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CUPNOODLES MUSEUM

YOKOHAMA
This interactive food education museum is designed to stir the creativity and curiosity within every child and provide a rich educational experience. Through the museum’s many exhibits you can learn about the “Creative Thinking” of Momofuku Ando, the founder of Nissin Food Products and inventor of Chicken Ramen, the world’s first instant noodles that revolutionized food culture all over the world. Here you will gather the knowledge that inspires invention and discovery and find the creativity within you by seeing, touching, playing, eating, and having fun.
Momofuku Ando was born on March 5, 1910. He established Nissin Food Products and founded the Ando Foundation. In 1958, Momofuku invented Chicken Ramen, the world’s first instant noodles, creating the instant noodle industry. In 1971, he invented CUPNOODLES, the world’s first instant noodles served in a cup. While serving as president and chairman of Nissin Food Products, Momofuku contributed to building the instant noodle industry as chairman of the Japan Instant Food Industry Association and as chairman of the World Instant Noodles Association. Dedicated to the healthy education of young people, in 1983, he used funds from his personal fortune to establish the Ando Foundation.

First Invention: Chicken Ramen (1958)
In a little shed behind his home in the town of Ikeda, Osaka Prefecture, Momofuku started work on an invention for quickly making ramen at home by just adding hot water. He worked alone, sleeping only four hours a night and without a day off for an entire year. Chicken Ramen, the product of many trial and error experiments, was dubbed “magic ramen” and became an instant popular sensation.

Second Invention: CUPNOODLES (1971)
On a fact finding trip to America, Momofuku observed supermarket buyers breaking up Chicken Ramen noodles, putting them in a cup, pouring in hot water, and then eating them with a fork. It was then that Momofuku realized that moving past conceptions about how we eat was the key to making instant noodles a global food. By bringing together all sorts of wisdom and innovative ideas, CUPNOODLES transformed “made in Japan” instant noodles into a global food.

Third Invention: Space Ram (2005)
Pursuing his long held dream to invent instant noodles that can be eaten in space, Momofuku started work on Space Ram. Along with applying various techniques for eating in zero gravity, Space Ram is based on the flash-frying method that Momofuku invented in 1958. With Space Ram, Momofuku’s creative thinking transcended the earth to contribute to creating food that people can eat even in space.

Create Food to Serve Society
Momofuku Ando dedicated his entire life to thinking about food in new and creative ways. Throughout his 96 years, he practiced creative thinking and never quit until he achieved his goal.
This is a faithful recreation of the work shed where Chicken Ramen, the world’s first instant noodles, was invented. The message of this little shed is that even without any special equipment, it is possible to create world-changing inventions with only ordinary tools as long as you are creative.
Creative Thinking Boxes

Momofuku Ando’s boundless curiosity and creative thinking came up with amazing ideas that no one else had ever thought of.
In these six boxes you can learn about Momofuku’s creative process.
Play, have fun, and find the hints within you that can achieve inventions and discoveries.

Six key ideas

1. Discover something completely new
   Seek things that the world has never seen but would be nice to have.

2. Find hints in all sorts of places
   There are inspirations that spark new ideas all around you just waiting to be found.

3. Nurturing an idea
   An invention isn’t for just one person; have everyone use it.

4. Look at things from every angle
   Investigate every perspective.

5. Don’t just go with the status quo
   Think over what you think are usual.

6. Never give up
   Even if you fail the first time and the second time, keep on trying.

These boxes teach the six key ideas that inspired Momofuku Ando’s creative thinking by appealing to the five senses of the person inside. As anticipation and excitement builds about what is in the next box, you can experience the six elements essential to nurturing creativity.
400 yen per cup (tax included)

Numbered ticket required.

In the order of entrance to the museum, visitors receive a numbered ticket. Once all the numbered tickets have been handed out, the reception on that day closes.

* Participation fee is free when used as an elementary, junior high, or high school educational activities. Reservations can be made up to one year in advance.

You can make Chicken Ramen by hand starting with kneading, spreading, and steaming the wheat flour and then drying it with flash-frying method. After experiencing the process that led to the invention of the world’s first instant noodles, you can take your freshly made instant noodles with you and enjoy eating them at home.

**SCHEDULE**

Eight 90-minute sessions are run daily starting at:

1. 10:15  2. 11:00  3. 11:45  4. 13:15  
5. 14:00  6. 14:45  7. 15:30  8. 16:15

**AGE AND GROUP SIZE**

Up to 48 children of elementary school age and older per session.

**PARTICIPATION FEE**

Elementary school children: 500 yen
Junior high school and up: 800 yen (tax included)

Every participant is given a Hyoko-chan bandana as a souvenir.

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**RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

- Pre-school children may not participate.
- Activities are carried out in pairs. Please pair first through third year elementary school children with a junior high-aged student or older.
- Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the session at the Information Desk on the third floor. Late arrivals will automatically be cancelled.
- Non-participants may not enter the activity area.

