

Q&A Frequently asked questions

- Q.** Where is it located? **A.** It is located on the first floor of the KPUM library.
- Q.** How many seats are there? **A.** There are approximately 200 seats on the entire floor.
- Q.** When can I use it? **A.** The opening hours are the same as those of the KPUM library.
Weekdays 9:00-21:00, Saturdays and Sundays 10:00-18:00.
(The library is closed on public holidays and New Year's holidays.)
- Q.** Can I eat and drink? **A.** Eating and drinking are allowed in the Learning Commons on the first floor. However, only drinks are permitted on the second floor and only in the basement under certain conditions
- Q.** Can I use Wi-Fi? **A.** The university's Wi-Fi is available for on-campus users.
- Q.** Can I borrow equipment? **A.** Laptops and projectors can be borrowed.
- Q.** Can people from outside the university use the facilities? **A.** As a facility open to the community, it is available for use by non-university users. (Some services are restricted).
- Q.** What is the origin of Koto Square? **A.** Koto has four meanings: "ancient capital" for Kyoto, "word" for knowledge transfer, "thing" for practical learning and "Koto" for people's resonance.
It was named in the hope that the Learning Commons will become a new space for learning and exchange.

Future Aims for Koto Square

We aim to further improve the quality of local healthcare by developing the human resources that will support the healthcare of the future.

Our Learning Commons is a warm space that nurtures the future of the medical workforce and the community. Here, students and healthcare professionals can share wisdom, nurture their dreams and passion, and forge bonds with the local community.

This facility is a bridge of hope for the future of healthcare.
We sincerely hope that this place, created with your support, will be a light that illuminates the bright future of community healthcare.

For more information

●Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine affiliated Library Official website
<https://www.kpu-m.ac.jp/k/library/>



●Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine Hironokoji Campus Revitalization Project Official website 'Kyoto Hironokoji Tsushin'
<https://hironokojipj.kpu-m.ac.jp/>



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Weaving the future of healthcare : A new space for learning and meeting



Koto Square

What is the Learning Commons?

A space where students and researchers can freely interact and learn together.

This flexible and open space supports learning and interaction in medicine and healthcare, including individual study, group work and collaborative work using digital tools. It is a place where you can not only acquire knowledge, but also develop collaborative communication skills.



How to use Learning Commons



Group Activities

For meetings, discussions and study groups for exam preparation



Place of Interaction

For breakout sessions and network meeting at conferences and research groups, workshops and luncheon seminars



Preparation of Materials and Presentation

For report writing and presentation practice



Relaxation space

For relaxation or taking a break over a meal.



Online activities

For web conferencing and online courses.

Active Area

Orange, lemon, lime and moss zones.
Free space for everyone to talk together.

Moveable desks and chairs allow you to change the layout to suit your purpose. In addition to movable whiteboards and monitors, the room is equipped with a large screen, whiteboard wall and ceiling-mounted projector, making it the perfect environment for presentations.

How to use this room?
Recommended for use in the following ways!

- Group assignments
- Study sessions for national examinations
- Poster sessions
- Research and club meetings



Relaxation Area

A space for healing and socializing where you can take a breather.

A space with sofa seating and large beaded cushions. Refresh yourself between studies and research, and perhaps generate some new ideas.

