



*Gateway to  
Global Leadership*

Tokyo, July 2020

Subject: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to send you our leaflets and request your cooperation in encouraging your most promising staff to apply for admission to our Master's and Ph.D. programs.

Located in central Tokyo and sponsored by the Japanese government, the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) is a graduate school dedicated to educating future leaders in the public policy arena. It is one of the most international institutes in Japan and is designed to attract government officials from around the world.

GRIPS programs are taught entirely in English and offer promising early and mid-career professionals in the public sector and policy-oriented academia an opportunity to network and extend their knowledge in a wide range of topics concerning public policy and policy formulation. Scholarships are available for outstanding applicants.

Our programs start in October 2021. For application deadlines and procedures please refer to enclosed flier and the GRIPS website.

Your kind consideration would be highly appreciated.

We look forward to receiving applications from excellent candidates from your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Mikitaka Masuyama  
Executive Vice President and Dean  
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

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■ <http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>

**NATIONAL GRADUATE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES**

## Online Applications for Fall 2021 Admission Open in August 2020

**GRIPS WILL START ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS** for the Fall 2021 Admission in August 2020. Ideal candidates for our Master's programs are mid-career professionals with strong leadership potential presently working in national or local governments and international organizations.

We also welcome applicants with strong academic abilities and the desire to be professional policy analysts or pursue an academic career.

Full scholarships are available for exceptionally qualified candidates.

Applications for the following programs must be made **ONLINE DIRECTLY TO GRIPS**.

### Master's Programs

- One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1)
- Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2)
- Macroeconomic Policy Program (MEP - externally funded or self-financed applicants)
- Public Finance Program (PF)

### 5-Year Ph.D. Program

- Policy Analysis Program

### 3-Year Ph.D. Programs

- GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube)
- Security and International Studies Program
- Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program

### ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINES

Applicants should fill out and submit the "Online Entry Form" by the following deadlines:

- Master's programs (except the Public Finance Program): Early December, 2020
- Ph.D. programs: Late January, 2021
- Public Finance Program: Early March 2021

Please check our website for exact dates.

For full details and deadlines of ALL our programs please check the Admissions Office website:

<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/admissions/index/>

### INQUIRIES

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[www.grips.ac.jp](http://www.grips.ac.jp)



#### BASIC FACTS AND FIGURES (as of May 2020)

- President: Akihiko Tanaka
- International programs: 8 Master's; 7 Ph.D.
- No. of students: 212 International; 123 Japanese
- Full-time faculty: around 70
- Student - teacher ratio: 4.7 : 1
- Academic agreements with foreign institutions: 31
- Standard enrollment month: October

#### Our Goals

- Training of Policy Professionals and Researchers
- Promotion of Interdisciplinary Policy Studies
- Serving as an International Center for Policy Research

#### History of GRIPS

The Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), the predecessor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), was established at Saitama University, Japan in 1977 as a new kind of graduate school, aimed at promoting interdisciplinary policy research and fostering administrative officials and policy analysts equipped with policy analysis and policy-making skills backed by scientific methods. Succeeding GSPS, GRIPS was established in October 1997 as an independent national graduate university with the mandate to promote high-level policy research and respond to various domestic and international needs based on international intellectual cooperation and the cooperation of leading members of Japan's political, industrial, government, and academic circles.

#### GRIPS Features

- Independent postgraduate university
- Research environment with a global perspective
- Internationally-competitive research based on modern social science methodology
- Training of world-class public policy professionals
- Specialized training for public policy professionals
- Learning opportunities for professionals and a well-structured curriculum
- Comprehensive programs offered solely in English
- A wide range of scholarships
- Dynamic and diverse instructional environment
- Collaboration and partnership with other institutions



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# Message from the President

The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), a graduate school established in 1997, aims to contribute to the development and advancement of democratic governance both in Japan and abroad through research and education in governmental policy and policy reform. Since its inception as the Graduate School of Policy Science at Saitama University in 1977, GRIPS has conducted policy research relevant to the current affairs of Japan and the world and has provided graduate education in advanced policy studies designed primarily for mid-career administrative and government officials from Japan and overseas, mainly from developing countries. At GRIPS we place particular emphasis on education for our international students; many of our degree programs can be obtained through study entirely in English.

