

Where the Streets have no Name

~ Mapping in Japan ~



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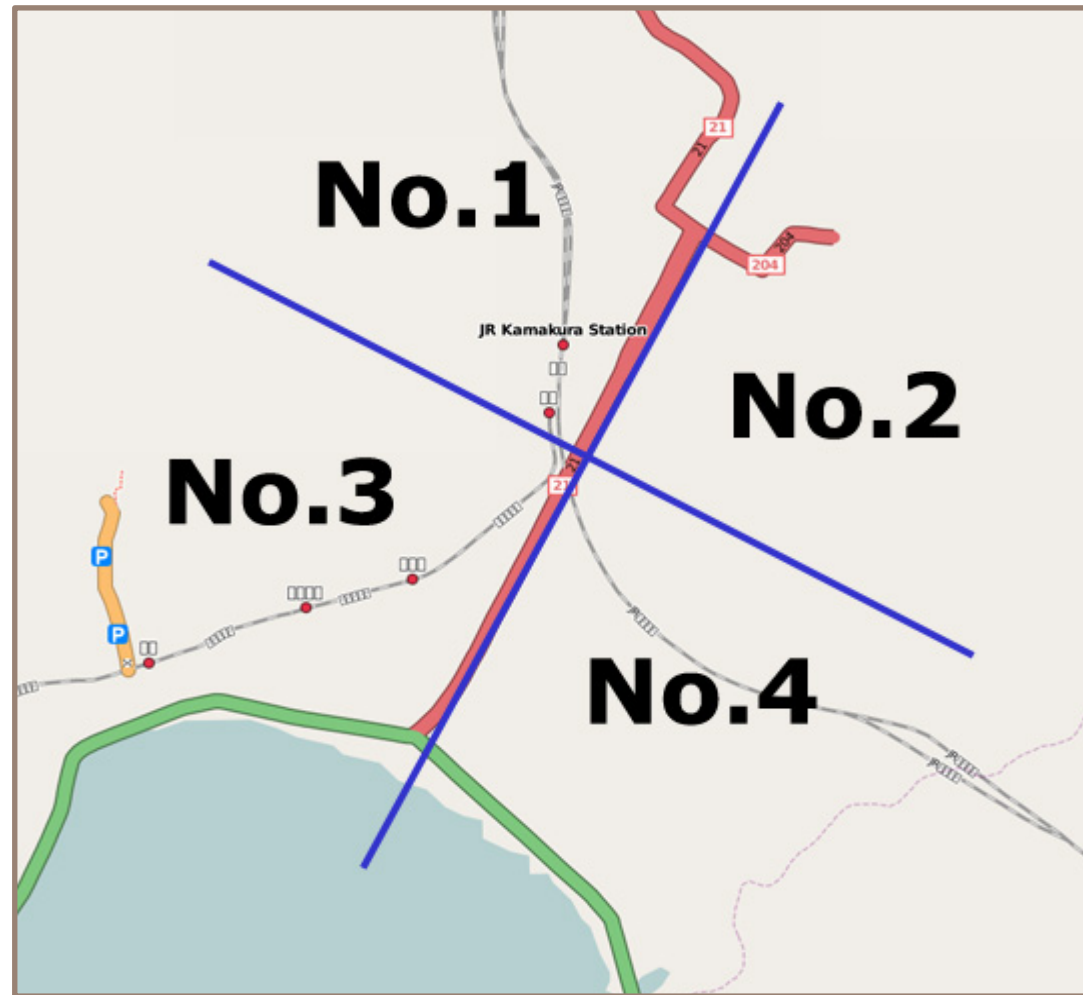
"The two best ways to OpenStreetMap a country are either import data, or import Germans." - Jochen Topf, over dinner last night [#SotMEU2011](#)

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1st Mapping Party (2008)



Confusing Roads



Density



Narrow Streets



Traditional Streets



No Sidewalks



Vertical Cities



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What you usually don't see ...



