

## THE MOMOFUKU ANDO INSTANT RAMEN MUSEUM

8-25, Masumi-cho, Ikeda-shi, Osaka 563-0041

### General Information:

**072-752-3484**

(9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
museum holidays excluded)  
Reservations cannot be made at this number.

[Website]

<http://www.instantramen-museum.jp>

(for both PCs and mobile phones)

### Reservations:

**072-751-0825**

(10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
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The museum opened to the public on November 21, 1999 as the world's first memorial hall of instant noodles. In November 2004 and March 2015, the building was renovated and enlarged, and facilities and exhibits were enriched.



### Museum Information

#### Nearest Train Station:

"Ikeda Station" on the Hankyu Takarazuka line (approximately a 20 min. ride from Hankyu Umeda Station via express train). The museum is approximately a 5 min. walk from the Masumicho Homen Exit.

#### Operating Hours:

9:30a.m.~4:00p.m. (Last admission is at 3:30p.m.)

#### Non-Business Days:

Tuesday (in case Tuesday is a National Holiday, the following day will be a non-business day)  
Year-end through New Year Holidays

#### Admission Fee:

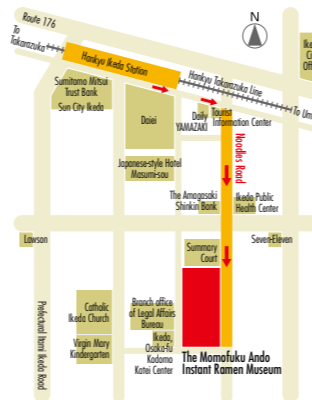
Free of charge  
(Fees are charged at some facilities in the museum.)

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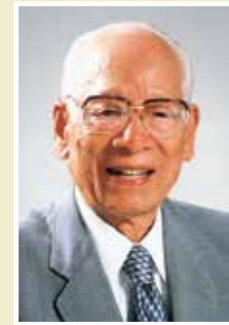


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### Birthplace of Instant Noodles—Ikeda-shi, Osaka

Ikeda is a verdant town that has played a central role through the years regarding the birth of "food, clothing and shelter." There lies the memorial stone of "Ikeda, the town of initiating cultures" in a small park in front of the Ikeda City Hall. "...In 1958, the instant noodles invented by Mr. Momofuku Ando were born in Ikeda, and spread across the world, consequently changing the 'food culture' of the world..."



## Momofuku Ando

(1910~2007)

Born March 5, 1910

Founder of Nissin Food Products

Founder of the Ando Foundation

He graduated from Ritsumeikan University with degree in Economics, and later also received an Honorary Doctorate from Ritsumeikan University. He invented the world's first instant noodle product, "Chicken Ramen" in 1958, thus creating the instant noodle industry. In 1971, he invented the world's first cup-type instant noodle product, "CUPNOODLES." While serving as Representative Director & President and Chairman of the company, he also headed Japan Convenience Foods Industry Association and World Instant Noodles Association (then International Ramen Manufacturers Association) as chairman and contributed for the industry's development. In 1983 he established the Ando Foundation at his own expense and devoted his energy to the sound growth of juveniles.

### Ando Foundation

Ando Foundation, based in "The Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum," promotes sports, food culture, and nature experience activities in order to realize Momofuku Ando's philosophy that "Eating and sports are the two axles of health."

Website: <http://www.ando-zaidan.jp>



In a small shack he built behind his home in Ikeda, Osaka, Momofuku Ando began development of ramen that could be quickly prepared and eaten at home just by adding hot water. He worked alone for an entire year, without taking a single day off and sleeping only four hours a night. Chicken Ramen, the result of many trial and error experiments, was dubbed "magic ramen" and immediately became a popular sensation.



To realize his long-held dream of developing instant noodles that could be eaten in space, Momofuku Ando launched a project to develop Space Noodles. The key to the successful development, in addition to ingenious ideas for making instant noodles suitable for eating in zero gravity, was the hot oil instant frying method that Ando invented in 1958. Ando's creative thinking transcended time and escaped the bonds of Earth, resulting in food that people can eat even in space.

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CUPNOODLES



On a fact-finding trip to the United States, Momofuku Ando observed as supermarket buyers divided up a block of Chicken Ramen noodles, placed the noodles in paper cups, added hot water, and begin eating with forks. It was then that he realized that overcoming the barrier of differing food customs was the key to making instant noodles a global food. By combining wisdom and knowledge from various sources with his own innovative ideas to develop CUPNOODLES, Ando transformed instant noodles, a product created in Japan, into a global food.

Revolutionized the World's Dietary Culture



## Momofuku Ando and the Story of Instant Noodles

—Everything began from the philosophy,  
“peace will come to the world  
when there is enough food.”



Reproduction of Momofuku Ando's research shack at the time when he invented the world's first instant noodle product, “Chicken Ramen.”

“Peace will come to the world  
when there is enough food.”