GRIPS endeavors to produce young policy-makers who can tackle problems faced by countries, cities, international organizations, companies, and civil society at large. To that end, graduate education at GRIPS focuses on the fundamentals of policy research as well as practical problem-solving. Students benefit from high-quality instruction in economics, political science, public administration, international relations, engineering, and other subjects. They also have the opportunity to acquire a valuable set of data science skills. Leveraging GRIPS' location in Japan, we have formed our curriculum around the examination of selected case studies reflecting the experiences of Japan and other Asian countries related to modernization, rapid economic growth, and disaster management.

GRIPS' current policy on education, research and management is strongly linked to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. Our curriculum highlights the 17 goals of the SDGs: we work to raise awareness and knowledge of the SDGs amongst our students—many of whom will go on to become future leaders of their countries. I am also keen on encouraging research that will contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

Currently, international students make up 60% of our student population. Even by global standards, we are a particularly international research and education institution. In this environment, international students have the opportunity to engage in friendly competition among themselves and with the people who will lead Japan in the future. On the other hand, our Japanese students have the chance to create bonds with those who will go on to be future leaders in their home countries around the globe.

In this global atmosphere, we particularly welcome Japanese applicants to the English program. We also place strong emphasis on improving the English of the students in the Japanese program, and encourage them to participate in classes conducted in English. We also provide English classes and other learning opportunities at the Center for Professional Communication (CPC). For international students, the CPC provides Japanese classes and other learning opportunities, notably through the center's programs for rich exposure to elements of Japanese culture.

GRIPS is centrally located in Tokyo and has extensive access to the Japanese government and its agencies and to other major stakeholders. This proximity allows our students to observe important Japanese policymaking action closely as they conduct their research.

In addition to high-quality graduate education, we offer training programs that meet the needs of various stakeholders including the government agencies of a wide array of countries; we also accept funded research that draws on our faculty's expertise.

The world in the 21st century faces a great number of urgent issues that require action on both national and international scales. These issues, reflected in the SDGs, impact on areas including economic development, security, the environment, population, equality, and technological progress. GRIPS will continue to conduct research addressing these issues, and to nurture policy professionals who are motivated and equipped to take on global challenges.



## Profile

**Akihiko Tanaka** obtained his Ph.D. in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1981 and has held various positions at the University of Tokyo, including Professor of International Politics, Director of the Institute of Oriental Culture, and Executive Vice-President. He served as President of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) from April, 2012, to September, 2015. Professor Tanaka's academic specialties include theories of international politics, development cooperation, contemporary international relations in East Asia, and Japanese foreign policy. In 2012, he received the Medal of Honor with Purple Ribbon (*shiju hōshō*) for his academic achievements. In April 2017, Professor Tanaka became President of GRIPS.

