

Concept

Meet Your Future

In this place infused with the spirit of *Kome Hyappyo*, encounter new people, new job opportunities, learning experiences, cultural experiences, and your future self. Let these new encounters be the force to bring about innovation. This is a bridge to the future.

All of our hopes are connected To THE FUTURE (MIRAIE) of Nagaoka.

A New Concept of *Kome Hyappyo*, Leading to the Future

Komehyappyo Place MIRAIE NAGAOKA is a modernized version of the Kokkan Gakko School and Goson Bunko Library.

This is a place where young people, who are our hope for the future, entrepreneurs, and a wide range of generations can come and interact with each other. This is a place where visitors can find new ways of learning and various challenges to help them adapt to these quickly changing times.



The History of Kokkan Gakko and the Lively Spirit of *Kome Hyappyo* (One Hundred Sacks of Rice)

In 1867, the Nagaoka Han (a feudal domain) was defeated during the Boshin Civil War. The Mineyama Han, an allied domain, sent a relief package of one hundred sacks of rice to the war-devastated Nagaoka.

Expressing that nurturing human resources should be the base of the city's development, Torasaburo Kobayashi, the Grand Councilor of the Nagaoka Han, did not distribute the donated rice among the clansmen. He insisted that the rice be sold. The funds raised by selling the rice were used to establish Kokkan Gakko.

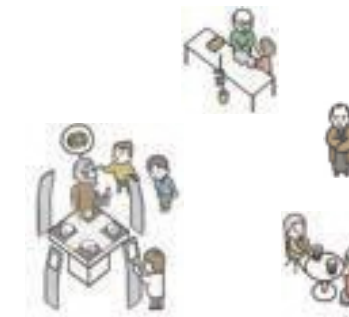
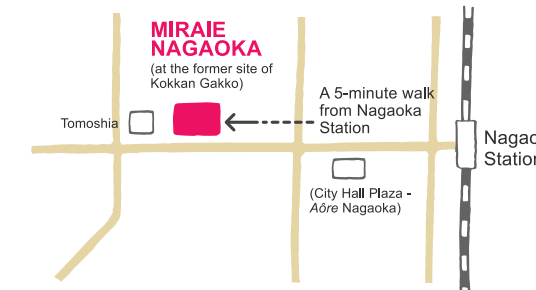
On June 15, 1870, Kokkan Gakko was relocated and reopened, where in addition to Chinese studies, educational programs with a global perspective such as Western studies and

medicine were provided. Kokkan Gakko became a place where a wide range of citizens, from children to adults, could learn regardless of their social status such as samurai descendants, townspeople, or farmers.

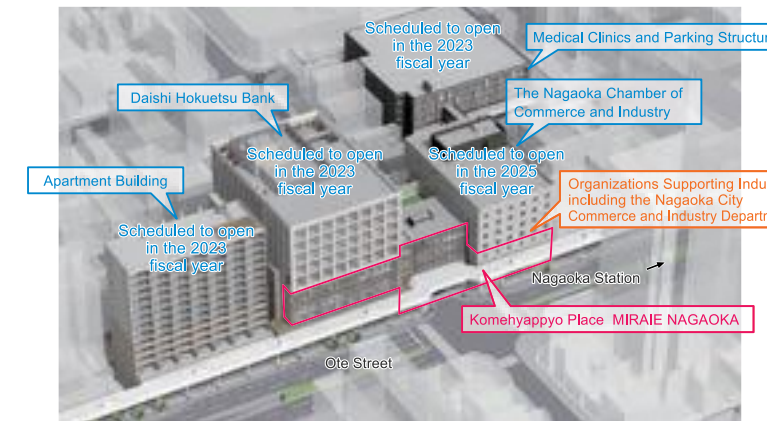
Education in Nagaoka, which is based on the educational philosophy of Kokkan Gakko, has produced many prominent human resources at the forefront of various fields in Japan and around the world. Kokkan Gakko has compiled a long list of achievements that lead to the present day.

Komehyappyo Place MIRAIE NAGAOKA stands upon the former site of Kokkan Gakko.

It can be said that this is the starting point of Nagaoka's city development, where the inspiring spirit of *Kome Hyappyo* still lives and breathes.



An Illustration of Kokkan Gakko by Tochi Ogawa from *Kaikyū Zasshi* (Recollections of Past Events)



Ote Street and Sakanoue-machi Area Urban Renovation Project

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About
MIRAIE NAGAOKA

The Three Roles of MIRAIE NAGAOKA

This is the hub of regional revitalization, where nurturing human resources and industrial development are fully supported. New values will be created here.

01 A Place of Learning and Nurturing Human Resources

The Goson Bunko Library will move here as a newly renovated library, which serves as a base for learning and nurturing human resources to support the future of Nagaoka.

Functional Facilities and Services
Downtown Library, Children's Lab, Youth Lab, and Displays of Historical Figures

02 A Place of Industrial Development and Interactions

MIRAIE NAGAOKA will promote the nurturing of human resources through interactions and collaborations between academia and industrial sectors as well as the development of products and services. We aim to create new businesses by providing an entrepreneurial environment where students and young people can easily start their own enterprises.

