Graduate School

Graduate School of Fashion and Living Environment Studies

Master's Program in Clothing Science Studies

Global Fashion Concentration (English-Language Program)

Guidelines for Admission 2026

(For April Entry 2026)

Bunka Gakuen University Graduate School

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Notice

The dates and times listed in this Guidelines for Admission 2026 are based on Japan Standard Time.

<Privacy Policy>

Admissions results as well as information that the university acquires about individuals from applications and other materials shall be kept confidential and used solely within the scope of university admissions work and for matters incidental to such work.

Admissions Policy

The founding spirit of Bunka Gakuen University is "Creating New Beauty and Culture", and our primary objective is to create the culture of the next generation through education and research. In each of our academic disciplines, we search for new beauty to spearhead the age. We accept those who appreciate the educational objectives of our faculties and departments, and intend to contribute to the international community by striving to master specialized knowledge and skills. In our admissions process, we evaluate applicants' qualifications, including their creativity and sensitivity, and accept those who possess adaptability from an international perspective.

Graduate School of Fashion and Living Environment Studies

This program looks at the living environment that surrounds human beings and develops young academics with research skills suitable for this age of knowledge and trains up highly specialized professionals who can develop and apply cutting-edge technology. We accept those who aspire to such career paths.

■ Master's Program in Clothing Science Studies

This program accepts those who want to be an independent researcher in fashion science drawing on the specialized education at the faculty, and aspire to be high-level specialists in charge of developing cutting-edge techniques and information in the fashion industry.

Admissions Quota

Graduate School	Master's Program	Concentration	Admissions Quota	
Graduate School of Fashion and Living Environment Studies	Master's Program in Clothing Science Studies	Advanced Fashion Design Concentration	20*	
		Taxtile Science Concentration		
		Clothing Functionality Concentration		
		Fashion Sociology and Culture Concentration		
		Fashion Business Concentration		
		Global Fashion Concentration		

* Admissions Quota includes some midcareer applicants.

Application Eligibility

Those who satisfy ANY of the following requirements;

- (1) Those who have graduated from university (earned a bachelor's degree) or expect to graduate from university in March 2026 (bachelor's degree expected).
- (2) Those who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded the Bachelor's degree by the National Institution for Academic Degrees and Quality Enhancement of Higher Education by March 2026.
- (3) Those who have completed 16-year school education program overseas or expect to complete such program in March 2026.
- (4) Those who have completed or are expected to have completed a 16-year school education curriculum of another country by March 2026 by undertaking while in Japan via a distance learning course administered by a school located in the relevant country.
- (5) Those who have completed 15-year school education program overseas, and have been recognized as earning approved credits by excellent grade.
- (6) Those in Japan who have completed or are expected to have completed a course specifically designated by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology at an educational facility positioned within the school education system of another country having foreign university programs (with the condition that these graduates have completed a 16-year educational curriculum of the relevant foreign country) by March 2026.
- (7) Those who have been awarded or are expected to be awarded the academic degree equivalent to the Bachelor's degree by completing a course for 3 years or more overseas by March 2026.
- (8) Those who have completed a specialized course of study at a vocational school in Japan and have earned an advanced diploma or expect to receive such diploma in March 2026.
- (9) Those who have been recognized by the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology as qualified for admission.
- (10) Those who have been recognized as possessing acadmic ability at least equivalent to a Bachelor's degree through an individual admission qualification assessment at Bunka Gakuen University Graduate School, and who have reached the age of 22 or will have reached the age of 22 by March 31, 2026.

*Those applying for (10) must pass the qualification assessment for admission in advance. Those who wish to be assessed should contact the Admissions Office (03-3299-2311) by the following date.

[1st Session] July 4 (Fri), 2025 [2nd Session] November 14 (Fri), 2025 *It must reach us no later than the date.

Application Procedures

*Advance Consultation

Before submission of your application, you must get in contact with the Admissions Office and send your own information and documents as below via e-mail by the appointed date.