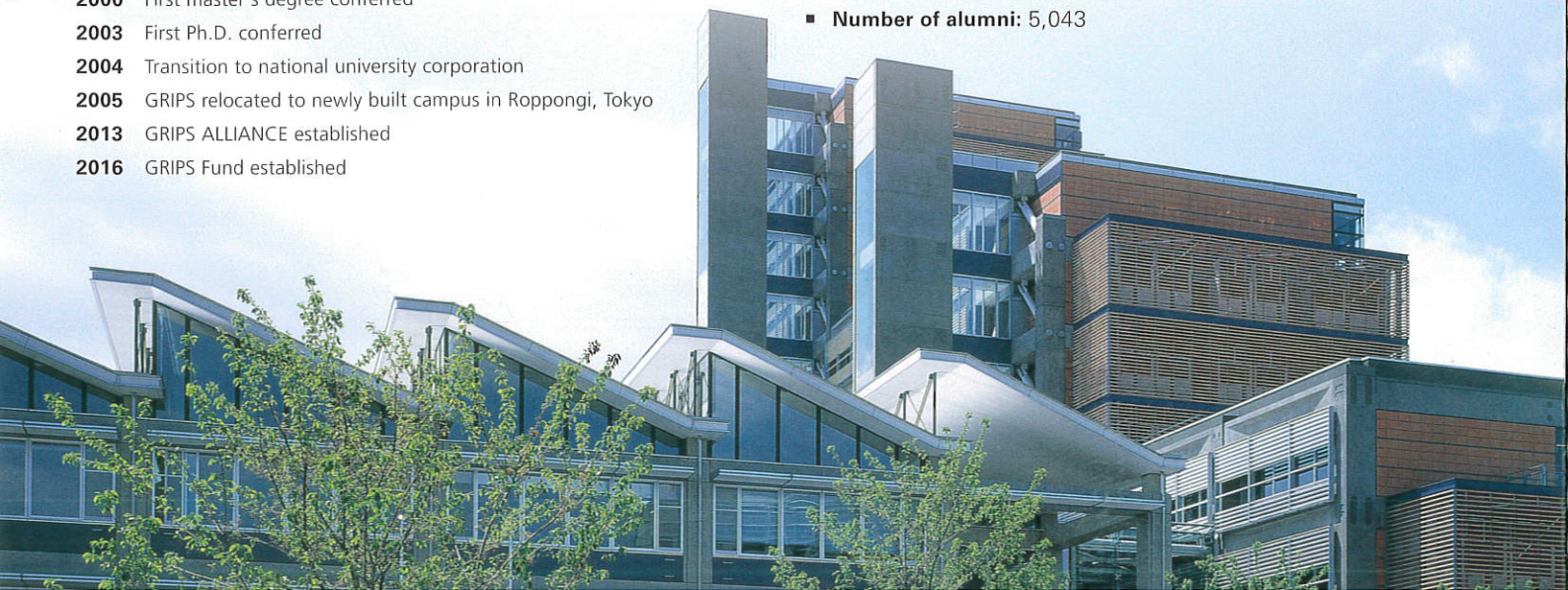
Akihiko Tanaka  
President

## Brief History

- 1977** Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS), Saitama University established
- 1997** National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) established
- 1998** GRIPS relocated to campus in Shinjuku Wakamatsu-cho, Tokyo
- 2000** First master's degree conferred
- 2003** First Ph.D. conferred
- 2004** Transition to national university corporation
- 2005** GRIPS relocated to newly built campus in Roppongi, Tokyo
- 2013** GRIPS ALLIANCE established
- 2016** GRIPS Fund established

## Basic Data

- **Location:** Central Tokyo (Roppongi)
- **Degrees awarded:** Master's degrees and doctorates
- **Language of instruction:** English
- **Academic calendar:** October-September
- **Total number of students:** 343
- **Number of alumni:** 5,043



# Meet Policy Professionals from Around the World

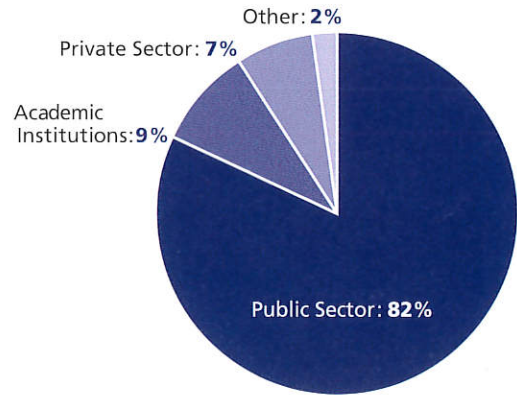
Many students at GRIPS are mid-career personnel from central and local government, related institutions and private companies. About 60% of the student body is composed of international students from nearly 50 countries and regions, many of whom are administrative officials in their own countries.

