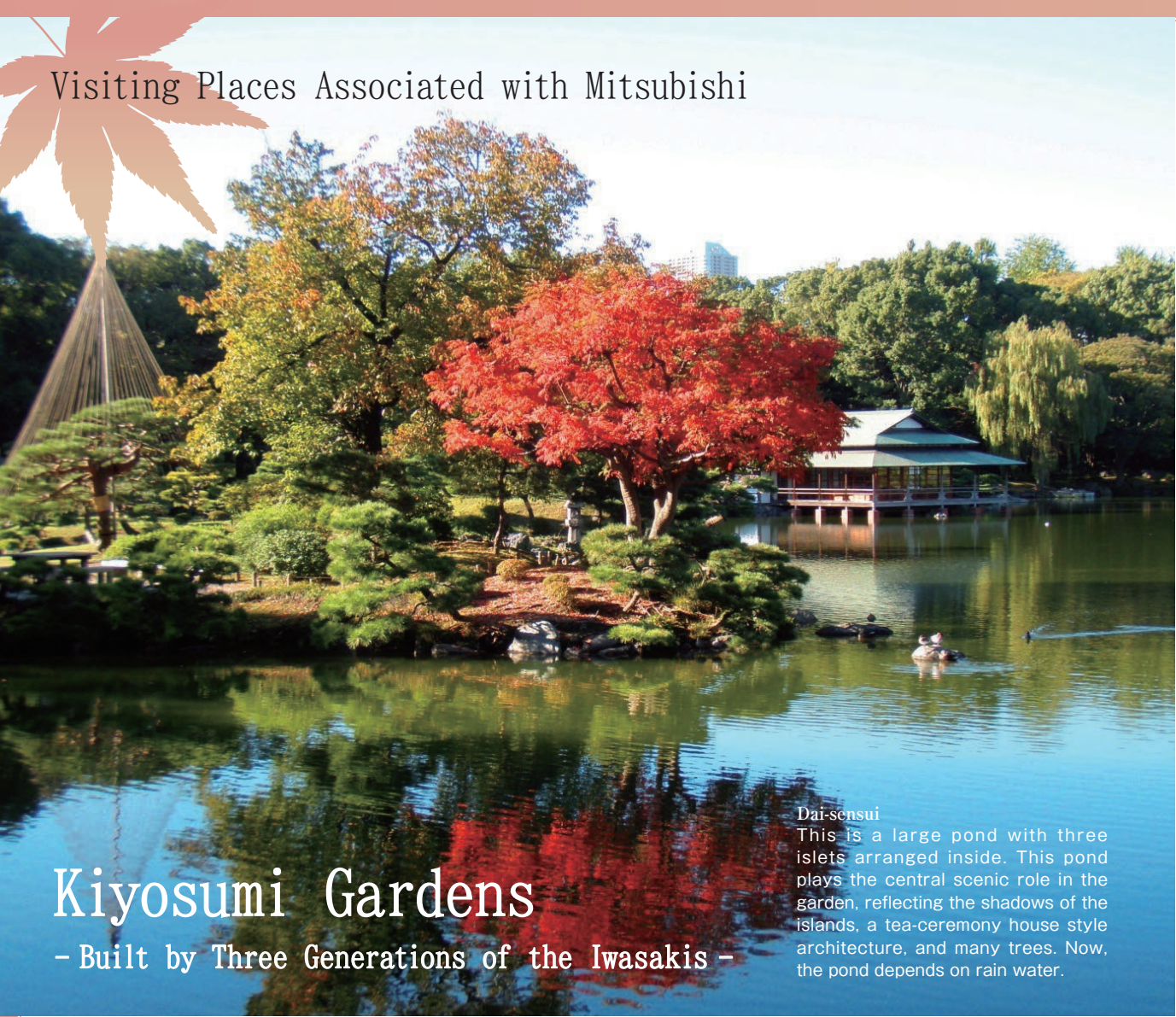


Visiting Places Associated with Mitsubishi



Kiyosumi Gardens

- Built by Three Generations of the Iwasakis -

Dai-sensui

This is a large pond with three islets arranged inside. This pond plays the central scenic role in the garden, reflecting the shadows of the islands, a tea-ceremony house style architecture, and many trees. Now, the pond depends on rain water.

Kiyosumi Gardens is a kaiyu-style (circuit style), tree-and-pond garden representative of the Meiji-period, with many large stones, large trees, and garden trees from all around the country arranged perfectly on a huge plot of land. You can enjoy the scenery of each season by walking around the pond where many rare stones are laid out beautifully. Please visit the garden in the period between the middle of November and the beginning of December, the best season to view colored leaves.



2-3 chome, Kiyosumi, Koto-ku, Tokyo
 Opening hours/9:00 - 17:00 (entrance gate closes at 16:30)
 Entrance fee/¥150 for the general public
 ¥70 for visitors aged 65 and above Free for children elementary school age or younger, and junior high school students living or attending school in Tokyo
 Closed dates/December 29 through January 1
 Access/3-minute walk from Kiyosumi-shirakawa Station on the Toei Oedo Line / Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Line

History and Viewing Points of Kiyosumi Gardens

The era of Yataro



Meiseki (rare stones)

The stones were collected from stone producing areas nationwide by Iwasaki family taking advantage of steamships that belonged to their own company. Innumerable stones are placed in the garden, creating a "Stone Garden" like environment.

Yataro Iwasaki, the founder of Mitsubishi, had a personal interest in landscape gardening. He used to say, "When I am worried about something, I go to see gardens. By doing so, I feel refreshed and the dark mood goes away. This is the only thing I enjoy personally." In 1878, Yataro bought an abandoned mansion of a Daimyo at Fukagawa for renovation. To create a kaiyu-style (circuit style), tree-and-pond garden, which looked like an ocean beach, he brought in water from

the Sumida River and collected large stones from around the country using Mitsubishi's steamships. The garden became Kiyosumi Gardens today. Back then, it was common for business persons to entertain guests at fancy Japanese-style restaurants. Following the social etiquette in Western countries, Yataro used the garden for entertaining special guests.

The era of Yanosuke and Hisaya

Inheriting the will of the late Yataro, Yanosuke Iwasaki and Hisaya Iwasaki, the second and third presidents of Mitsubishi, respectively, moved ahead with the garden construction. In 1909, a bower was built in the garden to welcome a British marshal who was visiting Japan. It is said that the marshal entertained in the bower could not be impressed more by the Japanese-style garden. In the wake of the Great Kanto

Earthquake in 1923, the garden played the role of an evacuation site for neighborhood residents, saving many human lives. After the Earthquake, recognizing the importance of the garden's disaster prevention capability, Hisaya decided to donate the garden to the City of Tokyo. Today, the garden is designated as a place of scenic beauty in Tokyo, and many visitors enjoy the beautiful landscape.



Ryotei

Ryotei is a bower that was built to entertain a British marshal who visited Japan as a national guest. This architecture was built in the style of a tea-ceremony house, sticking out into the pond, and providing the garden with a rich Japanese atmosphere.

Why don't you spend an elegant moment at Ryotei?

Ryotei can be reserved for use as an assembly hall with meal services. Please check out its home page for reservation procedures and other details.

*For details, please visit the following URL. (Japanese only)
<https://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/park/format/facilities033.html>

The photo shows Kiyosumi Gozen (special box menu)

