

# 蔵前 かわら版

KURAMAE  
KAWARABAN

街歩き MAGAZINE  
— 蔵前商店街編 —

蔵前に来た人にも、暮らす人にも、  
これから来る人にも。

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Kuramae  
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# KURAMAE 蔵前 KAWARABAN かわら版

CITY WALK MAGAZINE  
— KURAMAE SHOTENGAJI edition —

For those who've come to Kuramae,  
those who live here,  
and those who are on their way.

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## Welcome to Kuramae

Thank you for reading *Kuramae Kawaraban*.  
Kuramae Shotengai is a friendly neighbourhood  
where old traditions and new ideas coexist in harmony.

While many shopping streets in Japan have grown quieter, Kuramae is still full of life.  
We currently have 89 local shops, from long-established businesses to new cafés and  
creative studios. You'll find everything from handmade crafts to delicious sweets,  
stylish lifestyle goods and cosy spots to relax.

The Kuramae Shotengai Promotion Association works together with shop owners to  
keep the area welcoming and enjoyable. We regularly hold small community events and  
seasonal activities so that both locals and visitors can experience the warm, down-to-  
earth charm of the neighborhood.

Kuramae is a place where people smile and say hello, and where residents and  
shopkeepers genuinely look out for one another.  
We take pride in sharing that friendly atmosphere with all who visit.

We hope you'll explore the area at your own pace with this booklet in hand. Enjoy  
a stroll, discover unique shops, chat with the locals, and soak up the laid-back  
atmosphere that makes Kuramae special.

We're excited for you to experience the heart of Kuramae.

Akiyasu Seki  
Chairperson, Kuramae Shotengai Promotion Association

Looking towards Kuramae 2-chōme from the central divider on Kokusai-dōri, between  
3-chōme and 4-chōme. Today the street is lined with flats and hotels, but step into one of  
the side alleys and you can still feel a touch of old-town charm.

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Kuramae Bridge is beautifully illuminated at night. In the Edo period, the shogunate's  
rice storehouses once stood in this area, and the bridge's golden glow is said to resemble  
ripened rice ears. It's also a popular spot for a leisurely stroll along the Sumida River.

# KURAMAE MAP

Toward Ueno

Toward Akihabara

Toward Asakusa ↑

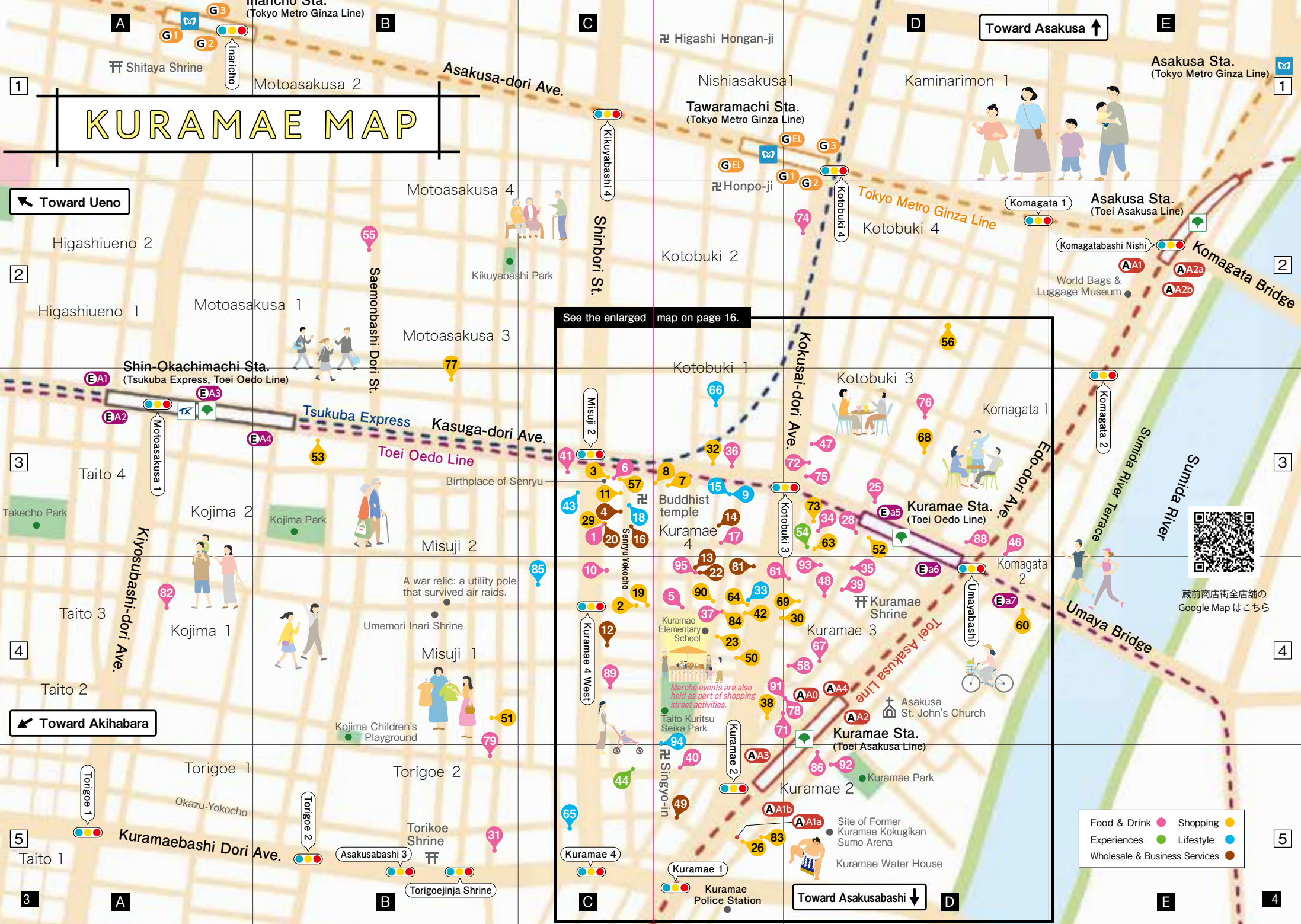
Toward Asakusabashi ↓

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- Experiences
- Wholesale & Business Services
- Shopping
- Lifestyle



蔵前商店街全店舗の Google Map はこちら



# KURAMAE SHOTENGAI

## — Relaxed Day Walking Guide

— Recommended Course —



### Badge & Metal Goods Manufacturing

A long-established maker of original badges, founded in 1913 (Taisho 2). They have produced class badges and school emblems for generations, earning trust and reputation.  
*Note: Retail sales are not available.*



### 12 Otsuka Emblem Co., Ltd.

Address: 4-18-6 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-3851-6011

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### Vegan & Gluten-free Brunch Plate

A wholesome plate full of seasonal vegetables, entirely vegan + gluten-free. A gentle, nourishing meal that leaves both body and heart satisfied.



