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English-language MP3 audio walking guide service released for Tokyo

A new MP3 audio walking guide service has been released for inbound tourists to Japan, expatriates and native Japanese. Launched by Alphatext, Ltd., the English and Japanese based service will be marketed under the name "Japan Walk-Caster."

The Internet-based service allows customers to download MP3 audio files directly to their computers for a fee and load them onto their MP3 audio players. A PDF file contains the course outline and tour map. Customers simply print the guide map on their printers and carry it with them on the tour. Users with Internet/MP3 player combination mobile phones can download tours directly to their phones.

Tour lengths vary but range from one-and-a-half hours to three hours, depending on how fast the user walks, and how much time they spend at each point along the tour course. Currently, English audio tours are available for Edo Castle, (the Imperial Palace East Gardens), Asakusa, Little Kyoto in Tokyo - Yanaka, and Nijo Jo in Kyoto. Additionally, Japan Walk-Caster offers a Historic Gardens of Tokyo tour series featuring: The East Garden of the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, Hama Rikyu Onshi Teien, Rikugien, Koishikawa Botanical Gardens, Koishikawa Korakuen, Kyu Furukawa Teien, Kyu Shiba Villa, Shinjuku Gyoen, Mukojima Hyakkaen, Meiji Shrine Shobuen, and Kiyosumi Teien, all located in Tokyo.

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