

Hokkaido University: An Introduction

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Hokkaido University is one of the most famous universities in Japan. Since its founding in 1876 as the Sapporo Agricultural College, Hokudai has developed into a prestigious centre of learning. But it is also famous for having one of the most beautiful campuses of any university in Japan. Every year, thousands of tourists stroll along the university's pleasant, tree-lined avenues and have their picture taken by the bust of Dr William Clark. The tranquil beauty of the campus is even more remarkable when you consider that it is right in the centre of Sapporo, Japan's fifth largest city with a population of 1.8 million.

This video series will introduce various aspects of Hokkaido University. In this short introductory video, you will learn how to find materials about Hokkaido University in English from the university's website. The second video will discuss the history of the university, and show how campus has changed over the years. The third video presents some basic data about the university. The final video takes a look at the changing appearance of campus through the seasons.

Let's have a look at some of the materials in English on the Hokudai homepage. Please follow the instructions. There are four steps. After the instructions for each step, "stop the video and follow the instructions". Your aim is to download a pdf file. Then, read it and answer the three questions.

Are you ready?

Step one: go to the Hokkaido University homepage, www.hokudai.ac.jp

Step two: you will see a link that says “English”. Click this link.

Step three: On the left hand side of the page you will see a button called “About Hokkaido University”. Hold the cursor above that button and a menu will appear. Choose the bottom item in the menu: “Access to Campus”.

Step four: Below the street map of central Sapporo there is the link to the pdf file. “Campus Guide Map (English)”. Download this file.

Here are the three questions.

Question 1: On the map of campus, what number is the bust of Dr Clark?

- A) 85
- B) 86
- C) 87
- D) 88

Question 2: What time does the Hokkaido University Museum shop close on Saturdays in June?

- A) It is closed all day.
- B) 4:00 pm
- C) 4:30 pm
- D) 5:00 pm

Question 3: According to the Guide Map, how many minutes walk is it from Sapporo Station to the main gate?

- A) 4
- B) 5
- C) 6
- D) 7

(Answers: C, C, B)