogu
How long (from Tokyo Station)	2-3 hours
How much	¥10,000-15,000
How to get there	By train (JR or Tobu) ¥2,970



• Chiba - [Tokyo Disney Land](#)

In Chiba, the most popular place is of course “Tokyo Disney Land”. Despite the high price of the entrance fee, it remains the most popular place for the young. In these days, it needs reservation for entering, but limit on the number of people is virtually abolished.

Recommendation	Space Mountain
How long (from Tokyo Station)	30 minutes
How much	¥15,000-20,000
Advice	Needs reservation



• Advice of a One-day trip

Actually, you should not choose the place you go by how much / how long. It should be decided by your interests or concerns. There are many places to visit near Tokyo. You can use your weekend to go on a trip if it is a one-day trip. Make plans, and then all you need is to take action.

Entertainment

Meiji Graduates you've never seen!

Here are some alumni who are well-known in the eyes of students, and some who actually graduated from Meiji but are less recognised. We bet you'll be astonished!

Students' Choices! Who are the most famous?

1st Keiko Kitagawa (Actress)

School of Commerce (2008)

2nd Tomohisa Yamashita (Actor/Singer)

School of Commerce (2009)



3rd Jun Mizutani (Table Tennis Player)(left)

School of Political Science and Economics (2012)

4th Takeshi Kitano (Comedian)(right)

School of Technology

5th Osamu Mukai (Actor)(centre)

School of Agriculture (2005)

Let us see the results of our survey!! The prestigious number graduate is actress **Keiko Kitagawa**. Her good looks and extensive media exposure have given her an overwhelming level of recognition among students. In second place was **Tomohisa Yamashita**, nicknamed 'Yamapi', who gave a congratulatory speech at the Meiji University entrance ceremony some years ago. He said, "The first difficult choice I had to make in my life was the decision to go to university while continuing my entertainment career. Since I had been performing since that time, I always sat at the back of the class to

attend lectures, trying to be as inconspicuous as possible during my school life. To be honest, I never even went to the canteen." However, he recalls that his friends helped him a lot to make his university life comfortable. In third place was Olympic gold medallist **Jun Mizutani**. His doubles team with Mima Ito is still fresh in our memory. He has also recently retired from active table tennis and has appeared on a number of TV programmes. In fourth place is **Takeshi Kitano**, a world-renowned film director and one of Japan's leading comedians. In fact, he did not graduate from university at the time he attended. This was because during his time as a student at Meiji University from 1965 to 1970, the school conflict spread and classes were not held. He lost the desire to attend university. However, he continued to study hard and earned 106 credits up to his third year. With a normal academic situation, the chances of graduation are great. Since then, Mr Kitano, as you all know, has made great achievements as a TV personality, actor and film director. In particular, his 1997 film "HANA-BI" won the Golden Lion at the Venice International Film Festival, and his 20 The Silver Lion at the Venice International Film Festival for his 2003 film "Zatoichi" demonstrates his international reputation as a film director. His achievements both at home and abroad are a great honour for Meiji University as an educational institution. A special graduation certificate was therefore awarded to him in 2004. In fifth place is actor **Osamu Mukai**. He is famous for his neat face and has starred in many dramas and films, and is very popular. The other top ten in the ranking are announcer **Shinichiro Azumi**, idol **Kei Ino**, professional footballer **Yuto Nagatomo**, former Prime Minister **Tomiichi Murayama** and actress **Mone Kamishiraishi**.

Other Choices!

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The following section introduces celebrities from Meiji University who were hardly named in the survey results, but are in fact active at the forefront of the entertainment industry. One person we particularly urge you to recognise is actor **Yutaka Matsushige** (1986), who captivates viewers with his wide range of roles in films and TV dramas.



From yakuza roles to simply eating a lot of food in restaurants, you might not be able to go a day without seeing him in other roles. As a memory from his days at Izumi campus, he once told a radio interview that the footbridge leading to the campus, which everyone has passed through at least once, was so narrow that he had to wait for the Sumo Club members coming from the other side to cross. That's a scene that would be unthinkable nowadays.



Next, **Tachikawa Shinosuke** (1976). He was for many years the host of NHK's flagship programme *Tameshite Gatten*. He was a member of a rakugo research group when he was at university. His life as a rakugo artist began at our alma mater, Meiji University.

Next is actress and comedian **Rie Shibata** (1981). In a previous interview with MEISPO, she said that Meiji University was a staunch and hard-edged school in her days. In her days, the cafeteria was all about what the

boys munched on. There were no puddings, cakes or anything cute like that. But now there are more girls, and they are all fashionable, and the school has become a place to be admired.



Next, actress **Umika Kawashima**. (2016)

The reason she enrolled at Meiji was because the house studio used for filming was behind the ground in Izumi, and she went through the campus for about three months when she was in high school, and when she saw how lively the students were, she thought it would be nice to enter that university. She also mentioned in another interview that she fell asleep many times in the reading area of the library at the Izumi campus, and it was reconfirmed that it was the best place to take a nap. We will keep an eye on her future activities.

Lastly, the comedian **Shingo Fujimori**. (2005)



He stated in an interview with Meiji Now that he loves the atmosphere of the Izumi campus. He lived in Sakurajosui for four years and says that he got to know a lot about Tokyo and learnt a lot thanks to his time at Meiji. He also belonged to a

tennis club and was very happy to have a girlfriend. He often came to the Surugadai campus cafeteria with her. That's a very popular guy! It seems that his experiences and good memories of Meiji University will remain vivid in his mind forever.