Instead you find district maps



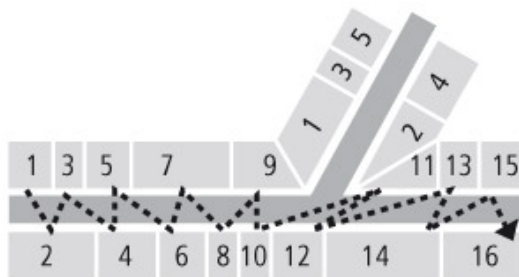
... and addresses on poles.



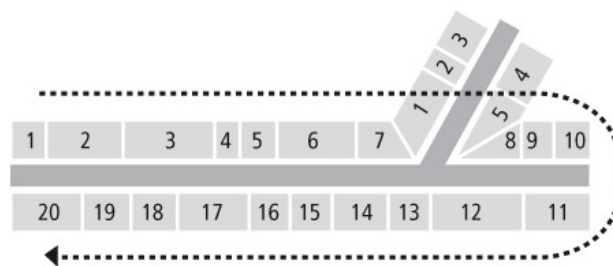
Then, how does a
Japanese Address
look like?



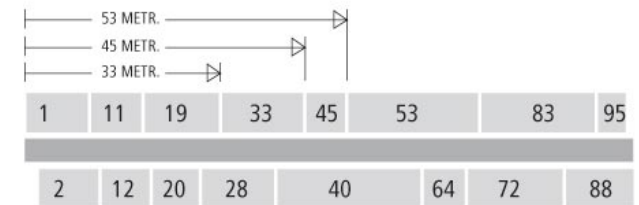
House Numbering



European
scheme



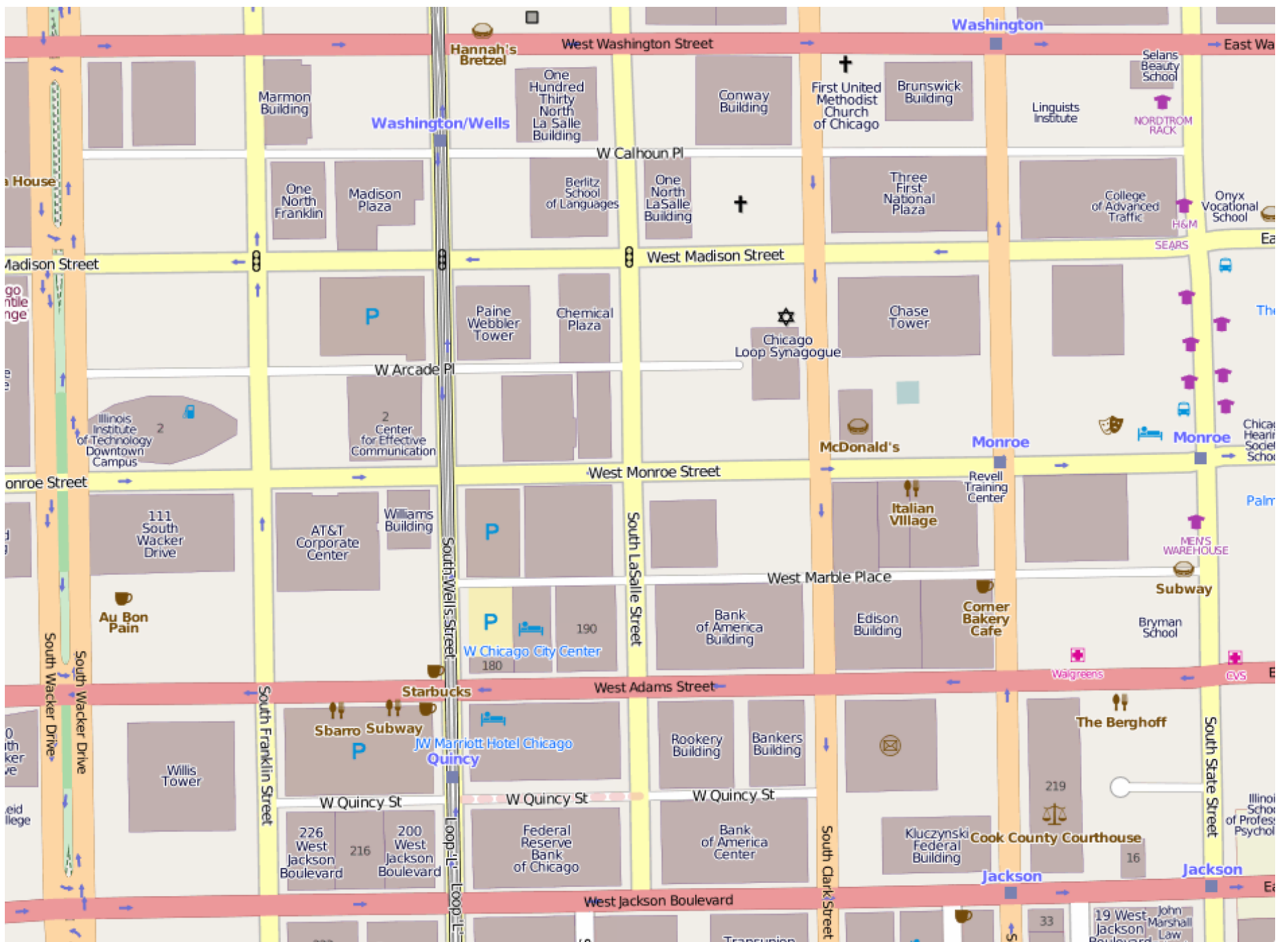
Clockwise
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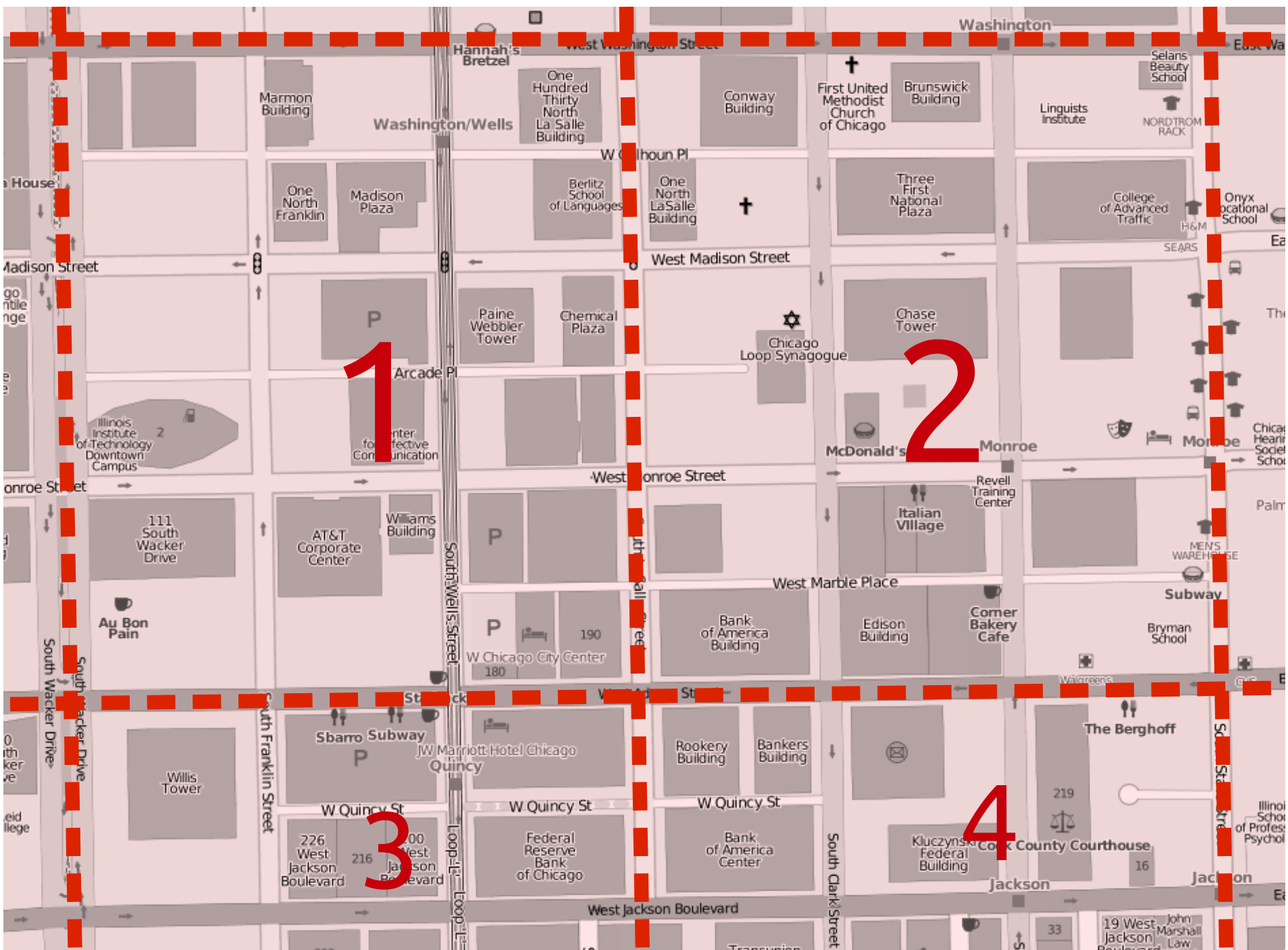


