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Sendai Tozai Subway Line to Open!

The Sendai Tozai Subway Line will open on December 6th. There will be subway stations adjacent to Kawauchi and Aobayama campuses, which will make commuting to those campuses more convenient. These stations will enable students to have a safe commute, regardless of weather conditions.

Needless to say, the transportation environment surrounding Tohoku University will change greatly with the opening of the new line.

We hope that those who commute by bicycle or motorcycle will take this opportunity to consider switching to public transportation, such as the subway and city buses, as they are safer and more reliable.

Below we will describe specifically how the Tohoku University transportation environment will change after the new subway opens. Please review this information to avoid confusion.

Stations Near Campus

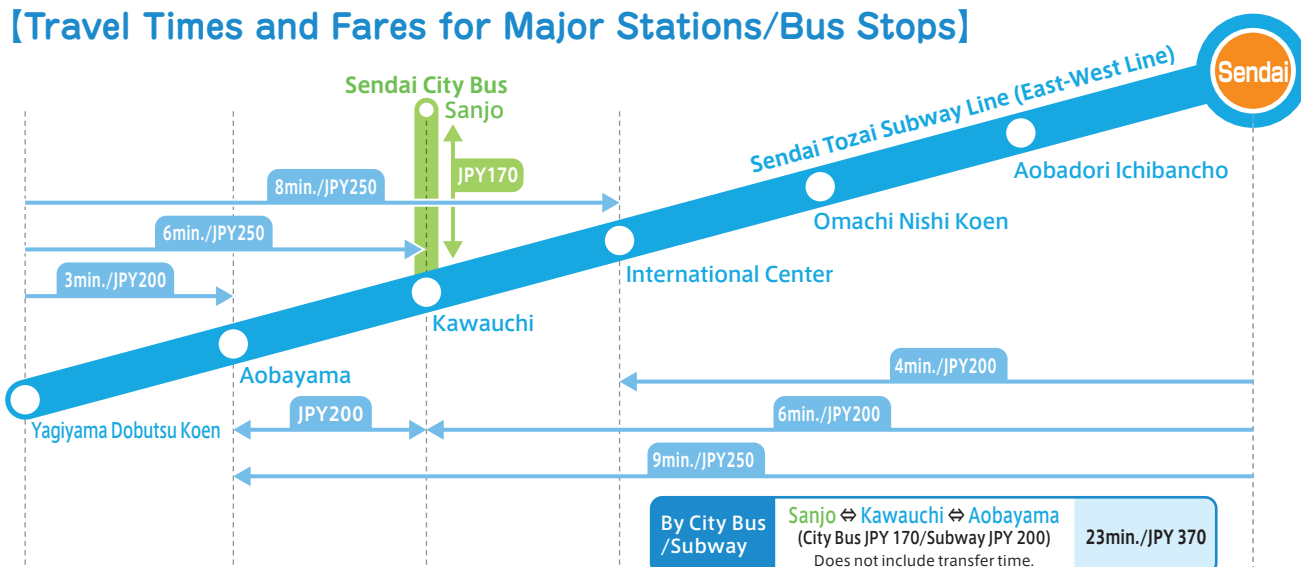
Two stations will open near Kawauchi campus (International Center Station and Kawauchi Station). One will open near Aobayama campus (Aobayama Station). From Sendai Station, it will take 6 minutes to reach Kawauchi Station, 9 minutes to reach Aobayama Station.

Changes to Sendai City Bus Routes:

City bus routes will change as follows when the new subway line opens.

- Buses from Sendai Station to Aobayama via Kawauchi (bound for the Miyagi University of Education, Dobutsu Koen, etc.) will be discontinued.
- Buses from Sendai Station to Kawauchi Station (near Kawauchi Post Office) will continue operating, but be reduced.
*Sendai Station-Kawauchi Station (near Kawauchi Post Office) to Kotsu Koen/Kawauchi Eigyojo
- **A new bus route will be established from Sanjo to Kawauchi Station.**
*Kita Sendai Station-Sanjo-Kunimi-Hachiman-Kawauchi Station
This route will open together with the Tozai line. It was proposed to the Sendai City government based on student feedback in the Student Life Survey and a report by a project team tasked with addressing student commuting problems. With the opening of this route, the Sanjo and Aobayama campus buses will be discontinued.
- A new bus route with a stop at the School of Engineering will be established between Yagiyama Dobutsu Koen Station and Aobadai Danchi (West of Miyakyodai).
*Yagiyama Dobutsu Koen Station-Kogakubu-Miyakyodai-Aobadai etc.

