

NPO "KOTOBA NO MICHIANNAI"

or **"KOTONAVI"** for short

Just access our website through your mobile phone with reader, you will get "voiced maps" which direct you to your destination from the nearest station.

NPO "Kotoba no Michiannai" works on and provides voiced maps for visually impaired people and for people who need.

In general, there are visual maps everywhere in towns or cities like Tokyo which are unfortunately impractical for the visually impaired individuals. Our main goal is working on, so to speak, "voiced maps" which mostly direct visually impaired people to the destinations or facilities by using voiced maps or verbal directions not by pictures.

We think that it is significant for the impaired people to be more integrated in society and to socialize more.

We have been working on "Kotonavi" or "voiced maps" to the various destinations or facilities which might help not only visually impaired but also elderly people having a failure in eyes.

[To use "Kotonavi" .]

* Regrettably, our service is available only in Japanese for the time being.

In making use of "Kotonavi", a mobile phone such as "Raku-raku phone" with reader by

Docomo is necessary. 

At first, access our "Walking Navi page" in our site, <http://www.walkingnavi.com>, and then search your destination in the page. As soon as you get the map, we recommend you to copy it in your mobile phone memo. And then start off listening to the voiced map which guides you to your destination. There you are !

This Walkingnavi page is free of charge.

[A sample "voiced map" .]

Here, we would like to introduce a part of our voiced map from the nearest station to "Nippon Tenji Toshokan".

* We usually adopt clock position to express each way .

Following is the voiced map.

The following is a voiced map provided by NPO "Kotoba no Michiannai" directing from Toyama-guchi ticket gate at JR Takatanobaba station to Nippon Tenji Toshokan. It takes about 5 minutes on foot and is 245 meters.

Stand at the gate on your back, the destination is located at the direction of 10 o'clock left forward. Tacktile pavings are almost laid. And the direction is given by tracing the tacktile pavings.

1. Walk in the station by 7meters towards the direction of 11 o'clock left ahead from the gate on your back., there is a path.(Reference: Tacktile pavings are missing for a short part. It's a path underneath the railroad.)

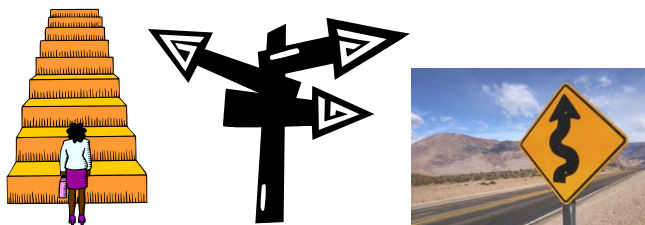
2. Make a turn to your 9 o'clock left and walk along the tacktile pavings for 37 meters, there is a T junction.(Caution: In front of the T-junction, you will face a concrete wall.)

(Reference: The tacktile pavings only lead you towards the direction of 9 o'clock left.)..... continues.

Those detailed directions are read to the entrance of your destination through the mobile phone so that you can walk listening to it.

Since caution and reference are given accordingly in voiced maps, you can also make sure of them in advance.

Our future goal is to develop a system which let the users know by signal sound or speech whether their location is right. And we are happy to inform you that the project for this development has been carried out.



[About our activity]

. Regular meetings are held on the first Saturday and the third Wednesday of every month. Also, public relations, participation in exhibitions, making and modifying the voiced maps and so on are part of our activities.

In order to choose safer and practical route, a team of a few members including visually impaired person works on voiced maps by inspecting the area carefully.

Regrettably, our service is available only in Japanese for the time being, however, we are happy to welcome visitors from abroad as well.

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