Our students have diverse nationalities, cultures, and languages, but they are all dedicated policy professionals. GRIPS is an environment where Japanese and international students can address the same problems in the same classroom, thinking about future policy from a global perspective.



GRIPS attracts students from around the world in a variety of fields. Networks established during study are precious assets after graduation. Our graduates number over 5,000 and hail from 116 different countries and regions, including those from GRIPS's predecessor, the Graduate School of Policy Science (GSPS) at Saitama University.

## Where are GRIPS Alumni working? (Graduated 2018)



## GRIPS/GSPS Alumni in the World (as of May 2019)

<b>Asia</b> 23 countries & regions	Bangladesh	172	Bhutan	33	Brunei	3	Cambodia	110	China	220	India	63
	Indonesia	480	Japan	1,780	Republic of Korea	67	Laos	39	Malaysia	123	Maldives	15
	Mongolia	76	Myanmar	112	Nepal	81	Pakistan	100	Philippines	208	Singapore	8
	Sri Lanka	79	Thailand	180	Timor-Leste	2	Viet Nam	173	Taiwan	2		
<b>Pacific</b> 6 countries	Australia	43	Fiji	11	New Zealand	1	Papua New Guinea	6	Samoa	1	Vanuatu	1
<b>North America</b> 2 countries	U.S.A.	2	Canada	1								
<b>Latin America</b> 17 countries	Belize	1	Brazil	10	Chile	3	Colombia	7	Costa Rica	2	Cuba	1
	Dominican Republic	6	Ecuador	6	El Salvador	22	Guatemala	4	Haiti	1	Jamaica	2
	Mexico	3	Nicaragua	16	Paraguay	4	Peru	19	Venezuela	3		
<b>Europe</b> (including NIS countries) 30 countries	Albania	3	Armenia	2	Azerbaijan	7	Bulgaria	12	Croatia	1	Czech Republic	12
	Georgia	13	Germany	5	Greece	1	Hungary	14	Iceland	1	Italy	2
	Kazakhstan	48	Kyrgyz Republic	64	Latvia	1	Lithuania	2	North Macedonia	2	Moldova	2
	Netherlands	3	Poland	22	Romania	13	Russia	1	Serbia	2	Slovakia	6
	Spain	1	Switzerland	2	Tajikistan	16	Turkmenistan	6	Ukraine	7	Uzbekistan	95
<b>Middle East</b> 7 countries	Afghanistan	13	Iran	3	Jordan	1	Saudi Arabia	2	Syria	2	Turkey	15
	Yemen	2										
<b>Africa</b> 31 countries	Algeria	7	Botswana	2	Burundi	1	Cameroon	3	DR Congo	1	Cote d'Ivoire	3
	Egypt	17	Ethiopia	37	Eritrea	1	Ghana	46	Guinea	1	Kenya	39
	Lesotho	1	Liberia	2	Madagascar	3	Malawi	4	Mauritius	3	Morocco	1
	Mozambique	3	Namibia	1	Nigeria	4	Rwanda	5	Sierra Leone	5	Republic of South Africa	1
	South Sudan	1	Sudan	3	Tanzania	45	Tunisia	1	Uganda	40	Zambia	30
	Zimbabwe	25										

Total number of countries and regions: 116 Total number of alumni: 5,043

## Center for Professional Communication

The mission of the Center for Professional Communication is to support GRIPS' students, faculty, and staff in developing effective professional communication skills and competencies needed to communicate productively in an environment of multiple stakeholders. To this end, we offer a range of instruction and support in fundamental areas of professional communication in English and Japanese including policy paper writing, professional speaking, grant proposal writing, and digital communications. We also provide opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges through a self-access learning center, organize seminars and special events related to all aspects of professional communication, and prepare customized materials for students and staff on academic and professional writing and language learning.