### 89 ATOMIYOSOWAKA

Address: 4-17-4 Kuramae  
Tel: 070-5559-7193

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08:00 ~ 11:00

## Fresh Morning Kuramae

Enjoy an early-morning stroll through Kuramae's crisp air. Walk along the Sumida River and watch sightseeing boats and water taxis pass by, or pop into a stylish café for coffee or a light brunch.

### Ebi Steak Sandwich

A perfectly balanced sandwich featuring deep-fried prawn steak, sauce, and egg. A half-size option is also available and popular. Enjoy it with low-temperature-pasteurised bottled milk.



### 37 Marcelino Mori

Address: 4-21-2 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-6670-5749

map  
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### TOMOSHIBI LETTER

Enjoy a drink and a sweet treat as you write a letter to the you of one year from now. Take a quiet moment just for yourself in the calm morning light of Kuramae.



### 93 Poetic Café Futo

Address: 101, 3-15-4 Kuramae  
Tel: 070-8957-1727

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### Café Pipot

Try their original coffee blend bearing the shop's name. The Viennese coffee topped with lemon-scented cream tastes like a lemon cake paired with delicious coffee.



### 88 Café & Dining PIPOT

Address: B1, 1-1-1 Komagata  
Tel: 03-3845-5411

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11:00 ~ 14:00

## Midday Kuramae Filled with Delicious Aromas

From ramen and curry to sandwiches and set meals, Kuramae offers a wide variety of lunch options. After a healthy and tasty meal, try Taiwanese tea or an espresso soft-serve to refresh yourself



### Medicinal Curry

A health-focused curry based on traditional Eastern herbal teachings. Blended with medicinal spices and herbs to improve balance and support the body's natural condition, with menus changing seasonally.



### 61 WAKAN CAFE ICHIJIKU

Address: 3-16-3 Kuramae  
Tel: 090-9104-1149

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### Snowy Jasmine Milk Tea

Fragrant jasmine tea blended with gentle, milky sweetness for a refreshing drink—perfect for a peaceful break.



### 91 MEI TEA

Address: 1F, 3-4-3 Kuramae  
Tel: 080-8108-8890

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### Musaryu Tonkotsu Ramen

Rich, slow-cooked pork broth paired with noodles from the famous Asakusa Kaikaro. Customise with extra vegetables, spicy miso or dried-fish powder.



### 46 Musasanjin

Address: 2-3-4 Komagata  
Tel: 03-6676-2695

map  
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### Tempura Sandwich

An original creation: tempura served in sandwich form. Frequently featured on TV and in magazines, it's even been served as a "location bento" for film crews.



### 6 Tempura-Kuramae Iseyu

Address: 4-37-9 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-3866-5870

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### Espresso Soft-Serve Ice Cream

Made with coffee beans specially roasted by Coffeenowa. A rich espresso-flavored soft-serve with a slightly grown-up flavour.



### 48 Triangle

Address: 3-15-1 Kuramae  
Tel: 090-3873-4610

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### Japanese Fried Chicken Set Meal

Made with domestic chicken thigh, marinated in ginger-infused sauce and fried to perfection—crispy on the outside, juicy on the inside. Enjoy your meal in a calm and relaxing setting.



### 79 Creative Dining-Minatsuki

Address: 1F, 1-4-1 Mitsuji  
Tel: 03-4400-5114

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14:00 ~ 17:00

# Afternoon Kuramae – Too Lively for a Nap

After lunch, enjoy browsing around Kuramae's many shops.

From leather goods, fashion and tinware to picture frames, there's plenty to explore.



## Ladies' Vintage Clothing & Accessories

"Good design never loses value."

A shop exploring how to express the concept of long-life design through fashion.



### 51 RAUL GENERAL STORE

Address: 1-4-15 Misuji  
Tel: 03-5829-6078

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## Re-Born Wallet

A detachable long wallet that can also be used as a wallet-bag. You can mix and match components with other wallets—patented design.



### 50 Re-Bone

Address: 2F-A, 20-12 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-5829-4024

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## Kuramae Walking Backpack

A backpack designed so you can enter restaurants without removing it—perfect for day outings. Ergonomic and easy to access your belongings.



### 2 Message – Kuramae Backpack

Address: 4-24-2 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-3861-1081

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## Nadeshiko Accessory Pouch

An accessory case with a distinct Japanese "wa" touch—subtle and elegant, in a Nadeshiko style. Workshops are also available—perfect as a gift.



### 84 JOLI ALL LEATHER ITEMS KURAMAE

Address: 4-21-2 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-5829-6004

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## Tin Rice Containers & Watering Cans

Hand-crafted by Kuramae's traditional tin artisans. A nostalgic little shop overflowing with delightful tin products—a true wonderland.



### 38 Kuramae Retoroma

Address: 3-2-4 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-6670-0800

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## Shirts

Uniquely designed shirts made with carefully selected fabrics. Attention to detail makes each piece stand out—perfect for discovering your own style.



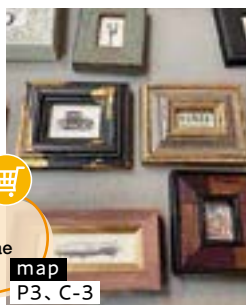
### 69 J's

Address: 3-9-8 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-5823-4214

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## Mini Mini Frames

Small frames made from leftover offcuts of picture-frame wood. Each one has a unique design based on the character of the materials—an SDGs-minded creation.



### 8 nabis art frame shop

Address: 4-36-11 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-5846-9718

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17:00 ~

# Kuramae Sparkles at Night

From evening into night, Kuramae sparkles with charm— independent cafés, baked treats, fermented fried chicken, music events, and even a bookshop where you pick books by mysterious catchphrases instead of their covers.



## Fermented Fried Chicken

Soft, flavorful chicken marinated in koji, prepared using a special fermentation method from the café's cellar. Try it with the shop's special fermented sauce.



### 1 Kakuuchi Café Futaba

Address: 4-37-4 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-3861-1138

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## "Deep Sea Treasure" Mystery Book

A unique bookshop experience where you choose a book based only on its catchphrase—without seeing the cover.



