



# See Science In Action: The Photocatalyst Museum

「光触媒ミュージアム」について

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Located inside Kanagawa Science Park, the Photocatalyst Museum was established to teach the general public about the new products using photocatalyst technology and the scientific principles behind them. Products attracting attention recently include self-cleaning and non-fogging window glass, and camping tents that wash off easily using only water. At the museum you can see and handle some of these items for yourself. Products made in Kawasaki which use photocatalysts are also on display here.



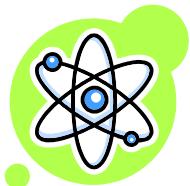
When ultraviolet light strikes a photocatalytic material, radicals are produced at the surface which can decompose harmful substances and render them harmless. In addition, under UV light the surface of the material becomes hydrophilic, that is, water tends to spread evenly over the surface without forming droplets. This means that glass coated with such a material, for example, tends not to fog up.

This museum is one of those places where we can take a good look at the science at work in our everyday lives. It's definitely worth a visit.

The Photocatalyst Museum, called the KOUSHOKUBAI MUSEUM in Japanese, is open weekdays from 10am to 5pm. It's closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Admission is free.

The museum is located inside Kanagawa Science Park, which is also called KSP. You can get to KSP by taking a free, non-stop shuttle bus from Mizonokuchi Station; the bus takes about five minutes.

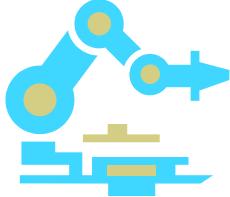
For more information you can call the Photocatalyst Museum at 0 4 4 – 8 1 4 – 5 0 9 6 .



# The 14th Kawasaki Robot Competition

「第14回かわさきロボット競技大会」について

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This three-day event, called in Japanese the DAI JYUYON KAI KAWASAKI ROBOTTO KYOUGI TAIKAI, aims at nurturing harmony between humans and robots, and serves as a gateway to manufacturing careers for many young beginners.

Hand-made radio-controlled robots having leg and arm structures will fight it out in a mixed martial arts tournament called the Battle Robot Tournament. Elementary and junior high school students will operate regulation robots in a square ring to do battle in the Junior Robot Competition. In addition, there will be robots on display in a Robot Processing Technology Mini-Industrial Fair.

It's an event well suited to Kawasaki, City of Manufacturing, and admission is free.

The competition will be held from Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Industrial Promotion Hall, known in Japanese as the SANGYO SHINKOU KAIKAN.

The Industrial Promotion Hall is about an 8 – minute walk from the west exit of JR Kawasaki Station.

If you have any questions you can call the executive committee of the 14<sup>th</sup> Kawasaki Robot Competition, which is called the DAI JYUYON KAI KAWASAKI ROBOTTO KYOUGI TAIKAI JIKKO I-IN KAI in Japanese. Their phone number is 0 4 4 – 5 4 8 – 4 1 1 7 .

# Emergency Evacuation: Be Prepared!!

「災害時の避難」について

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September 1<sup>st</sup> is Disaster Prevention Day.

It would be a good idea to take some time and find out where your nearest emergency evacuation shelter or large scale evacuation site is. A booklet in Japanese called WAGA IE NO BOUSAI HANDBUKKU is available at all the ward offices, and it contains maps showing the evacuation sites and related facilities in each of the city's wards. A smaller booklet is also available with English versions of these maps.

Things to be careful about when it comes time to evacuate include the following:

- \*Make sure you turn off the gas valves and electric circuit breakers in your residence before leaving;
- \*Put on shoes with strong soles and wear a helmet or something to protect your head;
- \*Bring only your minimum personal belongings with you;
- \*Follow instructions given by local authorities, police or firefighters.



Let us always remain aware of the need for disaster preparedness, and make sure we are ready for whatever may happen.

If you have questions about disaster prevention or preparedness you can call the General Affairs Bureau, Crisis Management Office (called the SOUMU-KYOKU KIKI KANRI SHITSU in Japanese); their number is 0 4 4 – 2 0 0 – 2 8 4 0 .

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**A:** Date & Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, from 2:00pm-4:00pm (Sept/1, Oct/6, Nov/3, Dec/1)

Place: Kanagawa Volunteer Support Center

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Place: Kawasaki International Center

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