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Article : Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Hosts World's Largest Projection Mapping Event

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

TOKYO Night & Light projection mapping has been illuminating the eastern facade of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building every night since February 25. Hereafter it will be a year-round attraction, and [admission](#) is free.

The projection mapping event spans approximately 14,000 square meters across floors four through 32 of the building's [exterior](#). It has a height of 127 meters and a width of 110 meters. With those dimensions, Guinness World Records recognized it as the largest permanent display artwork on a building facade.

Upon receiving the certification, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike shared the metropolis's aspirations, stating: "This magnificent art transforms the Metropolitan Government Building into a canvas. I hope to establish this event as a new iconic landmark in Tokyo."

Moreover, the projection mapping was produced by top creators not only from Japan but also from around the world. It now [graces](#) the Tokyo evenings daily except in [inclement weather](#). Find it on from 7 PM to 9 PM, with showings every 30 minutes (schedule in effect until the end of April).

Up close, spectators can enjoy the display from the Citizen's Plaza in front of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building. It can also be seen from a distance, including from streets and plazas in the direction of Shinjuku Station. The content of the display varies between weekdays and on weekends and holidays.

This event's projection mapping system is powered by technology from a Panasonic Group company. It achieves spatial presentation through cloud-controlled automation, reducing the need for manual labor. Notably, its primary power source is solar-generated electricity.

Tokyo marked its 80th anniversary in 2023. In 1943, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government was established, [merging](#) the Tokyo Prefecture and city governments into the Tokyo Metropolis.



2 Key phrases and vocabulary

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

1. admission 入場料、（学校、場所などに）入るのを許すこと、入場、入会、入学

Admission to the concert is by ticket only.

2. exterior 外観、外側、外部

The exterior of the castle has been preserved for centuries.

3. grace 美しく飾る、優雅にする

The beautiful painting graces the entrance of the museum.

4. inclement weather 荒天

The picnic was cancelled due to inclement weather.

5. merge 統合する、併合する、合併する

They decided to merge their resources to complete the project.

3 Questions

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. What is the TOKYO Night & Light projection mapping, and when did it start?
2. How large is the projection mapping event and what recognition did it receive from Guinness World Records?
3. What is the primary power source of the projection mapping system?
4. Have you ever visited a projection mapping event? If so, what was your impression of it?
5. If you could create a projection mapping display, what theme or message would you want to convey?

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**日本語関連記事：
東京都庁舎で世界最大のプロジェクションマッピング**

東京都庁舎のビル壁面に世界最大のプロジェクションマッピングが上映されている。ギネス世界記録にも認定されたイベントは今年通年で開催されている。

2024年2月25日から、東京都庁第一本庁舎の東側壁面に毎夜、プロジェクションマッピングが通年で上映されている。観覧は無料。庁舎壁面の4～32階部分、高さ127m、幅110mの約1万4000㎡をキャンバスとして常設展示される最大の作品としてギネス世界記録に認定された。

認定証を受け取った小池知事は「都庁舎をキャンパスに素晴らしいアートが繰り広げられる。このイベントを新しい東京の観光名所にしたい」と抱負を述べた。

プロジェクションマッピングは日本だけでなく、世界のトップクリエイターが制作したもので、荒天の日を除いて毎夜19時から21時まで、30分ごとに上映される（4月末までのスケジュール）。都庁第一本庁舎前の都民広場や新宿駅の方向から観覧できる。上映コンテンツは平日と土日・祝日で違ったものが上映される。

プロジェクションマッピングのシステムはパナソニックグループ会社のシステムを使い、クラウド制御による省力化で空間演出を実現している。主な電力は太陽光で発電したもので賄っている。

東京都は昨年、生誕80周年を迎えた。1943年に東京都制が実施され、東京府・市を廃止し東京都になった。