### 68 TOMEI BOOKSTORE

Address: 3-13-14 Kotobuki  
Tel: 03-6231-6775

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## Craft Gin

Choose your favorite craft gin from a selection by various independent distillers. Enjoy gin and tonics made with varieties available only in Kuramae. A bar is also located on the 2nd floor.



### 30 Tokyo Riverside Distillery

Address: 3-9-3 Kuramae

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## Music Events (DJ, Live, Sobar, Record Snack)

More than just a record shop—this space is loved by music lovers and creators alike, and regularly featured on social media.



### 83 GINZA RECORDS & AUDIO KURAMAE

Address: 3F, 2-1-23 Kuramae  
Tel: 03-6240-9822

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## Chocolate Brownie

A rich, moist brownie made with "bean-to-bar" chocolate. No preservatives—gentle on the palate.



### 82 Tokyo Okashi Lab

Address: 1-7-7 Kojima  
Tel: 090-5554-2672

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## Senryū Coffee Blend

Inspired by Kuramae, birthplace of the Japanese poetic form "senryū". A fragrant, sweet-toned coffee perfect for reading or reflection—why not try composing your own senryū?



### 26 En-no-Ki Roasters

Address: 2-3-1 Kuramae  
Tel: 050-3701-1178

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**Introducing all 88 stores in Kuramae Shotengai**

Introducing the members of the shopping district.  
To find out more about a store that interests you, try searching for the store's name.

- Food & Drink
- Experiences
- Wholesale & Business Services
- Shopping
- Lifestyle



**1 Sake Restaurant**

**Kakuuchi Café Futaba**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-4 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3861-1138  
🕒 Mon./Thu. 15:00-21:30  
Fri. 11:00-21:30  
Sun./Sat./Holidays 11:00-20:30  
**Closed** Tue./Wed.

**5 Traditional Japanese Cuisine Restaurant**

**KAISEKI-Cuisine IMAI**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-23-1 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3866-4047  
🕒 weekdays 11:30-14:00 /17:00-21:30  
Sat. 11:30-14:00 /17:00-21:00  
**Closed** Sun./Holidays

**6 Tempura Restaurant**

**Tempura- Kuramae Iseya**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-9 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3866-5870  
🕒 11:00-15:00 /17:00-19:30  
**Closed** Wed.

**10 Bento Production & Sales**

**Catering & Bento- Miura**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-26-3 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3851-7705  
🕒 11:00-14:00  
**Closed** Sun./Sat./Holidays

**17 Burger Restaurant**

**Burger Café Chiltoco**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-33-1 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6820-3918  
🕒 11:00-19:30  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**25 German-Style Restaurant**

**Meine Kleine**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-3-4 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-3845-3488  
🕒 weekdays 11:30-13:00  
17:00-21:30  
Sat. 17:00-21:30  
**Closed** Sun./Holidays

**28 Tempura & Skewers Restaurant**

**Tempura & Skewers-Takao**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-19-8 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3863-2238  
🕒 11:30-13:00  
17:00-21:00  
**Closed** Sun./Sat.

**31 Natural food Restaurant**

**ELAB**

📍 B-5  
🏠 2-2-7 Torigoe  
☎ 070-1390-0599  
🕒 11:00-18:00  
**Closed** Mon.

**34 Cat-Themed Restaurant**

**The Back-Alley Cat, Kuramae**

📍 D-3  
🏠 1F, 3-18-7 Kuramae  
☎ 070-4733-2020  
🕒 18:30-23:00 (L.o. 22:00)  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**35 Café**

**Coffeenova**

📍 D-4  
🏠 3-20-5 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5823-4445  
🕒 11:00-18:00  
**Closed** Thu.

**36 Bar & Dining**

**Food & Bar Blue Juice**

📍 C-3  
🏠 1-2-10-103 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-3847-4771  
🕒 18:00-28:00  
**Closed** Sun.

**37 Sandwich Shop**

**Marcelino Mori**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-21-2 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6670-5749  
🕒 8:00-18:00  
**Closed** Mon./Holidays

**39 Bar**

**Bar Boushu Kuramae**

📍 D-4  
🏠 3-14-6 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6312-6706  
🕒 19:00-27:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**40 Standing Bar & Izakaya**

**Yellow Kuramae**

📍 C-5  
🏠 4-12-1 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5809-1280  
🕒 Mon-Fri: 16:00-23:00  
Sun.& Sat.: 13:00-23:00  
**Closed** Wed.

**41 Café**

**Coffee Shop Rai**

📍 C-3  
🏠 2-24-10 Misuji  
🕒 Café: 9:00-17:00  
Bar Time: 18:00-23:00  
**Closed** Sun.  
Bar Sun./Holidays

**46 Ramen Restaurant**

**Musasanjin**

📍 D-3  
🏠 2-3-4 Komagata  
☎ 03-6676-2695  
🕒 11:00-14:00  
18:00- 0:00  
**Closed** Sun./Holidays

**47 French Patisserie**

**Patisserie Clair De Lune**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-8-5 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-3842-3470  
🕒 9:00-21:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**48 Soft-Serve Ice Cream Shop**

**Triangle**

📍 D-4  
🏠 3-15-1 Kuramae  
☎ 090-3873-4610  
🕒 11:00-16:00  
**Closed** Sun.-Wed.

**55 Cake Store**

**Maruzo Cake**

📍 B-2  
🏠 1-14-13 Motoasakusa  
☎ 03-5830-7102  
🕒 10:00-20:00  
**Closed** Wed.

**58 Sukiyaki Restaurant**

**Sukiyaki-Hitoha**

📍 D-4  
🏠 2F, 3-7-8 Kuramae  
☎ 050-6869-8102  
🕒 Open: 11:30-22:00  
Last admission: 19:30  
By reservation only  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**59 Fermented Food Cooking Classes & Catering**

**Hokkori Gohan Kuboyan**

📍 Kuramae, Taito-ku  
☎ 090-9213-2831  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**61 Wakan-Inspired Herbal Curry & Specialty Coffee**

**WAKAN CAFE ICHIJIKU**

📍 D-4  
🏠 3-16-3 Kuramae  
☎ 090-9104-1149  
🕒 Weekdays: 11:30-17:00  
Weekends: 8:30-18:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays (Please check the website)

**67 Soba Restaurant**

**Kuroneko-An**

📍 D-4  
🏠 3-6-8 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5809-2326  
🕒 18:00-23:00  
**Closed** Sun./Mon.

**71 Coffee and Snack Stand**

**snaq.me stand Kuramae**

📍 C-4  
🏠 3-4-3 Kuramae  
🕒 11:00-18:00  
**Closed** Tue.