[Travel Times and Fares for Major Stations/Bus Stops]



More types of Free Pass:

With the opening of the Tozai subway line, the types of unlimited city bus and subway passes will be expanded, as shown here. These can be used when shopping or going to part-time jobs as well as for commuting to school.

City Bus Only		JPY 5,140
Subway Only	Nanboku Line or Tozai Line Only	JPY 6,950
	Nanboku Line and Tozai Line	JPY 8,340
Subway and City Bus	Nanboku Line or Tozai Line and City Bus	JPY 10,280
	Nanboku Line, Tozai Line, and City Bus	JPY 11,460

(1 month)

New On-Campus Bus

● New Aobayama Shuttle Bus

There will be a new Aobayama Shuttle Bus (free), departing from Aobayama Station and stopping at points around Aobayama Campus.

*A partial trial run has already begun on October 1st.

● Restructuring of Campus Buses

① As there will be a new city bus route between Sanjo and Kawauchi Station, the Sanjo and Aobayama campus buses (Route 1) will be discontinued.

▶ These campus buses were operated, free of charge, as a supplementary measure while the Sanjo, Kunimi and Hachiman city bus routes were under development.

▶ To ease the transition, **a charter bus to and from the Sanjo area will be operated during class hours this academic year, until February 5, 2016.**

Times:

Morning (Departing from Sanjo) / 8:05, 8:10, 9:50, 10:00

Night (Departing from School of Engineering East) / 18:45, 20:00

② Other campus buses providing transportation between the campuses (Kawauchi-Aobayama and Katahira, Kawauchi-Aobayama and Seiryō-Amamiya) will continue to operate.

▶ However, in keeping with their purpose of providing transport solely "between campuses," buses during the morning and evening commuting hours will be discontinued.

Once details of the bus schedule after the Tozai Line opens have been arranged, it will be announced on the Campus Bus website.

**Campus
Bus Website**

Japanese

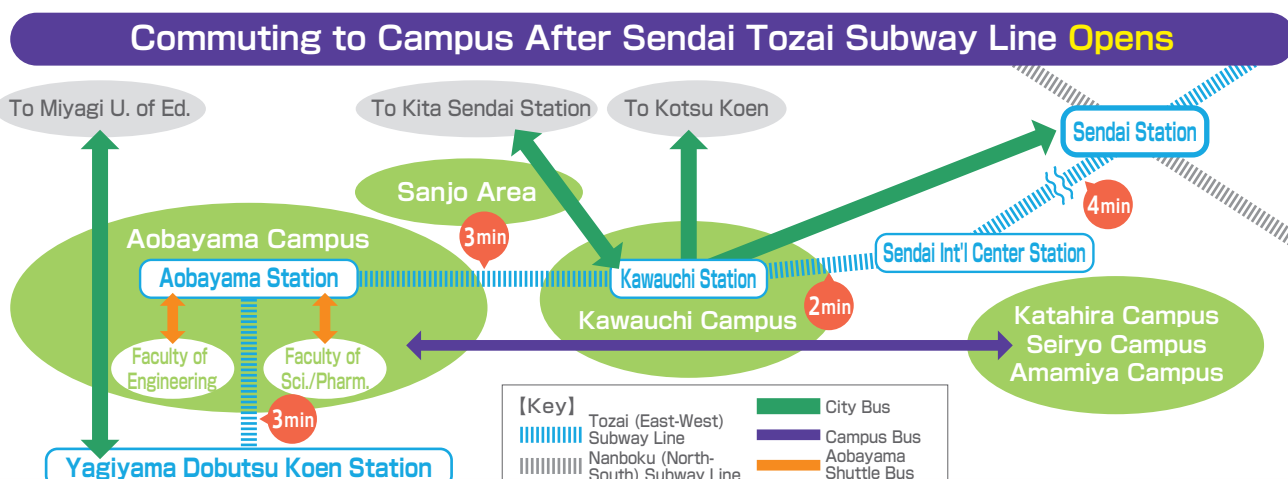
English

<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/campusbus.html>

Tohoku University Top Page (Japanese) → 在学生の方へ → 学生生活

<http://www.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/shisan/campusbus/campusbuse.html>

Tohoku University Top Page (English) → Campus Life → Campus Maps & Bus



Start of the Social Security and Tax Number System

The Social Security and Tax Number system (SSTN, also referred to as the "My Number" system) was designed to support people residing in Japan. Every person who has a Resident Registration card will be issued a number.