[1st Session] by July 11 (Fri), 2025 [2nd Session] by November 28 (Fri), 2025

[Information and Documents for Advance Consultation]

- 1. Name (Last / First)
- 2. Sex (Male or Female)
- 3. Age (Date of Birth)
- 4. Nationality
- 5. Academic Background (University's Name / Major / Graduated Year / Theme of Bachelor's Thesis)
- 6. Transcript and Certificate of Bachelo's Degree issued by university
- 7. Theme of research to which you wish to study in Global Fashion Concentration, Master's Program
- 8. Research Plan in Global Fashion Concentration
- 9. Portfolios (for applicant who desires to complete a collection to be eligible for Master's degree)

[E-mail Address]

nyushi@bunka.ac.jp

Online Interview

The university considers whether it is possible to accept the applicants' desired research. In case it is accepted, the university will inform the date of online interview to you directly. The applicants who passed the online interview with the professors, go through formal application procedures and submit the necessary documents during application session.

1. Application Session

[1st Session] September 8 (Mon) to 4:00 PM on September 12 (Fri), 2025 [2nd Session] January 26 (Mon) to 4:00 PM on January 30 (Fri), 2026

2. How to Apply

Applications may be submitted either by post (simplified registered mail) or in person at the Admissions Office. Those applying from outside of Japan are asked to submit their application by Express Mail (ex. DHL, EMS etc.).

The Admissions Office is opened from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM (weekdays).

Application documents submitted by mail must reach us by 4:00 PM on the final day of the above application session. (Applicants must pay the application fee by credit card during application session. Please check "3. **Application Fee**" below.) In case of sending the application documents by mail, send to the following mailing address.

* Mailing address for applications sent from overseas by Express Mail

Address: BUNKA GAKUEN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

3-22-1 YOYOGI, SHIBUYA-KU, TOKYO 151-8523 JAPAN

Phone: +81(0)3-3299-2311

Detailed description of contents: Application documents for Global Fashion Concentration

* Mailing address for applications sent domestically by simplified registered mail

Address: 〒151-8523 東京都渋谷区代々木 3-22-1 文化学園大学大学院 入試広報課

Phone: 03-3299-2311

Print in red ink in English "ENCL: Application for Global Fashion Concentration" (or write in red ink in Japanese グローバルファッション専修出願書類在中) on the envelope.

3. Application Fee 35,000 yen

How to Pay the Application Fee

(1) Be sure to pay the application fee during the specified period as below.

[1st Session] 10:00 AM on September 8 (Mon) to 12:00 PM on September 12 (Fri), 2025 [2nd Session] 10:00 AM on January 26 (Mon) to 12:00 PM on January 30 (Fri), 2026

(2) The univeristy accepts payment by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, MUFG, DC, UFJ, NICOS)

and by China UnionPay (CUP). Further details are available on p.7 "Application Fee Payment Method (Credit Card)"

and the following official website.

[Application Fee Payment Website] https://e-apply.jp/e/bunka-gakuen-university/

- *The payment fee (including tax) will be charged in addition to the application fee. The handling charge is 917 yen.
- (3) Send the scanned "Handling Statement" by e-mail to the admissions office until the deadline of application period. [Admissions office E-mail] nyushi@bunka.ac.jp

4. Attention for Applying

- (1) Applications will not be accepted if their application documents are incomplete or insufficient, or if the application fee has not been paid.
- (2) As having online interview of advance consultation, you need to show your portfolio or works to our professors. You have to submit "Self-produced Works Proof Certificate" to us then. Download the university-designated form (10) on our website, input and print it out. In case of applying after online interview, this certificate will be one of necessary application documents.
- (3) Unless otherwise indicated, submit an original application documents written in English or Japanese. For documents in other languages, these should be translated in English or Japanese with the verification of translation by the issuing institution, translation agency or other appropriate office officially approved by the government.
- (4) Applications will not be returned once submitted, and the application fee will not be refunded once paid.
- (5) No changes may be made to submitted documents.
- (6) A false statement on an application may result in the rescinding of an offer of acceptance.

5. Application Documents

To apply for admission, Japanese students must complete application documents ① to ① and International students must complete application documents ① to ②. Midcareer applicants must submit documents ③ as well.