**72 Sri Lankan restaurant & bar**

**SERENDIB**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-8-3 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-6231-7325  
🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 11:30-14:30  
18:00-22:00 (L.o.21:00)  
Sun.& Sat.: 11:30-14:30  
**Closed** Tue./ Irregular holidays

**74 Dining Bar Restaurant**

**101 ICHI MARU ICHI**

📍 C-2  
🏠 1F, 2-2-9 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-5246-3490  
🕒 Mon.& Tue.: 7:00-20:00  
Wed.-Sun.: 7:00-28:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays

**75 Quiche & Wine Shop**

**wine&quiche Pepe**

📍 D-3  
🏠 1F, 3-8-2 Kotobuki  
☎ 070-8459-1863  
🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 11:00-14:00  
Sat.: 11:00-15:00  
Mon.-Sat.: 17:00-22:00  
**Closed** Sun.

**76 Italian Restaurant**

**Osteria Kozorite**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-13-9 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-5830-7181  
🕒 Mon.-Sat.: 11:30-14:00  
Mon, Wed.& Thu.: 17:00-22:00  
Fri. & Sat.: 17:00-23:00  
Sun.: 11:30-15:00  
**Closed** Tue.

**78** Italian Restaurant 

**aperitivo&trattoria IL FIORE**

📍 C-4  
🏠 2F, 3-4-3 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5829-5349  
🕒 Weekdays: 11:30-14:30  
18:00-23:00  
Weekends & Holidays:  
12:00-15:00  
17:00-23:00  
**Closed** Mon./Irregular holidays



**89** Vegan & Gluten-Free Baked Goods Shop 

**ATOMIYOSOWAKA**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-17-4 Kuramae  
☎ 070-5559-7193  
🕒 Thu.: 10:30-16:30  
Fri.-Mon.: 9:30-16:30  
**Closed** Tue./Wed.




**79** Izakaya Restaurant 

**Creative Dining-Minatsuki**

📍 B-5  
🏠 1F, 1-4-1 Misuji  
☎ 03-4400-5114  
🕒 11:30-14:00  
17:00-22:00  
**Closed** Sun.




**91** Taiwanese Milk Tea Specialty Shop 

**MEI TEA**


📍 C-4  
🏠 1F, 3-4-3 Kuramae  
🕒 Weekdays: 11:00-18:00  
(L.o.17:30, takeaway 18:00)  
Sat./Sun. & Holidays:  
10:00-18:00  
(L.o.17:30, takeaway 18:00)  
**Closed** Wed.



**2** Backpack Shop 

**Message - Kuramae Backpack**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-24-2 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3861-1081  
🕒 11:00-17:00  
**Closed** Wed.



**82** Baked Goods and Cafe 

**Tokyo Okashi Lab**

📍 A-4  
🏠 1-7-7 Kojima  
☎ 090-5554-2672  
🕒 Wed.-Fri.: 15:00-20:00  
Sat.: 14:00-19:00  
**Closed** Sun./Mon./Tue.



**92** Beer Hall 

**PERFECT BEER KITCHEN KURAMAE**

📍 D-5  
🏠 2-1-32 Kuramae  
☎ 070-2239-3749  
🕒 Mon./Tue.: 17:00-23:00  
Wed.-Fri.: 17:00-24:00  
Sat. 15:00-24:00  
Sun. 15:00-23:00



**3** Traditional Japanese Confectionery Store 

**Eikyudo**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-9 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3851-6512  
🕒 9:00-18:00  
**Closed** Tue./Irregular holidays



**86** Tea & Bar / Dance School 

**AHMS Social Connection**

📍 C-3  
🏠 2-5-4 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5809-1993  
🕒 13:00-18:00  
**Closed** Wed.



**93** Poetic Café Café 

**Poetic Café Futo**

📍 D-4  
🏠 101, 3-15-4 Kuramae  
☎ 070-8957-1727  
🕒 Weekdays: 13:00-18:00  
Sat./Sun. 10:00-20:00  
**Closed** Tue.  
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**7** Variety Store 

**-ish general store**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-35-8 Kuramae  
☎ 070-8509-0869  
🕒 Sun./Sat. 13:00-18:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays



**88** Café & Dining Bar 

**Café & Dining PIPOT**

📍 D-4  
🏠 B1, 1-1-1 Komagata  
☎ 03-3845-5411  
🕒 8:00-19:30  
L.o. 19:00  
**Closed** Sun./Sat./Holidays




**95** Bakery Shop 

**chigaya Kuramae**


📍 C-4  
🏠 4-29-3 Kuramae  
🕒 8:00-18:30



**8** Picture Frame Store 

**nabis art frame shop**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-36-11 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5846-9718  
🕒 11:00-18:00  
**Closed** Sun./Sat.



**11** Edo Sashimono (Traditional Japanese Woodworking) Studio 

**Mogami Kogei**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-10 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3851-6540  
🕒 9:00-17:00  
**Closed** Sun./Holidays/  
Sat.(Irregular holidays)



**30** Craft Gin Distillery & Shop 

**Tokyo Riverside Distillery**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4F, 3-9-3 Kuramae  
🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 13:00-19:00  
Sun., Sat. & Holidays:  
12:00-19:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays



**51** Used Clothing Store 

**RAUL GENERAL STORE**

📍 B-4  
🏠 1-4-15 Misuji  
☎ 03-5829-6078  
🕒 11:30-18:00  
**Closed** Sun./Irregular holidays



**19** Vintage Store 

**Button Works**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-24-1 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6681-0028  
🕒 9:00-18:00  
**Closed** Sun./Sat.




**32** Electric Store 

**Electric Shop-Hibarido**


📍 C-3  
🏠 1-2-2 Kotobuki  
☎ 03-3844-1501  
🕒 9:00-17:00  
**Closed** Sun.



**52** Variety Store 

**Howmore Living**

📍 D-3  
🏠 3-22-7 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5846-9797  
🕒 11:00-19:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays



**23** Women's Clothing Boutique 

**KIMIYA SHOUTEN**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-20-5 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6886-5545  
🕒 11:00-19:00  
**Closed** Mon.



**38** Metal Goods Shop 

**Kuramae Retoroma**

📍 C-4  
🏠 3-2-4 Kuramae  
☎ 03-6670-0800  
🕒 12:00-18:00  
**Closed** Mon./Tue.  
(祝日の時は営業)



**53** Beauty Products Store 

**Tama Beauty Chemical Co.**

📍 B-3  
🏠 2-18-14 Kojima  
☎ 03-3851-8707  
🕒 Mon-Fri: 11:00-18:00  
Sat & Sun: 11:00-19:00  
**Closed** Sun./Tue.




