# **Kyoto University Campuses**

Kyoto University comprises three campuses (Yoshida, Uji and Katsura) and a number of research facilities located across Japan.



#### Kinkakuji Temple

### Katsura Campus

Katsura Campus, which opened in 2003, is located nine kilometers southwest of Yoshida Campus, and comprises four clusters of buildings overlooking Kyoto City. Conceived as a "Techno-Science Hill" for graduate studies in engineering and informatics, the campus is a locus where technology, regional culture and nature are combined in new ways to provide inspiration for academic minds. The campus is a short bus-ride away from the nearby JR and Hankyu Railway stations.

The western outskirts of Kyoto City include many famous cultural and sightseeing locations, such as the scenic Arashiyama area, World Heritage Site Saiho-ji Temple (also known as the Moss Temple), and Katsura Imperial Villa, which is considered to be one of the finest examples of Japanese architecture and gardening.



In the past, the western area of Kyoto was famous for bamboo production. Many bamboo forests remain in the area to this day.





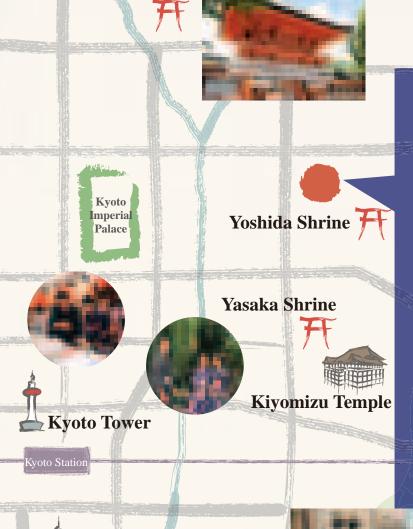
### Uji Campus

Located approximately twelve kilometers to the south of Yoshida Campus, Uji Campus is home to a number of stateof-the-art research institutes and centers including many large-scale testing facilities devoted to laboratory work in the natural sciences and energy related fields.

The campus is easily accessed by the Keihan and JR railways, and Kyoto University also runs a regular shuttle bus service among all three campuses.

Famous for tea production, the Uji area is rich in greenery and lush tea fields. The city was one of the main settings for Murasaki Shikibu's Heian period literary classic *The Tale of Genji*. Other features of interest include the World Heritage Sites Byo-do-in Temple (which is depicted on the ten yen coin) and Ujigami Shrine, and an annual fireworks festival, which is held on the banks of the Uji River in August.

#### Shimogamo Shrine



Toji Temple

Kyoto City's countless locations of cultural and historic interest include seventeen designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites, numerous museums and traditional gardens, and approximately 2000 Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines.

> Kyoto is the perfect size to explore by bicycle. There are numerous reuse and rental shops throughout the city.

## **Yoshida Campus**

The oldest of Kyoto University's three main campuses, Yoshida Campus is conveniently located in an urban environment 30 minutes by bus to the north-east of Kyoto Station.

The university is continually updating and expanding the facilities at Yoshida Campus, which is divided into seven sections: The Main Campus, where the clock tower and main administrative buildings are located; the North Campus, which includes a large sports field and experimental farms; the West Campus, where the student club rooms and gymnasium are located; the Yoshida-South Campus, where the university's baseball field is located; the Faculty of Medicine Campus; and the University Hospital Campus.

The area around Yoshida Campus is surrounded by major tourist spots, including the Kyoto Imperial Palace and several famous shrines, each with their own traditions and festivals throughout the year. In the warmer seasons students are often found relaxing on the banks of the nearby Kamo River and surrounding parks.



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**Byo-do-in Temple** 

Ujigami Shrine