# Focused Knowledge of Policy Studies

Located in Roppongi, Tokyo, the GRIPS campus is close to Nagatacho and Kasumigaseki, the political and administrative centers of Japan respectively, making it easy for current administrative officers and practitioners to visit. Through lectures, seminars, the GRIPS Forum and other events, students have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of policy studies by hearing from top-class experts on the front lines of domestic and international academia, government, politics and industry.

## Diversity and Depth of Teaching

Our faculty consists of leading scholars in policy studies from Japan and overseas, and highly gifted individuals with practical experience in government, international development and related fields. Together, they make a team of instructors with great diversity and depth. We have more than 70 full-time and many part-time professors to our approximately 350 students. The curriculum includes discussions and tutorial classes with a small number of students, alongside regular lectures. Instruction is closely attuned to the needs of the individual student.

## Short-Term Executive Training

Based on experience of short-term training of government executives, GRIPS established the Executive Development Center for Global Leadership (CGL) in 2013. CGL provides various short-term training programs for government officials, particularly senior executives and middle management level officials, in response to specific requests of their governments.

### » Subjects of Short-Term Executive Training Program include:

- Leadership Development and Management for the 21st Century
- Public Management in General
- Structures and Processes of Government
- Organizational Management
- Civil Service Systems and Human Resource Management
- Tools of Government
- Legal Systems and Legislative Review
- Administrative Reform and Innovation
- Good Governance
- Trust in the Government
- Ethics and Anti-Corruption
- Local Governance in General
- Local Government Administration
- Local Government Financial Administration
- Management of Inter-Governmental Relations
- Public Policy Analysis
- Selected Substantive Policies



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### » Short-term training programs consist of various activities:

- Lectures by government officials, business executives, specialists from research institutions, as well as professors from GRIPS and other universities
- Field trips or visits to government offices and other places of interests related to themes of training
- Group discussions and workshops
- Participants' presentations and policy papers
- Exchanges with people from Japan

For the past programs, please visit GRIPS website at

<http://www.grips.ac.jp/en/training/>

# Degree Programs

Sustainable development goals (SDGs) relevant to our master's and doctorate programs

## Master's Programs

### Young Leaders Program **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17**

This program focuses on exposing students in a systematic way to the fundamentals of politics, government and public administration, public policy, management and leadership. The program prepares students to work as senior executives and leaders in the national, sub-national and local governments as well as in other public sector organizations.

### One-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP1) **1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 16 17**

This program equips managers and leaders with the skills and knowledge necessary for analysis, implementation, and evaluation of public policy. Students who enroll in this program become part of a global network of leaders.

### Two-year Master's Program of Public Policy (MP2) **1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 16 17**

This program conveys technical policy analysis skills to early-career professionals in local or national governments, international organizations, or policy institutes.

### Macroeconomic Policy Program **1 4 8 10**

The aim of this program is to enable macroeconomic policy professionals to plan and maintain robust national economies by equipping them with an understanding of macroeconomic fluctuations and the roles of monetary and fiscal policies in domestic and global economies.

### Public Finance Program **1 3 4 5 8 10**

This program provides students with the conceptual understanding and technical competence they need to become leaders in taxation and customs.

### Economics, Planning and Public Policy Program **1 3 4 6 7 8 9 10 17**

This is a joint two-year GRIPS-Indonesia Linkage program offered in conjunction with top national universities in Indonesia. The program is aimed at preparing local and central government officials who will contribute to good governance and economic development in Indonesia.

### Disaster Management Policy Program **9 11 17**

This program equips professionals from developing countries with effective approaches to, and techniques for, coping with natural disasters, as well as with engineering knowledge and skills needed to minimize seismic risks and counteract widespread water hazards.

### Maritime Safety and Security Policy Program **14 16 17**

This program is designed and administered jointly by GRIPS and the Japan Coast Guard Academy. Students benefit from both institutions' resources in the fields of public policy, security studies, maritime safety, and maritime security.

## Ph.D. Programs

Our Ph.D. programs prepare a new generation of public policy researchers, scholars, and professionals. The programs stress the development of theoretical, conceptual, and methodological knowledge as well as advanced skills needed for high-level policy analysis in government, universities, and international organizations. The Policy Analysis Program is 5-year doctoral program designed for bachelor's degree holders; all other doctoral programs are 3-year programs designed for master's degree holders.

