

Digital Time Capsule

デジタルタイムカプセル

■Purpose of Exhibition

This exhibit will show you the ongoing results of our project, which is to preserve the appearance, the history, collections and recollections of the former Astronomy Building and Science and Technology Building, which have disappeared and been rebuilt, and to link memories and reminiscences of visitors to them. Unlike conventional time capsules, which are buried in the ground and cannot be seen until the day to be opened, our digital time capsule is a new type for the digital age that preserves the past, while simultaneously keeping the contents constantly visible, updated and evolving. We have fetched it here within the fifth floor gallery as it is somehow associated with astronomy in the sense of preserving time and space.



■Additional Knowledge

[What Is a Time Capsule Meaning?]

The idea of storing items from present in some box to open it in the future dates back to the Mesopotamian civilization. The first modern time capsule was created at the New York World's Fair in 1939, and was packed with daily necessities and books. This is scheduled to be revealed in 6939.

We have an opened time capsule in the garden on the west side of the Science Museum. The Junior Chamber International Nagoya buried it in 1985, dug it up above ground to unseal in 2000.

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