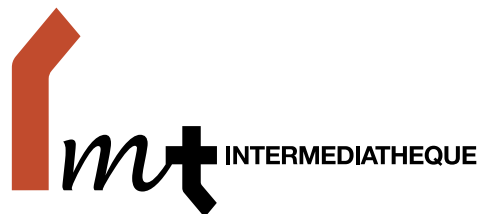


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Notice on the Opening of the Special Exhibition “*Chamber of Curiosities* KUM Version” in Tokyo

In November, the JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATHEQUE (IMT) is opening the special exhibition “*Chamber of Curiosities* KUM Version” in Tokyo, on the basis of a partnership between the University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT) and the Kyoto University Museum (KUM).

The present exhibition showcases to the public a selection of about fifty historical specimens from the collection of scientific specimens of the Kyoto University Museum, centered on the heritage of the former Third High School (*kyūsei daisan kōtō gakkō*).

As you may already know, the Kyoto University and the University of Tokyo are both national university corporations issued from public universities, but until now the occasion to organize a joint exhibition on a museum level based on scientific specimens did not arise. Moreover, even among museums in Japan affiliated to the Conference on University Museums, such a special exhibition based on a full-dress collaboration between two museums was never realized. In order to widely convey to society the *raison d'être* and scientific mission of University Museums in contemporary society, and in order to reevaluate the value of scientific specimens accumulated in University Museums as natural resources, the organization of the present exhibition is highly significant. After the Tokyo exhibition is over, a Kyoto exhibition will be held at the Kyoto University Museum.

Key Information

[Title] “*Chamber of Curiosities* KUM Version” in Tokyo

[Dates] November 1, 2013 – May 25, 2014

[Opening Hours] 11:00-18:00 (open until 20:00 on Thursday and Friday; last entry 30 minutes before closing)

* Opening hours may change.

[Closed on] Mondays (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a National Holiday) and Year-end holidays. May close irregularly.

[Venue] MODULE, Intermediatheque 3rd floor

[Organizers] The University Museum, The University of Tokyo (UMUT) + The Kyoto University Museum (KUM)

[Support] Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University

[Address] JP Tower 2/3F, 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

[Admission] Free of charge

[Access] JR lines and Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line Tokyo Station. Direct access from the Marunouchi Underground Pathway.

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