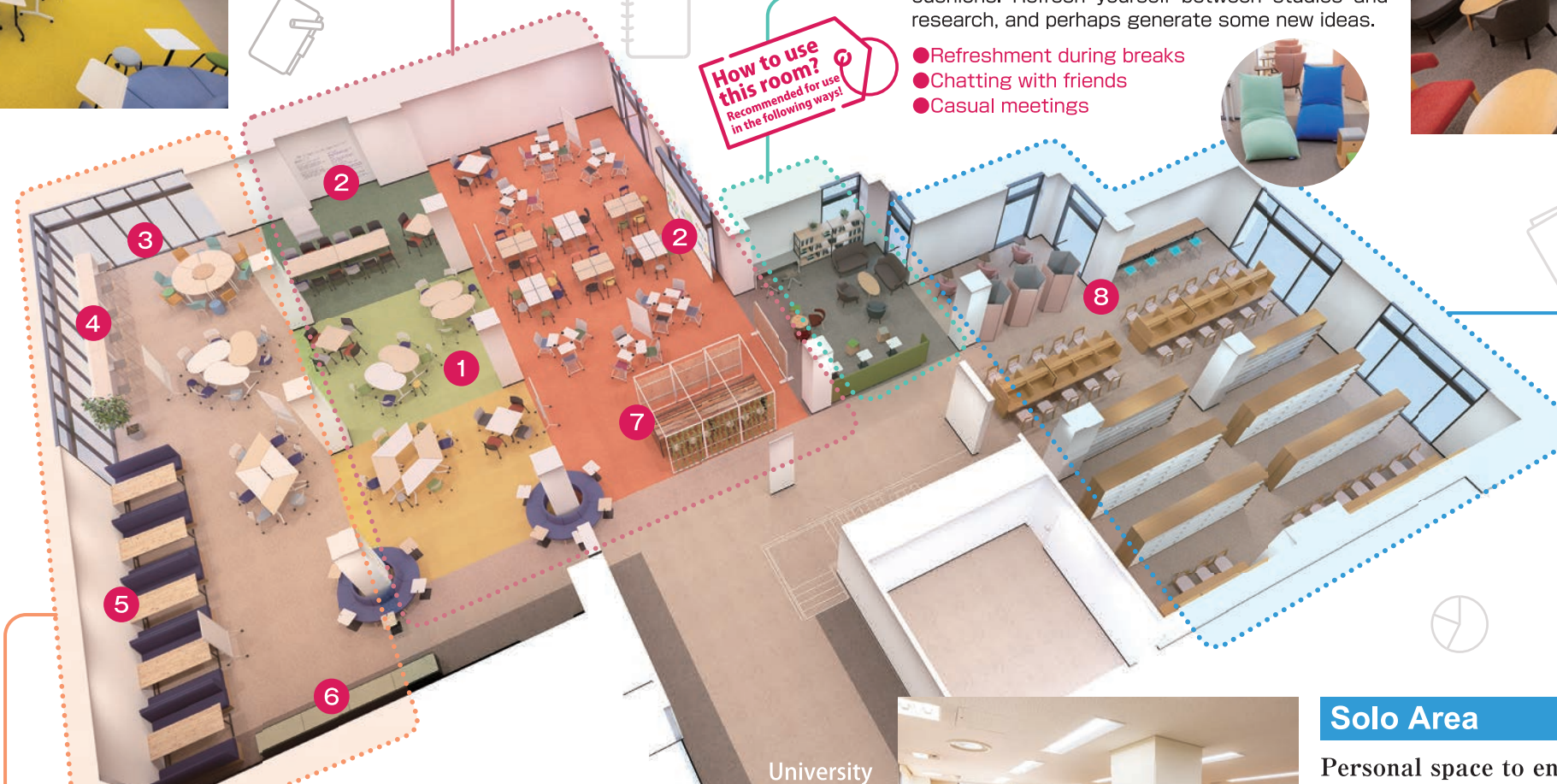
- Refreshment during breaks
- Chatting with friends
- Casual meetings



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Koto Square

Floor Map



Break Area

A space for groups to talk and share ideas, with comfortable diner-style box seating, a stylish high counter and big tables that can be freely arranged.

How to use this room?
Recommended for use in the following ways!

- Exchange of information on research and study
- Idea generation and meetings
- Brainstorming



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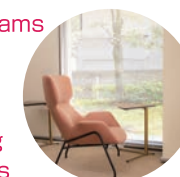
Solo Area

Personal space to enhance concentration.

Comfortable individual seating for one person, including wide-backed chairs for relaxation and semi-private booths. Also available for study using a PC or tablet.

How to use this room?
Recommendations below

- Studying for exams
- Writing reports
- Taking online courses
- Research using specialist books



Tools to Support Learning

The site offers a range of comfortable and convenient functions that are unique to Koto Square.



Movable desks and chairs.

Moveable desks and chairs for flexible layout: Can be used for small or large groups, depending on your ideas.



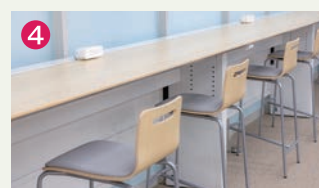
Ceiling-mounted projectors, etc.

Two projectors are fully equipped for projection onto a large 180" screen and a wall whiteboard. It is also compatible with linked projection, making it easy to view from anywhere.



Big table 'Baum ring'.

Recombination free tables made of Kyoto cypress. When arranged in a round shape, it resembles the rings of a tree.



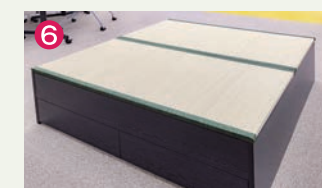
High counter seating.

Six stylish seats with a café feel. A space where you can clear your mind and work alone.



Diner seating.

Five diner-style booth seats for up to six people. Enjoy the warmth of tables made of solid cedar wood from Kyoto.



Tatami bench.

A Japanese space where you can take a breather when you need to refresh yourself.



Communication counter.

This 4m long counter features beautifully grained Japanese cedar from Kyoto. It serves as a place for socializing and receptions.



Semi-private booths.

Three semi-private booths for one person, recommended for web conferencing or work requiring concentration and focus.