**26** In-House Coffee Roaster 

**En-no-Ki Roasters**


📍 C-5  
🏠 2-3-1 Kuramae  
☎ 080-7038-1178  
🕒 12:00-19:00  
**Closed** Sun./Mon./Wed.



**42** Backpack Shop 

**THOROUGH BRACE TOKYO**

📍 C-4  
🏠 4-21-10 Kuramae  
🕒 9:00-18:00  
**Closed** Irregular holidays



**56** Women's Shoe Store 

**TINT TINT & KIKOTTO**

📍 D-2  
🏠 3-16-10 Kotobuki  
☎ 090-6007-3664  
🕒 10:00-19:00  
**Closed** Thursdays and  
the 2nd & 4th Mondays




**29** Japanese Fried Chicken Takeout 

**Karaage\_Saider\_Futaba**


📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-4 Kuramae  
☎ 03-3861-1138  
🕒 Mon.-Thu.: 15:00-20:30  
Fri.: 11:00-20:30  
Weekends & Holidays:  
11:00-19:30  
**Closed** Irregular holidays




**50** Leather Goods Specialty Store 

**Re-Bone**


📍 C-4  
🏠 2F-A4, 20-12 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5829-4024  
🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 12:00-18:00  
Sun. & Sat.: 11:30-18:30  
**Closed** Mon.



**57** Hat Store 

**Marco Hat Shop**

📍 C-3  
🏠 4-37-9 Kuramae  
☎ 03-5829-5788  
🕒 Open Fri. & Sat. only  
12:00-18:00  
**Closed** Mon.-Thu. & Sun.



60 Hedgehog Art & Goods



Maakuru

D-4  
2-18-10 Kuramae  
11:00-17:30  
Closed Mon.  
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73 Imported Goods Shop



GARAKUTA BOEKI

D-3  
3-18-4 Kuramae  
03-5809-2232  
13:00-19:00  
Closed Irregular holidays



43 Japanese Credit Cooperative (Shinkin Bank)



Tokyo Higashi Shinkin Bank - Misuji Branch

C-3  
2-15-15 Misuji  
03-5820-9711  
9:00-11:30  
12:30-15:00  
Closed Sun./Sat.



16 Printing Company



Arai Shobundo Printing Co., Ltd.

C-3  
4-36-4 Kuramae  
03-3862-4646



63 Florist



Comete

D-4  
3-18-1 Kuramae  
03-3866-5287  
Mon.-Sat. (except Tue.):  
10:00-18:00  
Sun.: 10:00-15:00  
Closed Tue.



77 Stainless Steel Goods



atelier & shop IMAIZUMI

B-3  
3-9-8 Motoasakusa  
080-3486-8411  
10:00-17:30  
Closed Sun./Sat.



9 Dental Clinic



Hikiba Dental Clinic

C-3  
2F, 4-33-8 Kuramae  
03-3865-3418  
10:00-13:00  
14:30-18:30  
Closed Sun./Sat.



65 Prenatal & Postnatal Body Care / Chiropractic Therapy



Body Labo Rakunari

C-5  
401, 2-1-7 Torigoe  
080-6670-3531  
10:00-20:00  
Closed Irregular holidays



4 Calendar Wholesaler



Toho Calendar Co., Ltd.

C-3  
4-37-11 Kuramae  
03-3862-8797



20 Event Planning & Management



Wear Previus Co., Ltd.

C-3  
206, 4-37-4 Kuramae  
03-3861-1138



64 Traditional Lucky Charm Shop



Ginza Engi-Ii-Ya

C-4  
1F, 4-21-9 Kuramae  
03-5809-3817  
11:00-16:00  
Closed Irregular holidays



83 Record & Audio Sales and Buy-Back Shop



GINZA RECORDS & AUDIO KURAMAE

C-5  
3F, 2-1-23 Kuramae  
03-6240-9822  
13:00-19:00  
Closed Mon.



15 Electric Store



Electric Shop-Hikiba

C-3  
1F, 4-33-8 Kuramae



66 Esthetic Salon



Beauty Salon Natora Kuramae

C-3  
1F, 1-3-4 Kotobuki  
03-6826-9114  
Mon.-Sat.: 11:00-20:30  
Sun.: 11:00-18:30  
Closed Irregular holidays



12 Metal Products & Custom-Made Souvenirs



Otsuka Emblem Co., Ltd.

C-4  
4-18-6 Kuramae  
03-3851-6011  
9:00-18:00  
Closed Sun./Sat./Holidays



22 Plating Factory



Saito Plating Works

C-4  
4-29-2 Kuramae  
03-3851-9059



68 Book Store & Cafe



TOMEI BOOKSTORE

D-3  
3-13-14 Kotobuki  
03-6231-6775  
Open 24 hours  
Hours may change during events



84 Leather Accessories & Shoes Retail



JOLI ALL LEATHER ITEMS KURAMAE

C-4  
4-21-2 Kuramae  
03-5829-6004



18 Buddhist Temple



Ryuhou-Ji Temple

C-3  
4-36-7 Kuramae  
03-3851-3587



85 Personal Training & Bodywork Therapy



Misuji Osteopathic Clinic

C-4  
1F, 2-2-4 Misuji  
03-6240-9116  
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00-19:00  
Sat.: 7:00-17:00  
Sun. & Holidays:  
7:00-12:00  
Closed Irregular holidays



13 Toy Wholesaler



EST Corporation

C-4  
4-29-4 Kuramae  
03-5835-0637  
9:00-17:00  
Closed Sun./Sat./Holidays



49 Flag Specialty Store



Tomac Corporation

C-5  
4-7-1 Kuramae  
03-3862-7351  
9:30-17:00  
Closed Sun./Sat.



69 Clothing Store



J's

D-4  
3-9-8 Kuramae  
03-5823-4214  
11:00-19:00  
Closed Mon.



90 Manufacture of Ivory & Mammoth Tusk Seal Materials, and Sale of Jewelry Parts



Traditional Japanese Ivory Center

C-4  
4-22-8 Kuramae  
03-3863-2573



33 Pharmacy



Kuramae Midori Pharmacy

C-4  
4-21-9 Kuramae  
03-3851-0054  
Weekdays: 9:00-18:00  
Sat. 9:00-17:00  
Closed Sun.