### 5-Year Ph.D. Program

#### Policy Analysis Program **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 15**

### 3-Year Ph.D. Programs

#### Public Policy Program **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17**

#### GRIPS Global Governance Program (G-cube) **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17**

#### Security and International Studies Program **7 16 17**

#### State Building and Economic Development Program\* **1 3 4 5 8 9 10 11 16 17**

#### Disaster Management Program **1 2 3 6 7 9 10 11 13 14 15 17**

#### Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Program **1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16**

\*No longer accepting applications.

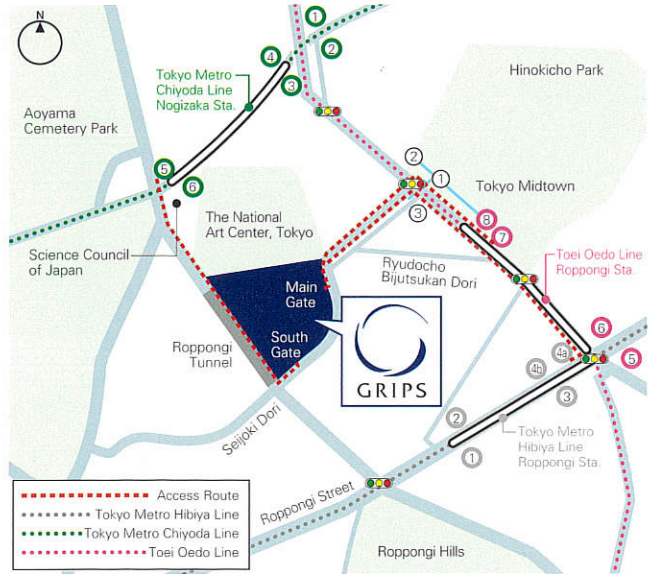
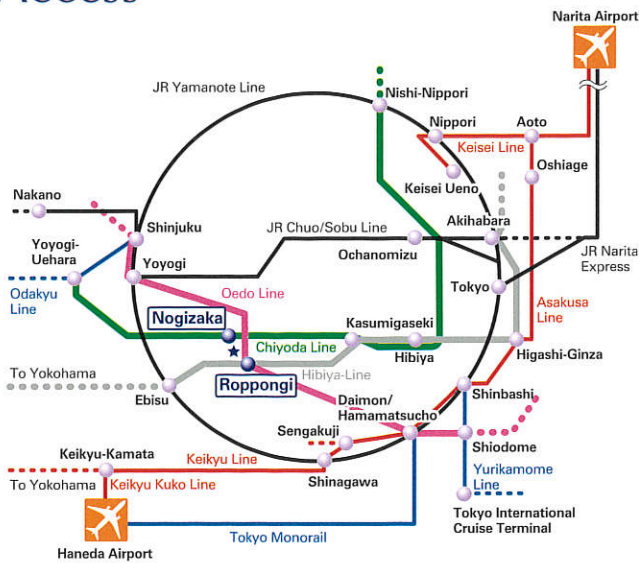
## 17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Please visit the dedicated website, Knowledge and Research: GRIPS' contributions to the SDGs, to see the connections between our research and education activities and the SDGs. <http://www.grips.ac.jp/sdgs/en/>





# Access



From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Tokyo by Narita Express: 1 hour 30 minutes  
From Narita Airport to Roppongi via Nippori by Skyliner: 1 hour 15 minutes  
From Haneda Airport to Roppongi by Tokyo Monorail: 40 minutes  
From Tokyo to Roppongi: 17 minutes

From exit no. 7 at Roppongi station on the Toei Oedo Line: 5 minutes walk  
From exit no. 4a at Roppongi station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line: 10 minutes walk  
From exit no. 5 at Nogizaka station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line: 6 minutes walk

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