**RESERVATION SYSTEM**

Making advance reservations
- Reservations can be made three months in advance (starting from 10:00 on the day you wish to attend).
- You can make reservations online or by calling the reservation hotline.
- (21 persons or more) reservations can only be made by telephone.
- Once a session reaches full capacity, reservations will no longer be accepted.
- Since sessions are conducted in pairs, please make a reservation for an even number of people whenever possible.
- Reservations for one person are not accepted.

Online:
http://www.cupnoodles-museum.jp/
By telephone: +81-45-345-0825
(10:00 - 18:00, museum holidays excluded)
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CUPNOODLES Park

Experience the CUPNOODLES manufacturing process at this interactive attraction. Children see CUPNOODLES from the noodle's point of view and have fun learning about the entire CUPNOODLES manufacturing process, from making the noodles to shipping them out.

[Participation fee]
Sessions are scheduled in 30 minute time slots; 400 yen tax included. Activity time is 35 minutes.

[Who may participate]
Children from three years of age through elementary school age and at least 90cm tall.

[Important notes]
- Visitors assume personal responsibility while enjoying this attraction. Please exercise thorough safety self-management.
- Children from three years of age through preschool age must be accompanied by an adult.

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NOODLES BAZAAR   WORLD NOODLES ROAD

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MENU  
Entrance fee: One half-size serving; 400 yen (tax included)

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*The menu was prepared under the supervision of Naomichi Inagaki, professor emeritus at the National Museum of Ethnology and leading member of the Noodle Genealogy Research Society, chaired by Momofuku Ando.
Convinced that promoting sports is essential to nurturing physically and mentally healthy young people, Momofuku Ando founded the Ando Foundation in 1983 with funds from his personal fortune. Based on the principle that health rests on a dual foundation of food and sports, the Foundation carries out non-profit activities in four areas: supporting track and field events, nature activities, and dietary culture activities, and operating the CUPNOODLES MUSEUMS in Ikeda City, Osaka and Minatomirai, Yokohama.

1. Track and field events

Endorsing the belief of the Japan Association of Athletics Federations that running is where all sports begin, the Foundation has supported the National Amateur Track and Field Championships for Elementary School Children since 1985. In 2015, the Ando Global Challenge was launched to support training in tough environments in overseas, for young athletes to be more competitive athletes. These activities play an important role in expanding the base of track and field and developing top athletes in Japan.

2. Nature activities

Momofuku Ando believed that contact with nature enriches a child’s imagination, so the Foundation has promoted outdoor activities aimed at stimulating the creative and self-sustaining abilities of children since it was established. Since 2002, in accordance with the recommended after-school education guidelines of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the Foundation has held the Tom Sawyer School Idea Contest, which supports and awards prizes for noteworthy nature activities of schools and groups around Japan. In addition, the Momofuku Ando Center, which opened in Komoro-shi, Nagano Prefecture in 2010, popularizes outdoor activities through human resource development to promote nature activities for children.

3. Dietary culture activities

Founded in 1996 based on Ando’s philosophy of “Create foods to serve society,” Shokusokai supports independent fundamental research and food product development and venture businesses related to the creation of new food products. Every year Shokusokai awards Momofuku Ando Prizes in recognition of outstanding people who do research and development and form new business ventures in the field of food products.

4. Operation of the CUPNOODLES MUSEUMS

An interactive food education museum, the Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum (popularly known as the CUPNOODLES MUSEUM) opened in Ikeda-shi, Osaka Prefecture, the birthplace of instant noodles, in 1999 and in Minatomirai, Yokohama in 2011. The museums teach the beliefs and way of thinking of Momofuku Ando, who brought about a revolution in worldwide food culture. They also introduce the importance of invention and discovery and the spirit of “Creative Thinking” through the history of instant noodles.
ACCESS

By train
- 8 minute walk from the Minatomirai Line
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  Bashamichi Station
- 12 minute walk from the JR/Shiokitaetsu
  Sakuragicho Station

By bus
- Near to the Tourist spot round-trip bus Akai kutsu bus
  Keikyu Line CUPNOODLES MUSEUM-mae stop

By car
- 5 minutes from the Minatomirai interchange of the
  Kasagawa Route 1 Yokohama Line

Parking
Spaces: 40
Fee: First hour free with museum ticket purchase, 250 yen every 30 minutes after first hour.
Hours of operation: 9:00 – 19:00

Groups arriving by bus
There is a free bus boarding area on the museum grounds. Groups visiting by bus are asked to make their own parking arrangements.

Name: CUPNOODLES MUSEUM YOKOHAMA (official name: Moritaka Ardo Instant Ramen Museum) Address: 1-3-4 Shinko, Naka-ku, Yokohama 231-0001 Japan Telephone: General Information: 045-345-0918 / Chicken Ramen Factory reservations: 045-345-0825 (Reception hours: 10:00 – 18:00, holidays excluded) Museum hours: 10:00 – 18:00 (last admission 17:00) Holidays: Tuesdays (when Tuesday is a holiday, closed the following day). year-end / new year holidays. Admission: Adults: 500 yen (tax included) / high school age children and younger admitted free. "Some facilities within the museum require separate admission," Museum admissions fee and facility usage fees are subject to change.
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