[University-designated forms]

- ①⑤: Download through our website, input information in these forms and print out on white A4 paper, one side only.
- ③①: Download through our website, print out on white A4 paper and complete it.
- (3): If you are a midcareer applicant, download through our website, input and print out on white A4 paper.

[Official Website] https://bwu.bunka.ac.jp/languages/english/examination/in.php

Complete the documents after reading the above "4. **Attention for Applying**", and submit them either by post (simplified registered mail) or in person to the Admissions Office. Applicants residing outside of Japan should send all scanned documents to the admissions office by e-mail before submitting originals by Express Mail.

1 Application Form 1 · 2 university-designated form

Download the university-designated forms on our official website, input in English and print them out. And, paste one of your ID photographs (②) on Application Form 1.

If you want to apply for dormitory housing, place a checkmark in the box entitled "Dormitory Housing Request" on Application Form 1.

2 Photographs (2 sheets)

Provide 2 ID photographs of your face, upper body with no hat on the plain background, no snapshots, height 4cm× width 3 cm, taken within the last three months of application submission and not edited.

Paste your photographs to [① Application Form 1] and [② Photograph Sheet]. These photographs will be used for your student ID card in Bunka Gakuen University Graduate School.

3 Photograph Sheet university-designated form

Download the university-designated form on our official website, write your name, and paste one of your ID photographs (②) to this sheet.

4 Proof of English Proficiency

Submit either an English proficiency test score or other documents for your English proficiency. There is no university-designated form, but the document must bear the official signature and seal of the preparer of the statement of proficiency. Applicants are not allowed write your own statement.

ex) English proficiency test score : TOEFL iBT $^{\text{®}}$ / TOEIC $^{\text{®}}$ / IELTS $^{\text{TM}}$

* Required Scores for Admission and How to Request an Official Certificate for TOEFL® and/or TOEIC® The method for requesting official score certificates differs based on the testing organization. Certificates take time to be issued. Order the certificates early so that they can be delivered by the application deadline. Direct any questions about ordering official score certificates to the testing organization.

• TOEFL iBT® [How to Request an Official Score Certificate]

The code of Bunka Gakuen University is 8918. Use this code to ask the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send your official score receipt directly to the university. Also submit a copy of your examinee score report with your other application materials as an unofficial score.

[Required Scores for Admission in Principle] The minimum score must be 79.

• TOEIC® [How to Request an Official Score Certificate]

Submit with your other application materials the official score certificate reissued by the Institute for International Business Communication, which administers TOEIC®.

[Required Scores for Admission in Principle] The minimum score of L&R must be 740.

*IELTS™

In case of having IELTS™ score, submit the official score certificate of IELTS™ with your other application materials. [Required Scores for Admission in Principle] The minimum score must be 6.0.

⑤ Research Plan 1·2 (Application Form 3) university-designated form

Download the university-designated forms on our official website, input in English and print them out.

6 Transcript from the University You Earned a Bachelor's Degree

* May be prepared in either English or Japanese.

Those who transferred from a junior college to a 4-year university must also submit a transcript from your junior college with your other application materials. Any transcript written in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied by a translation into one of them. Refer to (3) on "4. **Attention for Applying**" (p.3).

⑦ Degree Certificate from the University You Earned a Bachelor's Degree or Certificate of Expected Graduation

* May be prepared in either English or Japanese.

Any certificate written in languages other than English or Japanese must be accompanied by a translation into one of them. Refer to (3) on "4. **Attention for Applying**" (p.3).

® Graduation Thesis or Report Written in English

Submit the graduation thesis or report written in English in the university.

9 Portfolios [For applicant who desires to complete a collection to be eligible for Master's degree

Submit your own original portfolios in case of desiring to complete a collection to be eligible for Master's degree.

Self-produced Works Proof Certificate university-designated form

In case of showing the portfolios or works as online interview of advance consultation before applying, submit the self-produced works proof certificate signed by our professors.

① Copy of Residence Card or Passport [For only International students]

Submit color copies of both sides of the resident card if you live in Japan.

* If a residence card is not issued, the color copy of your passport or identification in your home country must be submitted.

(2) Financial Support Statement For only International students university-designated form

Download the university-designated form on our official website. Several fields need to be completed by you and your financial supporter respectively.