Distance
scheme

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_numbering







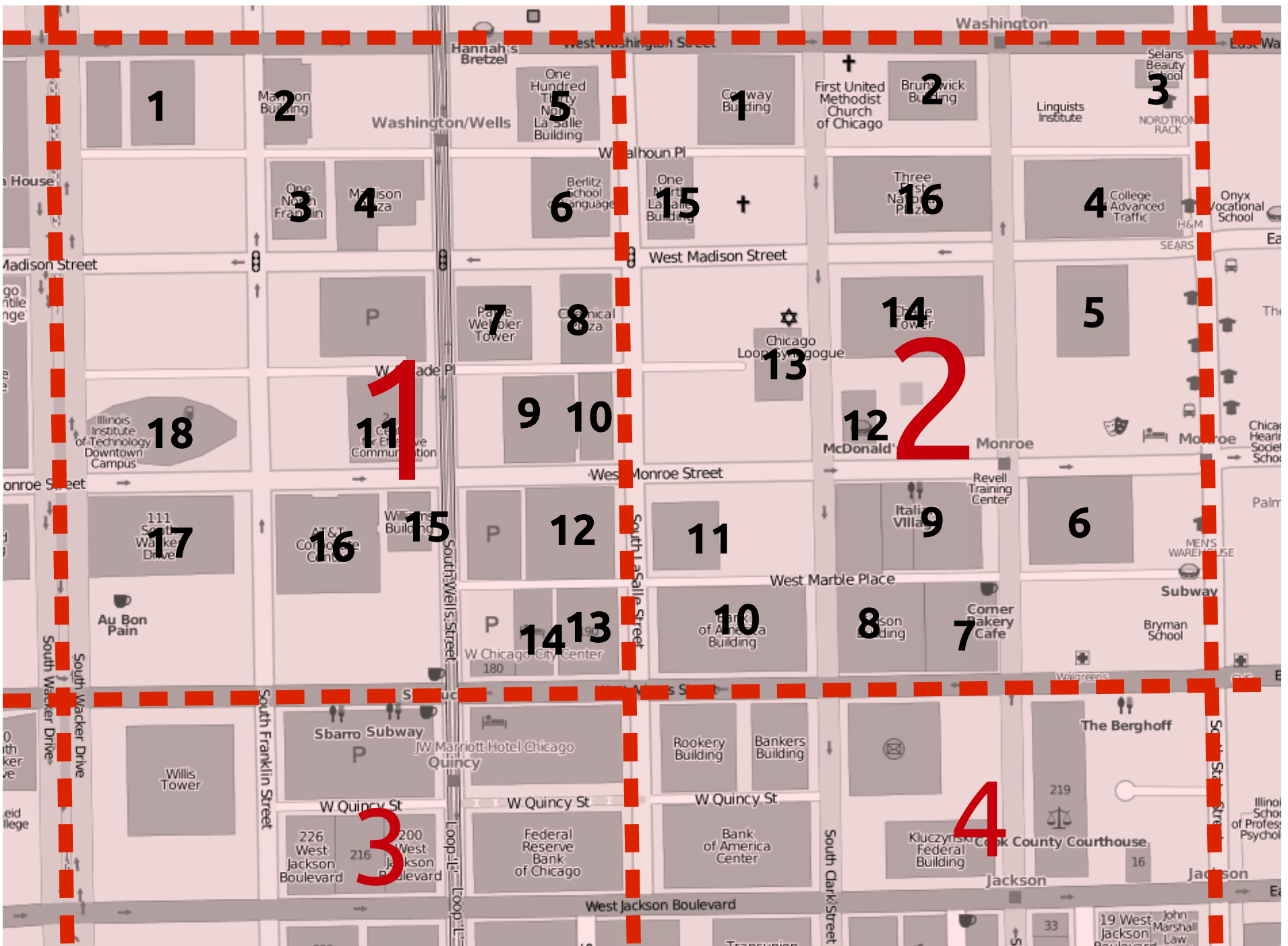
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東ヶ丘町野村住宅地案内図