94 Community Atelier



OKURAMAE for everyone

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4-12-5 Kuramae  
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Closed Irregular holidays

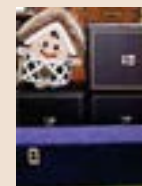


14 Cosmetic Case Manufacturer



Torii Case Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

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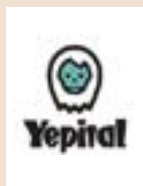


81 Fashion Brand Manufacturer



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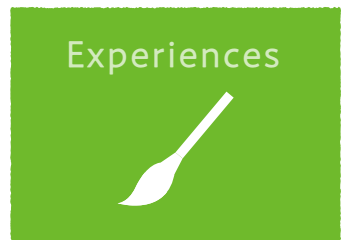
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03-5829-6568



87 Import, Export, Manufacturing & Sales of Household Goods

**LIUXING LLC.**

📍 1-20-10 Taito  
🕒 10:00-18:00  
🚪 Closed Sun./Sat./Holidays



44 A Letter-to-the-Future Experience Shop

**Jiyucho**

📍 C-5  
📍 4-11-2 Kuramae  
☎ 070-9135-7383  
🕒 Mon.-Fri.: 13:00-18:00  
Sun. & Sat.: 10:00-20:00  
🚪 Closed Mon./Tue. (Open on public holidays.)



54 Japanese Calligraphy Studio

**Studio Kotonoha**

📍 D-3  
📍 3-18-1 Kuramae  
☎ 080-8040-6595  
🕒 10:00-18:00  
🚪 Closed Irregular holidays



There are many shops to explore, each with its own unique charm. We hope you enjoy strolling around and discovering what makes each place special!



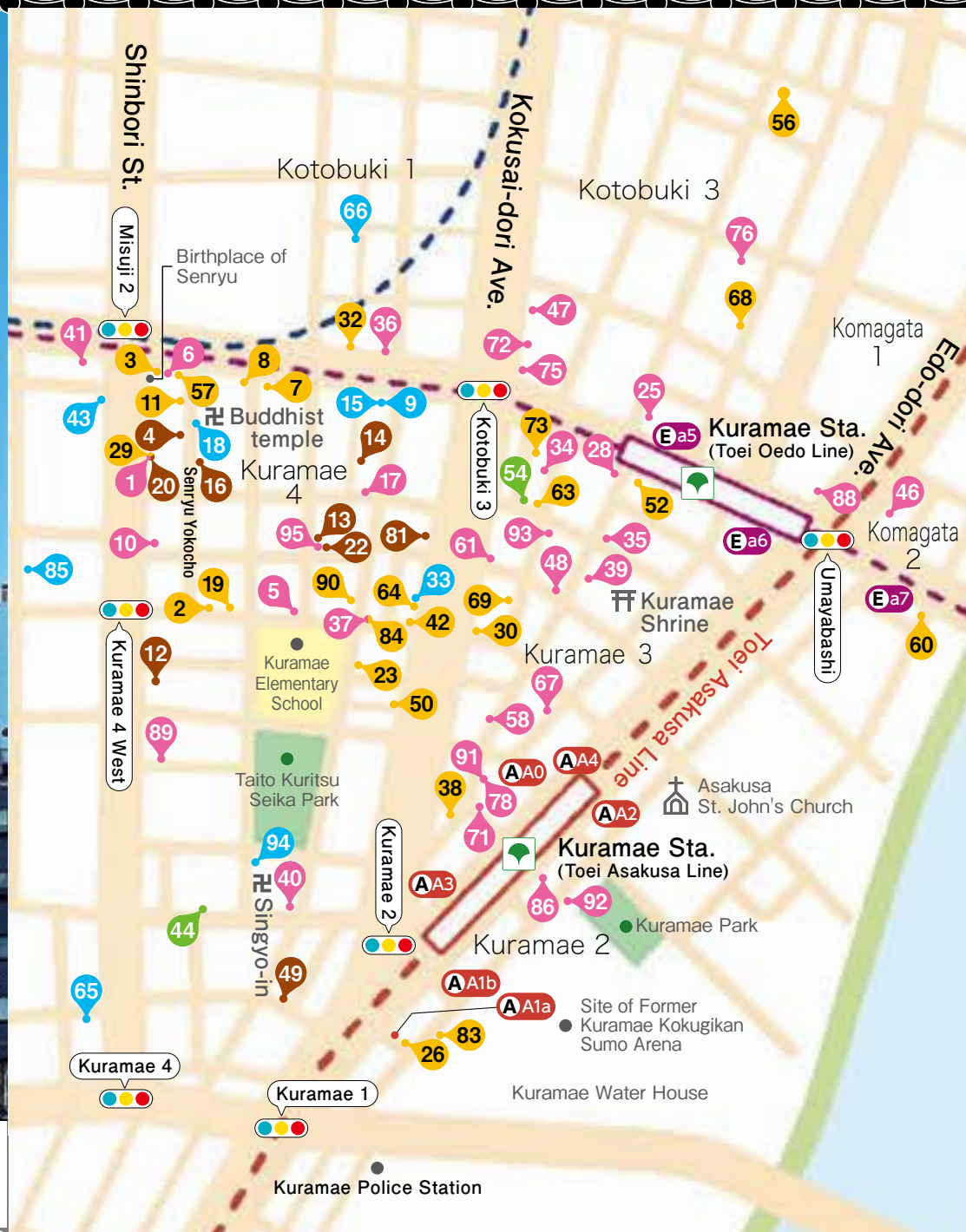
You can view a list of shops in the Kuramae Shotengai on Google Maps by scanning the QR code.  
New members are always welcome.  
If you're interested, please feel free to contact us using the inquiry information on page 19 of this booklet.

**Kuramae Shotengai Clean-Up Activity**

Once a month, on a weekday morning from 8:45 to 9:30, a community clean-up activity is held in the Kuramae area.



This initiative helps maintain a clean and pleasant neighborhood, while also providing a relaxed and friendly opportunity for visitors, local shop owners, and residents to connect with one another.



# Kuramae Shotengai Roundtable Talk vol. 3



A roundtable talk with members of the Kuramae Shotengai. They discussed the unique connections between shops and the town, and between people, that have grown precisely because this is Kuramae. Some have watched over the area for many years, while others have only recently joined. Here, we share the "Kuramae spirit" that emerges from each of their perspectives.



**Akiyasu Seki**  
(Futaba / Chair of Kuramae Shotengai)

Third-generation owner of Sake no Futaba and founder of the Kuramae Shotengai organization. Actively involved in passing on the warmth of his hometown to the next generation.