(3) Acceptance Letter of Applying for Admission (For only midcareer applicants) university-designated form

Midcareer applicants who will continue to be affiliated with their workplace as they study at the graduate school must submit an university-designated letter written by your division head permitting you to apply for the graduate school.

* Letters of Recommendation

As a general rule, letters of recommendation by an applicant's former university supervising professors are not mandatory components of the application. Applicants are free to decide whether or not to submit such a letter. Should you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, please note that no specific format is required.

* International Students Requiring a Certificate of Acceptance for Admission

Place a checkmark in the box entitled "Require a Certificate of Acceptance for Admission" on [① Application Form 1] if you require a Certificate of Acceptance for Admission to renew your visa after you have been accepted at Bunka Gakuen University Graduate School. After you have completed enrollment procedures, the Admissions Office can issue and send you a certificate by e-mail.

Entrance Examination

1. Entrance Examination Subjects

Residing outside of Japan: "Screening Application Documents"

Residing in Japan: "Screening Application Documents" and "Interview at the campus"

2. Notice of Receiving Application Documents

[1st Session] by September 17 (Wed), 2025

[2nd Session] by February 4 (Wed), 2026

The university will notify of receiving application by e-mail until the above date to all whose applications have been received in full. Please provide your e-mail address through Application Form 1.

3. Date of Interview

[1st Session] September 24 (Wed), 2025

[2nd Session] February 13 (Fri), 2026

The time of your interview will be provided with the notification of receiving application documents.

4. Location of Interview

Bunka Gakuen University

Address: 3-22-1 Yoyogi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-8523 JAPAN

Access: From JR lines (Yamanote Line, Chuo Line, Sobu Line, Saikyo Line, Shonan-Shinjuku Line), Odakyu Line, Keio Line, and subway lines (Toei Shinjuku Line, Toei Oedo Line, Marunouchi Line)

exit Shinjuku Station at the South Exit or Koshu-Kaido Gate, and walk along Koshu-Kaido Avenue toward Hatsudai for 7 minutes.

5. Examination Regulations

- 1. Arrive at the waiting room 20 minutes prior to the interview start time. You may enter the waiting room up to 50 minutes prior to your interview start time. A staff member will escort you from the waiting room to the interview room.
- 2. In principle, those who arrive after the interview start time are not given an interview.
 - *If there is a possibility that you will be late due to delay in public transportation, etc., contact the Admissions Office for instructions. Be sure to receive a delay certificate from the public transportation operator and submit it to the Admissions Office.

Announcement of Results

The university will send the admissions results by post (Express Mail) on the date as below. Admissions results will be also made available on the website during the period as below. The official admissions results are mailed by postal service. Please be sure to confirm the documents sent to you.

Read p.8 for detal regarding the website service. This service is in Japanese only.

[1st Session] Website - 10:00 AM on October 2 (Thu) to 11:59 PM on October 4 (Sat), 2025

Mail - October 4 (Sat), 2025

[2nd Session] Website - 10:00 AM on February 20 (Fri) to 11:59 PM on February 22 (Sun), 2026

Mail - February 21 (Sat), 2026

- * Inquiries regarding admissions results by telephone and e-mail will not be accepted.
- * Contact us if you have been accepted at the university but enrollment materials do not arrive by two days after the date of announcement by post.
- *Admissions results will be sent via Express Mail to applicants residing overseas. Results may arrive slightly late depending on the speed of the postal service.
- *Be sure to indicate the correct address in the box entitled "Current Address" on the application form.

Enrollment Procedures

The university will send the enrollment procedures details with notification of acceptance to successful applicants. The designated university expenses must be received by the enrollment deadline to be considered complete.

1. Enrollment Deadline

[1st Session] by October 15 (Wed), 2025 [2nd Session] by March 5 (Thu), 2026

2. Information after Enrollment

Information about the entrance ceremony and pre-enrollment matters are provided in the materials that are sent with admissions results.

3. For prospective university graduates

If applicants who have passed the entrance examination as prospective university graduates would fail to graduate by March 31, 2026, will not be admitted to the graduate school.

Also prospective university graduates need to submit the bachelor's degree certificate or the graduation certificate issued by your university on the day of entrance ceremony.

