

Sumida Wa-glass Kan

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The Sumida Wa-glass Kan showcases Japanese Glass in diverse colors and shapes inspired by the designs in Taisho and Showa periods. Based on the materials it collected 120 years ago, Hirota Glass has repeatedly researched techniques and designs from the Taisho and Showa periods and has taken on the challenge to create unique products. Even today, when mass production of glass is mainstream, we continue to hand-made products one by one, inheriting the traditional manufacturing methods of Edo Kiriko and Edo glass craftsmen that have been passed down here in Sumida, with the desire to “deliver the warmth of glass that touches people’s hearts.” While designs that stand the test of time are wonderful, we hope that you will be able to hold, appreciate, experience, and feel the “warmth” of Japanese glass that is loved across the ages.



1F | Hirota Glass Shop

This is the only corporate-owned shop in Japan that carries the latest and the signature products of Hirota Glass. We have products that you can only find on display, as well as special products that are only available at the shop. If you want to check out or buy our products in person, feel free to drop by anytime. You may also contact us by email if you have any questions or need assistance.



3F | Hirota Glass Japanese Glass Museum

From the popular glass tableware that Hirota Glass sold after 1930s, to the glass bottles, the collectibles, plaster and metal molds that were used for glassmaking, and information books that you won’t find elsewhere, you can get an access to various types of information about Japanese Glass products, which have been an integral part of the Japanese lifestyle. Some parts of the materials are posted in the “Collections” section on our website.

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hirota-glass.co.jp/sumida-waglasskan/

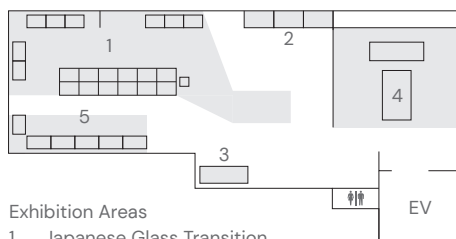
2-6-5 Kinshi, Sumida City, Tokyo 1300013

Public Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, Monday, national holidays and year-end holidays

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Exhibition Areas

- 1 Japanese Glass Transition
- 2 Glass Used in Daily Life
- 3 Glass Manufacturing and Materials
- 4 Special Exhibitions
- 5 Library

Founded in 1897, this glass art museum shows the collections of Hirota Glass, one of the oldest glassmakers in Tokyo. In addition to the nostalgic items that have been sold since the 1930s, the exhibition features Japanese and vintage glass pieces that were collected by the Chairman, Tatsuo Hirota. Manufacturing tools like molds for molding and other technical books are also on display. Feel the connection the warmth of the glass brings to you and enjoy the craftsmanship that has been passed down from generation to generation.

The museum is by reservation only. Purchase your tickets (1,320 yen) from the address below before visiting the museum.

<https://hirotaglass.thebase.in/>

*An explanation of the exhibition is given in Japanese.



What is “Japanese Glass” in the collection?

Japanese Glass is a glass product created based on Japanese aesthetic beauty that expresses “calmness” and “peace and harmony.” From the Edo period, when “Jappan (Japan) blowing” was the mainstream, civilization and enlightenment triggered by Meiji Restoration led to the fusion of Western glass technology and Japanese aesthetics. As a result, people started making household items using glass.

Visitor Information

Visitor Hours

Every other Saturday (twice a month)

From 10:30 to 11:30, 14:00 to 15:00 (twice a day)

Admission Fee: 1,320 yen (tax included)

*Reservation is needed. You can reserve twice a day, up to 4 people at a time.

*You can reserve and purchase tickets online.

*The admission fee includes a 300-yen coupon that you can use at the Sumida Wa-glass Kan



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