Real Escape Game collaboration with Tokyo Metro City puzzle trail "The Underground Mysteries" takes you on an adventure to discover a new Tokyo



Beginning 15 October 2019, the game event will run for four months and end on 16 February 2020.

In '**The Underground Mysteries**', players purchase a game kit that comes with a 24-hour ticket allowing unlimited rides on all Metro lines, solve puzzles on their kit to uncover the next station(s) to go to, and explore Tokyo along the way before reaching the final answer.

As an annual collaboration with Tokyo Metro, the game has attracted 280,000 players in total in the past 5 years.

This year, the game will be available in not just Japanese and English, but Mandarin as well, making it available to a wider reach of audience. The game kit also acts as a Tokyo guidebook with useful information about stores and cafes in each area to visit while playing the game.

Unlike other styles of escape games that have a time limit and are confined to an enclosed area, this city puzzle trail game offered by SCRAP allows players to play at their own pace and enjoy their surroundings during the game. Players can stop for lunch or coffee, and even pick up the game on another day if they cannot or choose not to finish the game within a day.

'The Underground Mysteries 2019' was carefully created by considering various routes and locations in Tokyo, and customized to bring out each location's charm through the game. Players will be taken down paths they usually would not take and can enjoy a day out of a casual puzzle-solving adventure.

Official Website: http://realdgame.jp/chikanazo/6/en/

<u>Story</u>

Thank you for always riding with Tokyo Metro. This year too, we have set puzzles around Tokyo for you.

The puzzles will pull you out into the streets. The destinations are places you've never been, food you've never tried... You will encounter lots of "first times".

Sometimes, you will have to solve puzzles without knowing where you're headed. Will you embark on an adventure of unknown excitement and discovery?

Now then, let's see you solve the puzzles we have set out for you. The best way to get around is, of course, with Tokyo Metro.

Game Event Period

15 October 2019 – 16 February 2020 *16 February 2020 is the last day the game can be played. Even if an unused game kit is bought before 16 February, it cannot be played anymore from 17 February 2020 onwards.

Where to buy a Game Kit

*Hours may differ for year-end/new year holidays.

Ueno Station, Kita-Senju Station, Shinjuku Station, Tokyo Station Sold between 15 October 2019 and 16 February 2020 Tokyo Metro Pass Office Daily: 7:40AM – 8PM
Ginza Station, Meiji-jingumae Station Sold between 15 October 2019 and 16 February 2020 Tokyo Metro Pass Office SAT/SUN/PH ONLY: 7:40AM – 8PM
Shimbashi Station Sold between 15 October 2019 and 31 January 2020 Tokyo Metro Pass Office Daily: 7:40AM – 8PM
Tokyo Mystery Circus (TMC), Real Escape Room ASAKUSA Sold between 15 October 2019 and 16 February 2020 *The time you can buy the game kit at Tokyo Mystery Circus or Real Escape Room ASAKUSA will depend on each shop's operating hours. Please check each store's website for their hours.
Online Purchase Available for purchase in September 2019 <u>http://realdgame.jp/chikanazo/6/en/</u> *Check the ticketing page for pick-up locations

How to Play

Go to a designated station to buy a game kit or purchase it online (pick-up necessary)
Follow the instructions on your game kit, solve the first puzzle, and head for that station
Pick up clues at the next station, solve the next puzzle, and go to the next location
Reach the final answer and submit it online on the official website to clear the game!

*Note: Although some puzzles may differ between the different language game kits, all locations visited are the same. Therefore, players holding a Japanese, English, and/or Chinese game kit can play together.

Ticket Information

2,400 yen (incl. tax)

Includes a game kit and a train ticket for unlimited rides on all Metro lines* for 24 hours. *Excludes Toei, Tokyu, and other private lines that are not included in the game map.

Play Style

Time limit: No time limit! Play at your own pace. Estimated game play time: 4-7 hours (depends on your pace) Team size: Unlimited Venue: Outdoors & Indoors Starting time: Anytime



Photo reference from past years



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What is a Puzzle Trail?

A puzzle-solving game where you have to hit the streets to play.

"The Underground Mysteries" is a puzzle trail where you ride the trains around Tokyo, solve puzzles at your own pace, and discover new places!

Be part of the story and embark on a puzzle adventure that lets you see Tokyo and the metro train lines in a different light.

Who is SCRAP?

Inventor of REAL ESCAPE GAME[™] (REG), the world's first real-life escape game event in 2007. Since 2007, SCRAP has created more than 300 games and attracted 5.5 million players worldwide.

SCRAP now runs over 30 ongoing escape rooms and more than a dozen temporary game events every year.

SCRAP also operates escape rooms and organizes large-scale event style games not just in Japan, but overseas too in the United States, Spain, France, Canada, and Singapore.

Japanese website: <u>https://realdgame.jp</u> English website: <u>http://realescapegame.jp</u>

Press material we can provide:

- 1. Game material of past Real Escape Games
- 2. Invitation to any ongoing Real Escape Game
- (All English games: <u>http://realescapegame.jp/events/</u>)
- 3. Photos of past city puzzle hunt games

*If you would like other material, please feel free to ask us!

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