**Riko Inui**  
(Atomiyosowaka / Guest)

Originally from Osaka, she was drawn to Kuramae's atmosphere and opened her vegan, gluten-free baked sweets shop in 2025. Her nickname is "Aapun."



**Juri Takahashi**  
(Meine Kleine / Guest)

Born and raised in Kuramae. Runs Meine Kleine, a German-style pub open for 45 years. Actively involved in local associations and festivals. Knows the town inside out.



**Yuki Yamamoto**  
(Jiyucho / Futo / Moderator)

Manager of Jiyucho and Futo, shops where people can write letters to the future. Also involved in producing this magazine. Through these interviews, she has grown even fonder of Kuramae.

## — Stories of Small Shops Living Alongside the City —

**Yamamoto:** Since we're all here, shall we start with a toast?  
(Takahashi-san pours tea for everyone at Meine Kleine.)

**Everyone:** Cheers!

**Yamamoto:** Today, I'd love for us to talk openly about what it's like to run a business in Kuramae and the connections you've made with the community.

## Shops Shaped by the People Who Gather There, Day by Day

**Yamamoto:** To start, could you each share a memorable episode that reflects your connection to the town?

**Takahashi:** I've grown up here, so I've got a ton of stories.

The building where *Futo* is now used to be a toy wholesaler called *Nittaya Shoten*. The owner, Kaneko-san, was incredibly kind.

After school, I'd skip going home and just go hang out there. (laughs)

**Yamamoto:** I've heard Kaneko-san was really well known for his kindness.

**Takahashi:** He really was. Then when I got older and started riding a motorbike, a cop on a white bike stopped me once and said, "Hey, you going to school properly?" I hadn't done anything wrong! (laughs)  
So I said, "Yeah, I go to school. I've even got a part-time job." And he was like, "Okay then," and rode off.

**Seki:** That sounds like something a downtown Tokyo cop would say. (laughs)

**Takahashi:** After that, we'd always greet each other. He'd always talk to me when he saw me!

Then later, after some time had passed, I got stopped again.



**Yamamoto:** What happened this time?

**Takahashi:** He told me, "I've been transferred to Fukagawa Station. Thanks for everything." Then he took off his gloves and handed them to me.

"Take good care of these," he said.

**Inui:** What!? That's so cool!

**Takahashi:** I kept them all these years without thinking much about it. Then just last year, that same officer walked into *Meine Kleine*, totally drunk.

**Everyone:** No way!

**Takahashi:** He's in his 70s now, but he came in and said,

"Hey, you little punk! I finally found you!" (laughs)

**Yamamoto:** He remembered you all this time?

**Takahashi:** "I've been wondering what happened to you," he said—and then he started crying. I was really moved too.

**Yamamoto:** That's such a heartwarming story. How did he find you?

**Takahashi:** Apparently, he mentioned me at a police alumni gathering, and someone said, "That kid must be the guy at *Meine Kleine*." That's how he came here.

**Inui:** So Juri-san was kind of a local troublemaker celebrity? (laughs)

**Takahashi:** Who knows! (laughs) But it's such a downtown Tokyo kind of story.

**Yamamoto:** Right? Everyone kind of looks out for each other here.

**Inui:** Totally. I've been here for about four years, and since opening my shop, I've really felt that warmth in the everyday interactions.

**Yamamoto:** What kind of things?



**Inui:** Sounds like you were being personally monitored. (laughs)

**Takahashi:** One time when I did mess up a little and broke a rule, he told me, "This time's a violation. I won't write you up, but you can't ride for three days," and he took my license. He gave it back later, properly.

**Inui:** Downtown-style justice? (laughs)

**Takahashi:** Right? (laughs) But that was just his way.

**Inui:** My shop is dog-friendly, and a lot of people drop by on their walks. The dogs kind of bring the owners together, and it turns into a little gathering spot.

**Seki:** There's a park nearby too, so it's probably along people's walking routes.

**Inui:** Exactly. At first, we only allowed dogs on the terrace, but it was so hot in the summer we made the whole first floor dog-friendly.

**Takahashi:** I like that idea.

**Inui:** People also come in alone to relax with a cup of tea. Some moms stop by before picking up their kids from nursery—it's like their little secret break time.

**Yamamoto:** A secret from the kids! *(laughs)*

**Inui:** Exactly. A precious moment for them.

**Seki:** I love how natural the connection between shops and people feels here.

**Yamamoto:** It's those everyday interactions that build the relationships.

### When Their Shotengai Connection Began

**Yamamoto:** How did you both get involved with the Shotengai?



**Inui:** For me, it started with morning cleanups. Before I even opened my shop, when I was still commuting here for work, I heard that people did morning cleaning. So I just burst into what

shop and said, "I'd like to help!"

**Seki:** That's such an Aapun thing to do. *(laughs)*

**Inui:** The atmosphere was great, and I love chatting, so cleaning together was fun.

**Seki:** She's been doing it ever since. She's our "cleaning leader" now.

**Inui:** One time we even went out for breakfast after. That was lovely.

**Seki:** Yeah, we did.

**Inui:** I'd love to do that again!

**Yamamoto:** That sounds great—maybe rice balls by the Sumida River?

And Juri-san, how about you?

**Seki:** We originally knew each other through neighboring neighborhood associations, but we started talking more through the Shotengai during COVID.

**Takahashi:** Yeah, restaurants couldn't serve alcohol, no one was going out, and the whole town felt down. Then Seki-san invited us to join a bento delivery project.



**Seki:** At that time, even getting a meal was tough for some people. So I took orders from our regular customers, asked restaurants to cook, and delivered the food.

**Takahashi:** Part of the proceeds went to a hospital, right?

**Yamamoto:** That's amazing!

**Seki:** I'd actually been hospitalized around then—nothing COVID-related—and I overheard nurses talking about how hard and scary their work had become.

So I wanted to do something. At the same time, our customers and restaurants were struggling too.

So I tried to connect those needs.

**Inui:** That's such a thoughtful project. But it must've been tough.

**Takahashi:** He kept sending LINE updates like, "We got this many orders today." It was so hands-on.

**Seki:** It was hard, but people really appreciated it. Now it's a good memory.

**Takahashi:** Seeing a younger guy care so deeply about the community made us older folks want to follow his lead.

**Yamamoto:** I really feel like Seki-san's love for Kuramae is at the heart of this Shotengai.

### Memories Built Through Local Events

**Yamamoto:** What events in the Shotengai stand out the most?

**Takahashi:** Definitely the Garapon lottery! I helped out



once, and I'd never seen such long lines.