食足世平



On August 25, 1958, Momofuku Ando invented the world's first instant noodle product, “Chicken Ramen” after an entire year research using common tools in a small shack he had constructed in backyard of his house in Ikeda. “The Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum” conveys the importance of invention and discovery through the history of instant noodles, which have become a new food culture.



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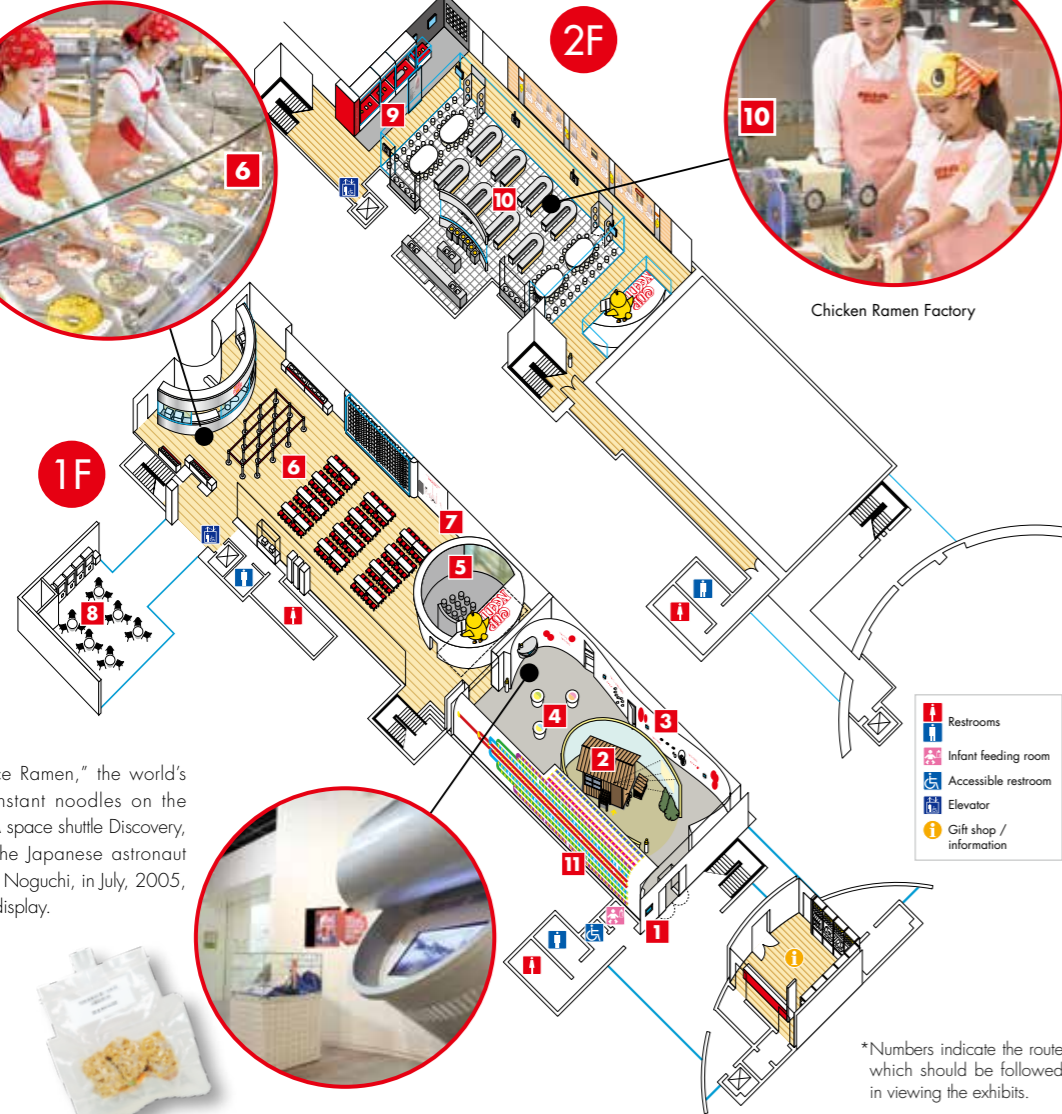
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# Floor Guide

My CUPNOODLES Factory



Chicken Ramen Factory



"Space Ramen," the world's first instant noodles on the NASA space shuttle Discovery, with the Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi, in July, 2005, is on display.



\*Numbers indicate the route which should be followed in viewing the exhibits.

## 1 Information Video

The purpose of the establishment of the Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum is introduced using visual images.

## 2 The Birth of Chicken Ramen

Centered around the reproduction of Momofuku Ando's research shack at the time when he invented the world's first instant noodle product, "Chicken Ramen" anecdotes including the birth of "Chicken Ramen," are introduced.

## 3 Momofuku Ando and the Story of Instant Noodles

The achievements of Momofuku Ando, the inventor of instant noodles, and the significance of intellectual property rights, etc. are displayed graphically and chronologically on the walls of the Exhibition Hall.