Each resident of Japan will be issued a SSTN (personal number) starting in October 2015.

All holders of Resident Registration cards will be given a 12-digit number. Numbers will also be assigned to medium-term visitors and special permanent foreign residents.

The city government will send a notification by postcard via registered mail to the address you registered with your city or ward office. So, make sure that the address shown on your Resident Registration card is correct.



You will need your SSTN as long as you live in Japan. Please keep it in a safe place.

This number cannot be changed unless it is stolen and used for illegal activities.

You will need this number starting January 2016.

Everyone will be required to use or provide their SSTN at various times. For example, it will be used when filing for health insurance, employment insurance etc. in the social security system, and for income tax returns. You will also need it for social security and tax procedures when working or doing part-time jobs. **Tohoku University will also begin asking instructors, TAs, and RAs for their SSTNs.**



*After notification of your number arrives in the mail, you can apply for a "Personal Number Card" at your city/ward office starting January 2016.

The SSTN will be required to apply for Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) scholarships.

JASSO loans will also begin requiring the number from April 2017. Please be sure to keep your SSTN postcard.

For more details on the Social Security and Tax Number system, see the below website.

Cabinet Secretariat

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/>

On the above Japanese website you can find links to other languages, such as English.

Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports,
Science and Technology (Japanese)

http://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/kaikei/zeisei/1362172.htm

*There have been reports of suspicious phone calls, e-mails, letters, and visitors, making unauthorized solicitations and requests for personal information in connection with the Social Security and Tax Number system. Please be cautious of such activities.

Social Security and Tax Number Seminar (Japanese Only)

●**Date:** November 13 (Fri.) 13:30-15:30

●**Place:** Kawauchi Kita Campus Multimedia Education and Research Complex 2F M206

●**Capacity:** 250 (room will be closed if capacity is reached)

●**Contact/inquiries:** General Affairs Department, Legal Division, Document Auditing Section

TEL: 022-217-5122 FAX: 022-217-6014 E-mail: bunsyo@grp.tohoku.ac.jp

Representatives from the Office for Social Security Reform of the Cabinet Secretariat will provide an explanation of the system. Please take this opportunity to learn more about the system.

11th Tohoku University Survey of Student Life

The Survey of Student Life is conducted every two years to ascertain student attitudes and living conditions relevant to studies and daily life, and used to improve Tohoku University. This is the 11th survey. This survey is open to all undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled at Tohoku University. The survey is conducted by the Tohoku University Student Life Committee in cooperation with the faculties and graduate schools.

Your cooperation too is invaluable to improving student life, making Tohoku University more attractive, and creating a dynamic, evolving university.

In the past surveys, we received many opinions and requests. Tohoku University has undertaken various actions and improvements based on this feedback.

However, if we receive an insufficient number of responses, it will be difficult for us to ascertain actual student life conditions, so we ask that you please cooperate.

Survey Period

Oct. 28 (Wed.) - Nov. 10 (Tue.) 2015

Instructions

Survey instructions will be sent to your student e-mail (DC Mail) address. They can also be accessed using the QR code.



*All information entered online will be transmitted using SSL encryption. Personal information will not be used to identify individual participants nor used for any purposes other than those stated.

Time Required

About 20 min.

Language

Japanese or English

Participation Prize: 8 GB USB thumbdrive with Tohoku University logo

An original USB thumbdrive (8 GB) with the Tohoku University logo will be given to 500 randomly selected survey participants. Winners will be notified by e-mail later.



Your Voice & University

Please make your voice heard to help make Tohoku University better.

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Tohoku University Student Life Council

Changes made based on past survey answers:

- Convenience stores and coffee shops were opened on campus.
- Welfare facilities (cafeterias) were improved on Aobayama, Kawauchi Kita, Katahira, and Seiryō campuses.
- Sendai City Transportation Bureau created a new Sanjo-Kawauchi city bus route at the university's request.
- Based on survey data, a "rainy day" bus and the "Gakuto Sendai City Bus + Subway" free pass were created in cooperation with the Sendai City Transportation Bureau.
- The maximum length of stay at University House dorms was extended from 1 year to 2 years.(Japanese Students Only.)
- Center for Career Support hours were extended to 18:30.
- Harassment prevention training for staff and lectures for students were implemented to improve our prevention activities.



Survey results will be published in the 2015 Tohoku University Survey of Student Life Report and on the Tohoku University website.