Payable 24 hours a day

You can pay the fee by credit card.



Access the following page by PC https://e-apply.jp/e/bunka-gakuen-university/

- 1. Click the "Apply" button on the top page.
- 2. Select the Graduate School Examination and the Global Fashion Concentration, and click the "Next" button.
- 3. Confirm and agree to the terms and conditions, and click the "Next" button.
- 4. Enter the applicant's basic information, agree to the "Personal Information Handling Method," and click the "Next" button.
- 5. Confirm the application information, and if everything is correct, click the "Apply" button.
- 6. Note the receipt number (12 digits) and click the "Next" button. (The receipt number will also be sent to your registered e-mail address.)
- 7. 1. Credit Card Information Entry Please enter "Card Number", "Expiration Date", and "Card Confirmation Number" to make a payment.
- 7. 2. China Union Pav Please enter your "Bank Account Number", "Expiration Date", "Password", etc., and make a payment.
- *The name of the cardholder can be anyone other than the applicant.
- 8. Please log in to the URL provided in the e-mail address sent to you after the payment is completed. Please print out the Handling Statement.

If you do not receive an email notification, please click the "Confirm Application" button on the TOP page and log in with your "Receipt Number"

Please send the scanned "Handling Statement" by e-mail to the admissions office until the deadline of application period according to the instructions in the Guidelines for Admission.



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[Notes and FAQs]

- •Please check the application period in the guidelines for admission and submit your application in time.
- •Please complete your card payment by 11:59 am on the last day of payment.
- •The payment fee (including tax) will be charged in addition to the application fee. Payment handling charge (including tax): 35,000 yen, handling charge 917 yen
- ●The credit card holder can be anyone other than the applicant. However, please be sure to enter the applicant's information on the Basic Information Entry screen.
- ●If you do not receive an e-mail notification, please click the "Confirm Application Details" button on the TOP page and log in with your "Receipt Number (12 digits)", "Registered E-mail Address" and "Date of Birth".
- Please note that once you have paid the application fee, it is non-refundable.
- If your credit card is not approved, please contact your credit card company directly.

If you have any questions, please see "Contact Us" from "Introduction" on the top page and contact the "Learning & Education Support Center".

How to Confirm the Result on Website (in Japanese only)

The website service of admission result is in Japanese only.

The admissions results via website are unofficial, please confirm the results sent by post.

Web(スマートフォン・iPhone・パソコン)から合否の確認ができます。 (合格発表日の午前10時より案内します。)

【合否案内サービス利用上の注意】

- ●このサービスはあくまでも速報であり、正式には郵送いたします合否通知書で再確認してください。
- ●このサービスの「誤操作」「見間違え」等に対して、本学は一切責任を負いません。
- ●サービス開始直後はアクセスが多く、つながりにくい場合があります。その場合はしばらくたってから再度操作をしてください。
- ●機材の性能や接続方法、ブラウザ設定などにより表示に時間がかかったり、文字化けが発生する場合があります。

■ Web(スマートフォン・iPhone・パソコン)による合否確認方法

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https://www.gouhi.com/bunka-gakuen/



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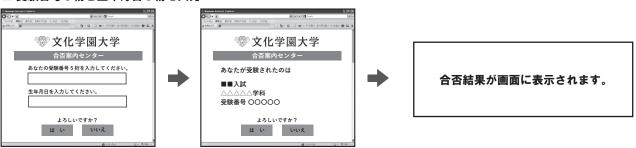
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受験内容を確認してください。

University Expenses for 2026

W University expenses are tax-free.

The sum paid at time of enrollment is the total for the first semester of the first year.