Other graduates include actress **Mao Inoue**, voice actor **Kenjiro Tsuda** and manga artist **Norifusa Mita**. How many graduates did you all know?

Entertainment

So Many Works Related to Meiji!

Three Notable Works

① "The Story of Naomi Uemura"

(『植村直己物語』, 1986, Starring Toshiyuki Nishida)



The movie depicts the latter half of the life of Naomi Uemura, a world-renowned adventurer. Also, both **Naomi Uemura** and **Toshiyuki Nishida** used to be **Meiji students**. (Toshiyuki Nishida dropped out of Meiji)

② "I Fell in Love Like a Flower Bouquet"

(『花束みたいな恋をした』, 2021,

Hero: Masaki Suda, Heroine: Kasumi Arimura)



Mugi Yamane (Masaki Suda) and Kinu Hachiya (Kasumi Arimura) met by chance when they missed the last train at **Meidaimae Station on the Keio Line** in Tokyo. They like the same music and films and fell in love in no time.

1.29 After graduating from university, they started living together while working as part-timers. They find their favourite bakery in the neighborhood, name a cat by themselves that they picked up, and continue their job search with the goal of maintaining the daily status quo even after Shibuya Parco closes and the final episode of SMAP×SMAP came out.

Official Trailer :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFrBhxMpMwk>

③ "The End of the Pale Hour"

(『明け方の若者たち』, 2021,
Hero: Takumi Kitamura, Heroine: Yuna Kuroshima)



The last boring drinking party for students was held at **Meidamae, Tokyo**. The hero instantly fell in love with the heroine whom he met there.

The stage he saw at Suzunari in Shimokitazawa, the day he started living alone in Koenji, the end of July when he traveled because of a rivalry against Fuji Rock... While his world is filled with <her>, he becomes a working adult and is devastated by a life that he didn't expect. A stifling company, a reality that differs from the future he dreamed of.

The time he drank until dawn, the existence of his best friend and his girlfriend were the only things that saved him.

"But I knew from the beginning. One day, this time would come to an end..."

Masahiko Katsuse, the author, is a **Meiji OB**. In addition, the **"Whale Park,"** or **Suginami Ward Tamagawa Josui Park**, is used for a scene when the hero and heroine left a drinking party to make a toast together. This park is near the Izumi campus.

(<https://www.city.suginami.tokyo.jp/shisetsu/kouen/01/izumi/1007087.html>)

Official Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyXKlecR9y4&t=1s>

Other Works

"Kangekijidai" (『感激時代』, 1928), "A Wanderer's Notebook" (『放浪記』, 1930),

"Bokou no hanagata" (『母校の花形』, 1937), "Tokyo Twilight" (『東京暮色』, 1957), "The Dancing Girl of Izu"

(『伊豆の踊子』, 1963), "Setouchi syonen yakyu dan • seishun hen saigono rakuen" (『瀬戸内少年野球団・青春

篇 最後の楽園』, 1987), "Bochan no jidai" (『「坊っちゃん」の時代』, 1987~1996), "SCRATCH TIME" (『スクラ

ッチタイム』, 1987~1990), "Kike wadatsumi no koe Last Friends" (『きけ、わだつみの声 Last

Friends』, 1995), "Konohoshi no yoake" (『この星の夜明け』, 1996), "Happy Mania" (『ハッピーマニ

ア』, 1998), "Kara no kyokai" (『空の境界』, 2001~), "Chocotto Sister" (『ちょこっと Sister』, 2003~2007), "Sea

without Exit" (『出口のない海』, 2006), "The Usume Boys" (『ウスケボーイズ 日本ワインの革命児た

ち』, 2010), "Watakushi wa" (『ワタクシハ』, 2011), "Dropkick on My Devil!" (『邪神ちゃんドロップキッ

ク』, 2012~), "BROTHERS CONFLICT" (『BROTHERS CONFLICT』, 2013~), "Domestic Girlfriend" (『ドメスティックな

彼女』, 2014~2020), "Dead Dead Demon's Dededede Destruction" (『デッドデッドデーモンズデデデデストラ

クション』, 2014~2022), "Blue Flaa" (『青のフラッグ』, 2017~2020)

SPORTS

2022 World Cup

The World Cup is one of the most famous tournaments of soccer. It will be held this year. Let's check the group that Japan belongs to. Japan is in "group E". There are Germany, Spain and Costa Rica.

Famous players from each country

Of course, all countries have a lot of good players. But this time, we pick up four players from four countries.

Japan

At first, Takefusa Kubo is a promising star of Japan. He is called "Treasure of Japan".



Germany

Second, Germany is a very strong country. Because Germany has won the trophies 4 times. A player to watch is Kai Havertz. He is an attacking midfielder.



Spain

Spain is also formidable. In 2010, this team was champion. A young player is attracted around the world. His name is Pablo Martín Páez Gavira. He is commonly called "Gavi". He is active in the prestigious team: Barcelona.



Costa Rica

Finally, Costa Rica is a good team. Actually, the highest grade of this team is better than that of Japan. Their impregnable goalkeeper is Keilor Navas. His ability helps Paris Saint-Germain to win.



How are their performances?

	Appearances	Wins
Japan	17 times	0(last 16)
Germany	20 times	4
Spain	15 times	1
Costa Rica	7 times	0(last 8)

A famous player from Meiji...

By the way, do you know a soccer player who graduated from Meiji university? His name is Yuto Nagatomo. He has played 136 times as a member of a Japanese national team.

