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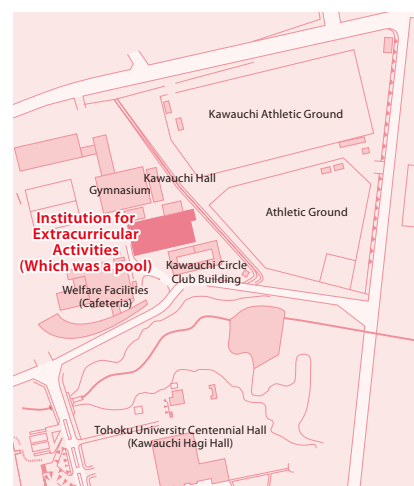
Tohoku University New Campus Plan

University facilities damaged as a result of the March 2011 earthquake are being repaired or renovated. In the autumn of 2012, reconstruction work will begin on the three most heavily damaged buildings of the School of Engineering on the Aobayama-Higashi Campus. All new research facilities, either being constructed or being planned, will be seismically isolated and equipped with their own power generators for added safety.

Kawauchi Campus

A new center for extracurricular activities

A new center for extracurricular activities will be built on the site of an old swimming pool. The new center will house facilities currently located all over the University's campuses: club rooms for non-sports clubs and a 150-seat auditorium on the first floor; club rooms for non-sports clubs on the second floor; club rooms for sports clubs and a fitness center on the third floor; and a 25-meter heated pool on the fourth floor. Some of these facilities will be open to both University alumni and the public. The building will have environmentally friendly features such as a retractable glass roof and solar thermal collectors. Construction will begin after an archaeological survey is conducted, and will be completed by March 2014.



Aobayama-Higashi Campus

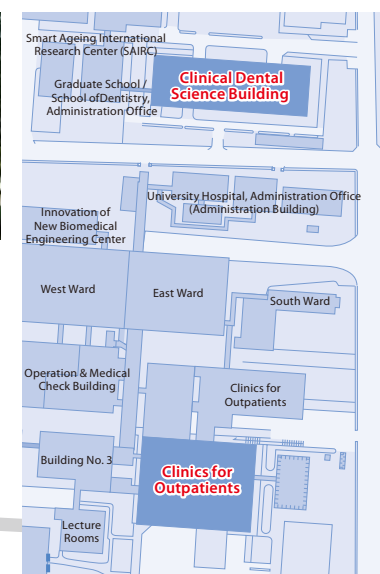
Civil Engineering and Architecture: Laboratory Building of Civil and Environmental Engineering and a rain garden completed

A new laboratory building has been built on the site of seven former laboratories. A rain garden, located in front of the building, is designed to collect rainwater from the roof of the building into a circulation pool that purifies the water naturally. This garden, which helps mitigate the heat-island effect on the campus and will provide a water source in the event of an emergency, serves as an experiment site for ecosystem engineering students, and will become a place for students and visitors to relax when the Campus Mall is completed.



Material Science and Engineering: Materials Collaborative Research Building completed

This building is intended to attract industry-university collaborative research projects in material science and engineering, and boasts facilities and equipment that meet a wide variety of needs. It is a landmark spot on the Aobayama-Higashi Campus, just like the Center Square.



Seiry Campus

Clinic for Outpatients renovated and Clinical Dental Science Building opened

The renovation of the Clinic for Outpatients has completed the University Hospital's project to consolidate several clinics for outpatients into a single location. The renovated clinic has separated the flow of patient traffic from that of staffers and has optimized the locations of diagnosis and treatment departments to better serve patients.

The Dental Clinic Building has been transformed into the Clinical Dental Science Building following the relocation of the Dental Clinic to the Clinic for Outpatients. The building has been reinforced with steel beams to withstand earthquakes. Its new exterior, which is covered with warm-colored tiles, matches the surrounding buildings and blends in with the scenery. The first floor accommodates a café with a wood-deck seating area, which faces the Seiry Campus Street being developed.



Katahira Campus

Redevelopment of the North Gate area completed

The North Gate area that leads to the Katahira Campus has been redeveloped with the old gate and fences removed to make it a wide open space that welcomes students and visitors, while retaining parts of the old buildings from the early days of the University and leaving trees standing to give the area a historical ambience.

When the Katahira Kitamon Commons is completed, the building and the adjoining North Gate area will become a vibrant space where University researchers and local residents mingle and interact with one another.

Main streets and sidewalks along the city roads that run through the campus have been widened to make them more pedestrian-friendly.



Construction begins on University House Sanjo II

University House Sanjo II, a new dormitory for Japanese and international students, is being built on a site next to the current dormitory, to accommodate an increasing number of students from overseas. When completed, three residential buildings and a circular facility will surround a courtyard of trees and plants. In the new dormitory, as in the current one, students of diverse nationalities will have their own bedrooms and share a common living room space and a kitchen. This will give students opportunities to develop international perspectives, understand the diversity of cultures, and nurture social skills and a spirit of teamwork. The new dormitory is scheduled to open by the end of March 2013.

