

Shibuya Public Toilet Project

TOTO Participates in THE TOKYO TOILET

Unique public toilets designed by famous creators from Shibuya

TOTO LTD. (headquarters: Kitakyushu, Fukuoka; President: Noriaki Kiyota) participated in **THE TOKYO TOILET, a project conducted by the Nippon Foundation**. THE TOKYO TOILET project installs unique public toilets designed by famous creators at 17 locations in Shibuya. **TOTO joined the project as an advisor and proposed toilet area layouts, including investigation of the current situation and equipment to be installed.**

Toilets at three locations, which started service on August 5

Source: The Nippon Foundation



Toilet in Ebisu Park
(Masamichi Katayama)



Toilet in Yoyogi Fukamachi Mini Park
(Shigeru Ban)



Toilet in Haru-No-Ogawa Community Park
(Shigeru Ban)

Overview of THE TOKYO TOILET

Toilets are a symbol of the *omotenashi* (hospitality) culture that Japan is proud to share with the world. However, at many public toilets, users are limited because of the darkness, dirtiness, odor and uneasy atmosphere. This project installs public toilets that anyone (regardless of gender, age or disability) can use comfortably at 17 locations in Shibuya, co-sponsored by Shibuya City government. Sixteen creators who work actively around the world participated in the project. With their superior design and creative strengths, the project proposes and communicates a range of ways to form a new society. In addition, by enhancing maintenance and management of the toilets, including cleaning, the project will cultivate an *omotenashi* mindset by providing comfort to visitors and encouraging them to consider the next user. For the project, the Nippon Foundation concluded a comprehensive agreement with Shibuya City government. Daiwa House Industry Co., Ltd. is in charge of the design and construction of the toilets, and TOTO is in charge of proposals for toilet area layouts, including investigation of the current situation and equipment to be installed. The Nippon Foundation will implement maintenance and management of the toilets under the multi-party agreement with Shibuya City government and Shibuya City Tourism Association.

Current Situation and Future Plan for THE TOKYO TOILET

The following toilets were completed at three locations: Ebisu Park (Masamichi Katayama), Yoyogi Fukamachi Mini Park and Haru-No-Ogawa Community Park (Shigeru Ban), Ebisu East Park (Fumihiko Maki), and Higashi Sanchoe (Nao Tamura). Their construction is planned to start on August 7, followed by the toilet in Nishihara Itchome Park (Takenosuke Sakakura) on August 31, and the toilet in Jingu-Dori Park (Tadao Ando) on September 7. The installation of all toilets will be completed by the summer of 2021. Refer to page 2 for the public toilets and the creators who are participating in the project.

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