遵守事項
 ♦住宅用区域内の区画の宅地は細分割して使用
 または譲渡貸貸をしないこと



The Japanese Address

The Japanese addressing system is based on areas, subdivided from

big to small

- **to** (都), (capital), for Tokyo
- **dou** (道), (territory), for Hokkaido
- **fu** (府), (metropolis), for Osaka and Kyoto
- **ken** (県) (prefectures) which covers the rest of the country.

from **BIG** to small

- Prefectures (**ken**) are divided into counties (**gun (郡)**) or cities (**shi (市)**)
- Small cities are generally divided into "areas" or "neighbourhoods" (**chou (町)**)
- Big cities are divided into wards (**ku (区)**). Wards are divided into (**chou (町)**) again.
- Then the **blocks** are numbered
- At the lowest level, the **building** has a number
- Often the name of the apartment house is included together with the **apartment** number



Address Examples

〒 100-8798 東京都

千代田区

霞ヶ関 1-3 番 - 号
(霞ヶ関 1 丁目 3 番 2 号)

生田正治様

〒 100-8798, Tokyo-to

Chiyoda-ku

Kasumigaseki 1-3-2

Mr. Ikuta Masaharu

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(1-3-2, Kasumigaseki)

Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo-to

100-8798, Japan

〒 463-9260 岐阜県

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川口一子様

〒 463-9260 Gifu-ken

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Japan

Submit



Tagging

Naming

name=Japanese (English or romanization of Japanese)

name:**en**=English or romanization of Japanese

name:**ja**=Japanese

name:**ja_rm**=romanization of Japanese

name:**ja_kana**=Pronunciation of Japanese (in Kana)

Example

name= 桜田通り ; 国道 1 号

name:**en**=Sakurada-dori;National Route 1

name:**ja**= 桜田通り ; 国道 1 号

name:**ja_rm**=Sakurada-dori;Kokudo 1 go

name:**ja_kana**= さくらどおり ; こくどういちごう



Famous “exceptions”