Functional Facilities and Services
Innovation Salon, Coworking Space, Business Management Consultations, Entrepreneurship Support, Open Innovation Area, Fabrication Lab, and Gallery Lab

03 A Thriving Community

This is a place where multiple generations can come together and feel free to interact with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. We will bring about new prosperity here in the downtown area as well as throughout the city by providing various programs and events related to human resource development and industrial promotion.

Functional Facilities and Services
Tōriniwa Garden Path, Grand Passage, Rooftop Garden, Bank Hall, and a Café Restaurant

A Place of Learning and Nurturing Human Resources

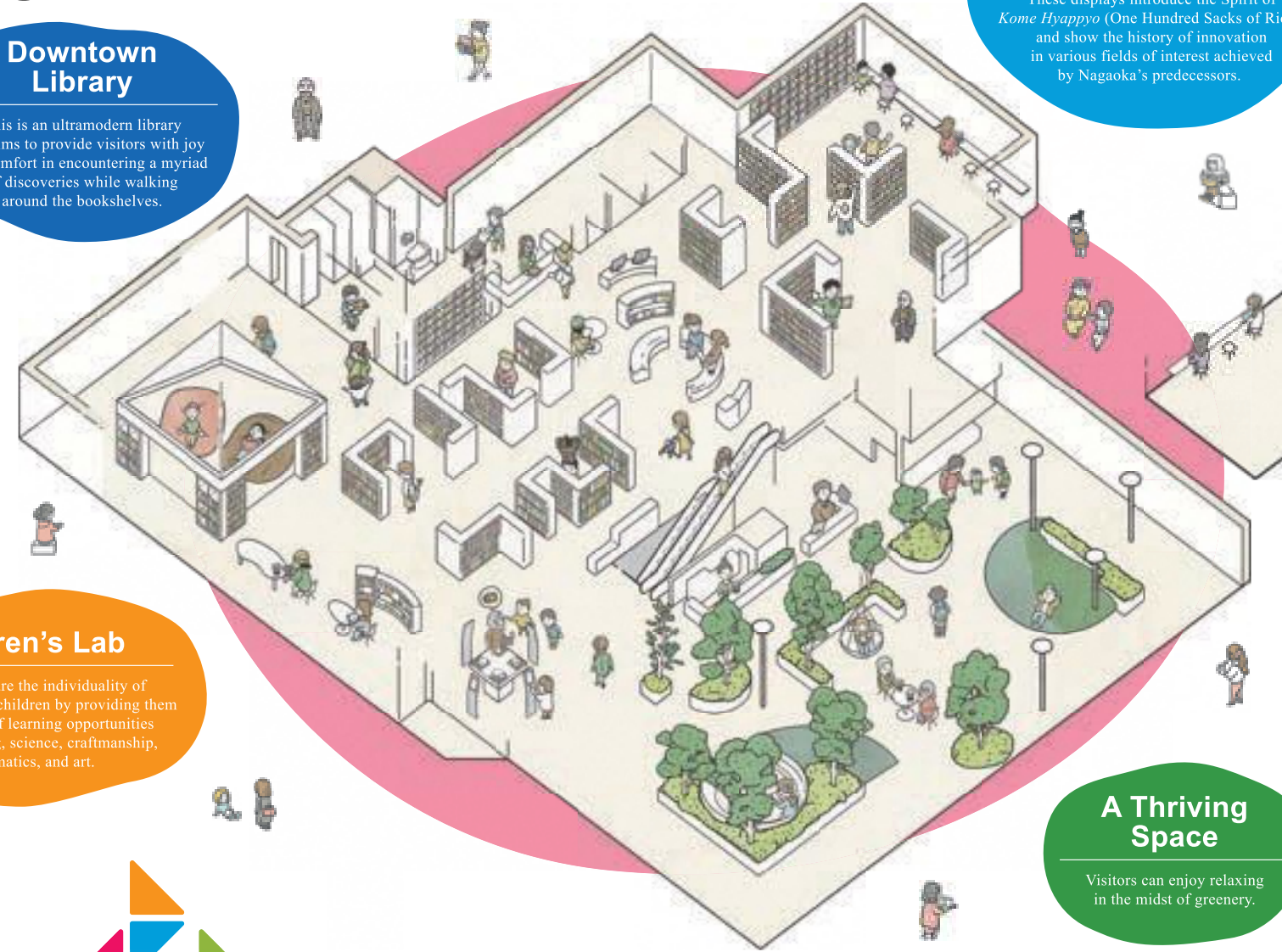
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Downtown Library

This is an ultramodern library that aims to provide visitors with joy and comfort in encountering a myriad of discoveries while walking around the bookshelves.

Children's Lab

Here, we nurture the individuality of elementary school children by providing them with a variety of learning opportunities in programming, science, craftsmanship, mathematics, and art.



Displays of Historical Figures

These displays introduce the Spirit of *Kome Hyappyo* (One Hundred Sacks of Rice) and show the history of innovation in various fields of interest achieved by Nagaoka's predecessors.

A Thriving Space

Visitors can enjoy relaxing in the midst of greenery.

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Youth Lab

This is a cozy place where junior and senior high school students are welcome to spend their time as they wish. We support the youth in their growth.

NaDeC BASE (Innovation Hub)

This is a hub where the students of the four local universities and one technical college as well as firms located in the city can get together to nurture human resources and promote industrial development.

Support for Industrial Business

Business opportunities can be expanded through networking here.

Visit and experience MIRAIE via VR.



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A Place of Industrial Development and Interactions

