

## News

Coronavirus and Olympics top of agenda as election for Tokyo governor kicks off:

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Coronavirus pandemic: thermometers and batteries in short supply:

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Service matches restaurants struggling in lockdown with jobless staff:

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Former Justice Minister arrested amid vote-buying scandal in Hiroshima:

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AI chatbot introduced to tackle alarming rise in corona-related suicides

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## Current affairs: ageing, childlessness, solo living and pets

Bongo the Robot Dog: like a real dog but quieter, cleaner and cheaper:

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Fewer kids, more tourists: abandoned elementary school near Narita Airport becomes a hotel:

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Lifely Walking Pants help the elderly to walk with confidence again:

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Bestselling 'Hyalo Deep Patches' erase wrinkles under your eyes:

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Fukuroi: Shizuoka town determined to put empty houses to good use:

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Home delivery meal kits proving a hit with those who live alone:

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Miyazaki farmers' blog celebrates local produce and community:

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Japan's pets: like children, but quieter, cheaper and fluffier

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Kannoji: a temple where pet lovers pray for the rebirth of their beloved cats and dogs in paradise <https://grapee.jp/en/163426>

Hachiko, Japan's favourite dog, may not have been so loyal to his master after all

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## Art and Architecture

How we became modern: a trip to Tokyo Advertising Museum

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Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo:

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St. Mary's Cathedral: Kenzo Tange's modernist masterpiece in Waseda

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Waseda El Dorado: a fabulist extravaganza among Tokyo's bland modern buildings

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Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum: tribute to a radical artist

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Profile of Yoshitomo Nara, Japan's most expensive living artist

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Takashi Murakami: Japan's coolest artist on *kawaii* culture

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The Koenji Mural City Project is a celebration of local street artists

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Exhibition of drawings by masterly Yoshio Yoshimura opens at Sogo Museum of Art in

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Manga artist Oki chu brings 'low-brow' psychedelic art to Okachimachi

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## Travel

Jogashima: tiny island offers a welcome break from big city stress

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Kawagoe: sweet potato capital of the eastern world

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A day trip to Nokogiriyama:

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Koishikawa Botanical Gardens are the oldest in Japan and rich in stories to tell:

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Niigata hotel offers 'forest bathing' package for stressed-out city folk

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Office in ski resort gondola aims to strike winning work-ski balance

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## Food and Drink

Why are fruit and vegetables so expensive in Japan?

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The National Banana Research Institute in Yanaka

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Meiji brings back much-loved 'Tea and Biscuits' flavour ice cream tubs

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Plum wine maker looks to jump on craft beer bandwagon with 'Takara Craft' plum  
shochu highball

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Sojo in Waseda: Tokyo's only Esperanto-speaking vegan restaurant

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Shibuya eatery introduces delicious and warming wild boar hotpot

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Tokyo: a wonder of the modern world fed by its *konbini*

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Why are so many Japanese women pigeon toed?

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The discreet charm of Japan's anti-smoking campaign

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## History

What became of the Yoshiwara, Tokyo's old red-light district?

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*Karakuri ningyo*: the world's first robots:

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*Kodo*: the long-lost Japanese art of incense appreciation:

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A Japanese history lesson: who were the *burakumin*?

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The lie of the land: how topography made Tokyo the city it is today

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A pioneering pet lover: the "Dog Shogun," Tokugawa Tsunayoshi

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Natsume Soseki in London: "a dog thrown into the company of wolves."

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Remembering the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 <https://grapee.jp/en/164248>

## Folklore

Kappa: a water imp among the cutlery and tableware of Kappabashi:

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Mu: a clue to a legendary lost kingdom in Ojima Komatsugawa park:

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*Zashiki warashi*: the mythical children who look after your house

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