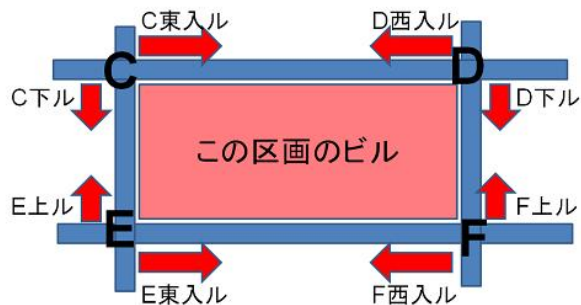
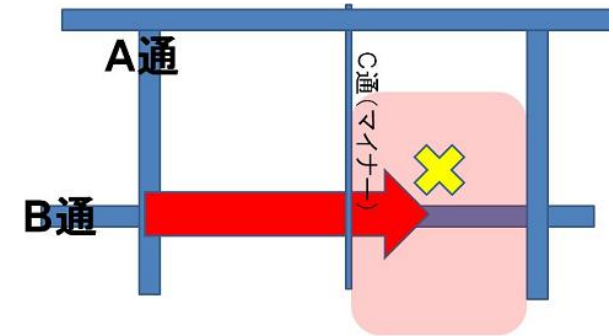
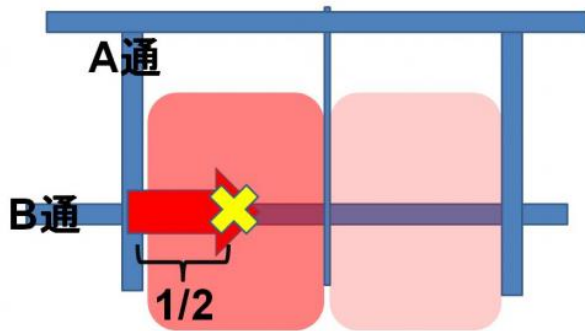
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Venice (Sestieri)
- **Kyoto**



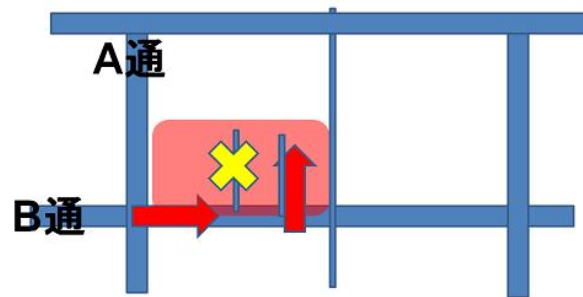
http://www.pref.kyoto.jp/visitkyoto/en/theme/sites/shrines/w_heritage/

Traditional Addresses of Kyoto

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B通A東入ル二筋目上る



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Kyoto Tower

Official Address:

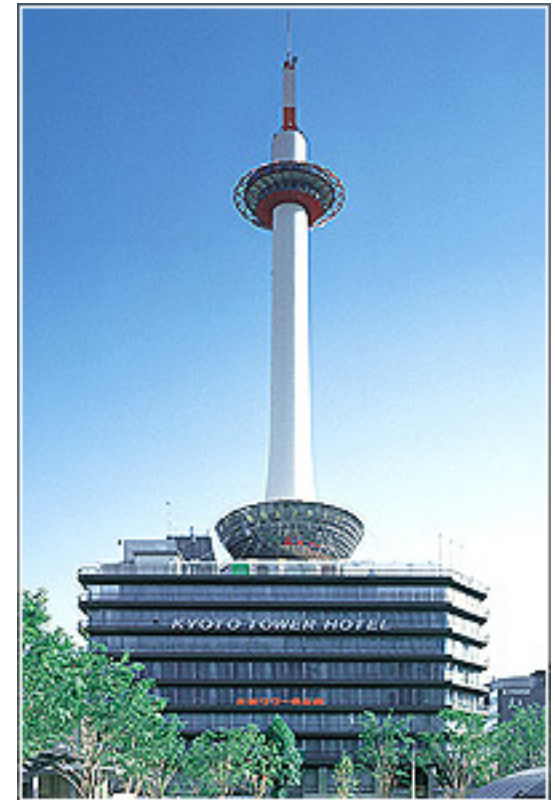
〒 600-8216 京都府京都市下京区
東塩小路 721-1

Higashi-Shiokōji 721-1, Shimogyō-ku,
Kyōto, Kyōto 600-8216

Traditional Address:

〒 600-8216 京都市下京区烏丸七条下ル

Karasuma-Shichijō-sagaru, Shimogyō-ku, Kyōto, Kyōto 600-8216



What you take as granted in “Western” countries is likely to be different somewhere else.





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<http://lists.openstreetmap.org/mailman/listinfo/talk-ja>
and some local mappers
will help you to get around!