Graduate School (Master's Program)

(monetary unit = yen)

Division	Ser	nester	Enrollment Fee	Tuition	Educational Enhancement Fee	Seminar and Training Costs	Medical Examination and Insurance Fee
Others First Year Students		First Semester	300,000	375,000	150,000	21,250	1,500
	First	Second Semester		375,000	150,000	21,250	
	First Semester	130,000	375,000	137,500	21,250	1,500	
		Second Semester		375,000	137,500	21,250	
Second Year (annual)			750,000	300,000	39,500	1,500	

Division	Student Activity Costs (including student association fee and alumni association lifetime membership fee)
Others	20,360 yen with enrollment, 5,000 yen with the first semester of the second year
Current Students	6,840 yen with enrollment, 5,000 yen with the first semester of the second year

Division	Total of Enrollment including first semeseter	Total of Second Semester	Total of First Year
Others	868,110	546,250	1,414,360
Current Students	672,090	533,750	1,205,840

■ Attention

Enrollment fee, Educational Enhancement Fee and Student Activity Costs for students entering from Bunka Gakuen University are the amounts for "Current Students".

■ Reduction or Exempting of Tuition for Privately Financed International Students

Tuition is reduced or exempt in some cases in accordance with the Bunka Gakuen University Regulations regarding the Reduction of Exempting of Tuition for Privately Financed International Students (reduction or exempting of university expenses in the second semester). Such reduction or exempting cannot be applied in combination with another scholarship.

Student Dormitory

To Applicants Wishing to Apply for Entering a Student Dormitory

The student dormitory provides a common home to students from all across Japan, as well as students from overseas, and there are some basic rules in place to help numerous students lead a better dormitory life together.

If you wish to enter it, please check the box entitled "Dormitory Housing Request" on Application Form 1. In the case the number of applicants exceeds the vacancy capacity, applicants will be selected by lottery. A set of documents concerning entering and living in a dormitory will be sent to applicants chosen by lottery. For details of the dormitory, please refer to the following.

- *Fees and costs are payable every month.
- *Any amount paid will not be refundable as a general rule.
- *Co-ed dormitory where students from other scholls also live
- *Contact period: one or two years (optional)
- * Students who withdraw or take a leave of absence from Bunka Gakuen University must leave the dormitory.

	CAMPUS VILLAGE Chitose-Karasuyama		
Location	4-4-9 Minami-Karasuyama, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo		
Transportation	Approx. 4 min. on foot from Chitose-Karasuyama station on Keio Line		
Commuting Time and Fee to Campus	Approx. 30 min. (train) Keio Line : 2,620 yen (monthly)		
Common Service and Facilities	Self-locking door / Caretaker / Security camera / Delivery BOX / Shared kitchen / Free bicycle parking / Meals included (optional, paid) Cafeteria / Study room / Provate study booths / Elavator		
Exclusive Service and Facilities (Private Room)	Monitored Intercom / Bath dehumidifier / Bidet Toilet Seat / Wash stand / Entrance allowed for visitors Closet / Desk / Chair / Bed / Curtains / Refrigerator / Washing machine / Shoe rack / Air conditioner / Free Internet (Wi-Fi included). Single bed Washing machine Washing machine		

Dormitory Expenses (Monthly fee)

(monetary unit = yen)

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Room Charge	78,500	
Common Service Expense	23,000	
Meals (Optional)	26,950	

Map and Access to Campus / Examination Location

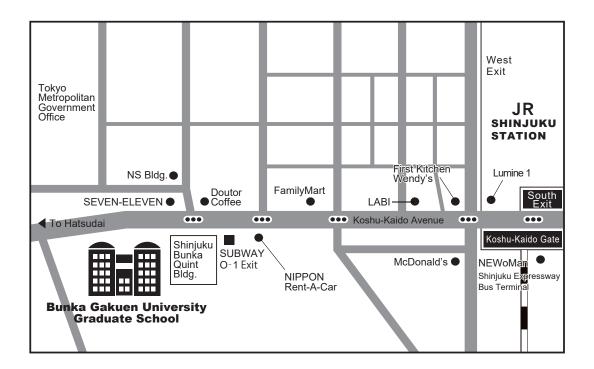
Location of Interview

Bunka Gakuen University

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Access: From JR lines (Yamanote Line, Chuo Line, Sobu Line, Saikyo Line, Shonan-Shinjuku Line), Odakyu Line, Keio Line, and subway lines (Toei Shinjuku Line, Toei Oedo Line, Marunouchi Line)

exit Shinjuku Station at the South Exit or Koshu-Kaido Gate, and walk along Koshu-Kaido Avenue toward Hatsudai for 7 minutes.



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