## 4 Magical Table (Quiz Section)

Enhance your understanding of instant noodles while enjoying various quizzes related to instant noodles.

## 5 CUPNOODLES Drama Theater

Interactive theater in the shape of CUPNOODLES.

Anecdotes of inspiration that lead to the invention of the world's first cup-type instant noodle product, "CUPNOODLES" and its manufacturing process, etc., are introduced using powerful, large-screen visual images.

## 6 My CUPNOODLES Factory

See inside for details

## 7 Exhibition of Instant Noodles— A Favorite Food Worldwide

More than one billion servings of instant noodles are consumed worldwide each year. This colorful exhibit depicts the worldwide popularization of instant noodles using annual consumption figures of various countries and CUPNOODLES packages from around the world.

## 8 Tasting Room

Products that are not usually sold in Osaka, such as products sold only in limited areas, can be purchased from the vending machine and enjoyed in the dining area.

## 9 Traces of Momofuku Ando

Momofuku Ando's achievements and his words during his life are introduced through visual images, along with the exhibition of testimonials and actual medals awarded to him, the man who invented instant noodles and changed the food culture of the world.

## 10 Chicken Ramen Factory

See inside for details

## 11 Instant Noodles Tunnel

This exhibit traces the history of the instant ramen product line, starting with Chicken Noodles. Approximately 800 product packages tell the story of how instant noodles, which began with a single product a half-century ago, developed into a favorite food across the globe.





## 6 My CUPNOODLES Factory

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# MY CUP NOODLES FACTORY

マイカップヌードルファクトリー



Freely design the cup, choose the soup flavor, and select the ingredients you prefer. Visitors can take home their original, one-and-only "CUPNOODLES" in the world. Sense the importance of "thinking upside down" through this fun experience.



### Details

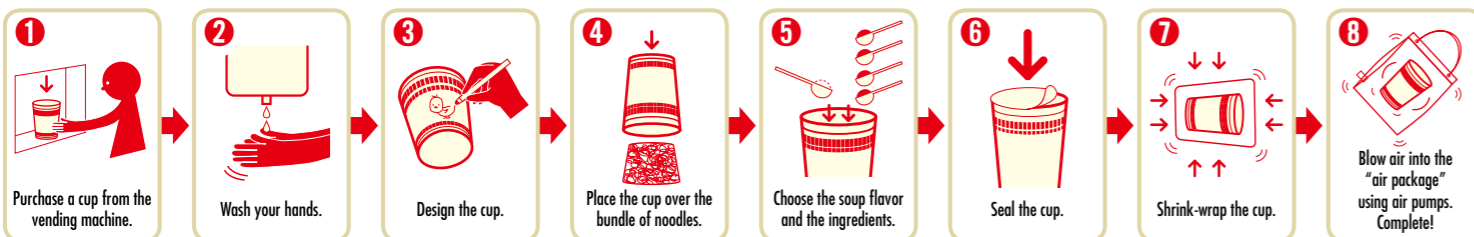
- **Opening Hours:** 9:30 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.  
(No entry after 3:30 p.m.)

\*While you can enjoy this activity without the need to make a reservation, you may be required to wait for a while if crowded. Please also note that when it is very crowded, the cup vending machine may stop operating for the day earlier than scheduled.

- **Fee:** 300yen (tax included) per person (1 serving)

\*The number of serving that can be made per person is limited to one when the museum is crowded.

### How to make your original CUPNOODLES



## 10 Chicken Ramen Factory

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# チキンラーメン ファクトリー



Visitors can experience the origin of the invention of the world's first instant noodle product as they knead, stretch, and flavor dough making their very own "Chicken Ramen." Visitors can take their handmade "Chicken Ramen" home and enjoy the freshly made taste!



### How to make your original Chicken Ramen



### Information

- **Details:**  
Duration 90 min.  
Capacity: 48 persons per session  
1. 9:30 a.m.~ 2. 11:00 a.m.~ 3. 1:00 p.m.~ 4. 2:30 p.m.~
- **Intended Participants:**  
All visitors over the age of elementary school students.  
(Preschoolers are not allowed to participate in the workshop.)  
● Participants work in pairs. First, second, or third graders are required to work with someone of junior high school age or older.  
● Only participants are allowed to enter the workshop venue.
- **Fees:**  
Adults (junior high school students and older) .....500 yen (tax included)  
Elementary school students.....300 yen (tax included)  
● For every participant, a "Hiyoko-chan (baby chick) bandana" will be handed out as a souvenir.
- **Reservation Desk:**  
Prior reservation is necessary due to the limited number of participants per session.  
● Reservations can be made via the website or by telephone from 10:00, up to three months prior to the desired date.  
● Reservations for groups of 21 persons or more are accepted only by telephone.  
● Fees are waived when participating in the workshop as part of an elementary, junior high, or high school education program. In this case, reservations may be made up to one year prior to desired date.  
● Reservations for one visitor only cannot be accepted. Please make reservations for an even number of persons whenever possible.
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