I almost wanted to run away! *(laughs)*

**Seki:** That was our very first one. We had no idea what we were doing. Thanks for helping!

**Inui:** Isn't this year the seventh time? It feels like it gets bigger each time.

**Yamamoto:** Kids who were in preschool back then are now in elementary school. That's emotional.

It reminds me of something Seki-san said...

**Seki:** What did I say?



**Yamamoto:** Something like: You have so many fond childhood memories in this town, so you wanted today's kids to have their own good memories too—and that Garapon could be part of that.

**Takahashi:** I think it really is becoming that. *(smiles)*

A lot of today's moms are from other places, so their hometowns are elsewhere. But their kids were born here—Kuramae is their hometown.

**Yamamoto:** Yes.

**Takahashi:** And if they can grow up to proudly say, "I was born in Kuramae," that would be wonderful.

### Why Our Affection for Kuramae Endures

**Yamamoto:** After hearing your stories, it's clear you all really care about Kuramae. What do you love most about this town?

**Takahashi:** The connections.

Seniors, juniors, other neighborhoods, shrine members—none of that matters.

People respect each other, help each other, and pass on their knowledge. Those connections stay with you.

**Seki:** Yeah. There are those unforgettable local grandpas too.

**Takahashi:** Tons of them! *(laughs)* We could talk all night about them.

**Inui:** I didn't realize I was running a shop in such a grandpa-filled town! I'd better keep up!

**Takahashi:** Don't say that. Whether you just arrived or have been here a while—if you live here, this is your town.

**Inui:** Right! I'm in it now, all the way!

**Takahashi:** Nobody's perfect, but people here generally want to welcome anyone who comes. If you're here, you're one of us.

### A Message to Readers

**Yamamoto:** Finally, could you each share a message with our readers?

**Takahashi:** Like I said—when you come to Kuramae, stand tall.

Let's walk forward together.

**Inui:** People in Kuramae's shops are really friendly. I love when customers talk to me. So don't just come to shop—enjoy talking with the shop owners and locals too.

Hearing everyone today reminded me of that.

**Seki:** Yeah, chatting with the shop owners is fun, and noticing the buildings is too.

Kuramae has a lot of old buildings that have been reused in creative ways. If you look closely, you'll see traces of the old town.



**Yamamoto:** Both of my shops are in old buildings too. And *Meine Kleine* is filled with 45 years of history.

Kuramae is a place that values both people and places.

Thank you all again for sharing your stories.

Venue: *Meine Kleine*

Photo (below): Donuts from *Atomiyosowaka*





# Kuramae Support Character "kura\_chan" HOW TO ENJOY KURAMAE!

## 10 Tips for a Pleasant Visit

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### 1 Dispose of rubbish properly.

Please separate your rubbish and throw it away in the correct bin. If you're unsure, take it back to your accommodation and ask for help with disposal.



### 2 Be careful when carrying large bags.

Avoid blocking pavements or doorways, and please don't sit on the road.



### 3 Don't touch shop items after eating outside.

Please wipe or wash your hands before handling products.



### 4 Do not ride a bicycle or an electric scooter after drinking alcohol.



### 5 Please flush only toilet paper down the toilet.

Please do not flush anything else.



### 6 No outside food or drinks allowed in restaurants or cafés.



### 7 Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.

Smoking on the street is not allowed.



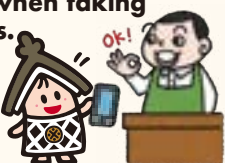
### 8 Keep your phone on silent on trains and buses.

Avoid talking on the phone, and turn off your devices near priority seating. Please offer your seat to elderly people, pregnant women, people with disabilities, or anyone carrying a baby.



### 9 Be considerate when taking photos or videos.

Always ask permission before taking photos inside shops or restaurants.



### 10 Please keep noise levels low at night to respect local residents.

Please be considerate of local residents and enjoy a quiet evening.



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# Enjoying a Sustainable Stroll through Kuramae



Hello! I'm Shiraha, and I run a small coffee bean shop here in Kuramae.

In each issue, I introduce one of the wonderful spots participating in the Shitamachi Sozoro-meguri Stamp Rally (Downtown Leisurely Walk Stamp Rally).

The Shitamachi Sozoro-meguri began in 2022. The inspiration came during the COVID-19 pandemic, when children were encouraged to eat in silence at school, and even playground equipment in parks was off-limits. Many of us realised that children hardly knew the streets in their own neighbourhoods — they had never entered nearby shops or spoken with local shop owners.



Those who complete all the stamps receive a commemorative gift. Some spots only open once a month, so completing the rally is quite a challenge!

To help children build connections with the community, the organisers decided to use something simple and hands-on — a traditional stamp rally. Participants walk from place to place and stamp their cards by hand. Over the past four years, around 14,000 people have enjoyed it, including school trips and study tours.

To participate as a spot in the rally, shops and facilities must pay a small fee and meet one more condition: they need to score at least 15 points on a checklist based on the principles of SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). This includes actions such as proper recycling, selling refills or products by weight, and engaging in upcycling or resource recovery. Only spots that can proudly call themselves

environmentally responsible are included.

This time, I'd like to introduce one such place — Jōdoshū Shingyōin (Shingyoin Temple of the Jōdo Sect).

## Shingyoin Temple – Weaving Community Connections

Just south of Kuramae Elementary School, along a quiet residential street, you'll find Jōdoshū Shingyōin. The head priest and his wife are a friendly couple who believe that "a temple should be a resource for the community." They devote themselves to being close to those who live nearby.

Within the temple grounds, there is a workshop called Atorie Nitto Taitō Kuramae Unit (Atelier Knit Taitō Kuramae Unit), a type B continuous employment support facility for people with disabilities — and one of the stamp rally spots.

Shingyoin's grounds also host gatherings such as Yomoyama Café (Casual Chat Café), where parents and supporters of children with disabilities can drop by freely, and Tera Yoga (Temple Yoga), which invites people of all ages to enjoy yoga together in the tranquil atmosphere of a temple or shrine. Through casual conversation and gentle movement, new connections and moments of comfort are created.

Human relationships can be complicated, can't they? But having someone nearby to talk to — a place where you can share both your joys and worries — is so important. Shingyoin truly offers that kind of space. The calm, sacred air of the temple naturally draws people in, allowing everyone to express their feelings freely and openly.

Inside the temple's kuri (living quarters and study), you'll find the Atorie Nitto Taitō Kuramae Unit, where vibrant artworks are created every day.



Shingyoin Temple stands along a peaceful street lined with other temples.

