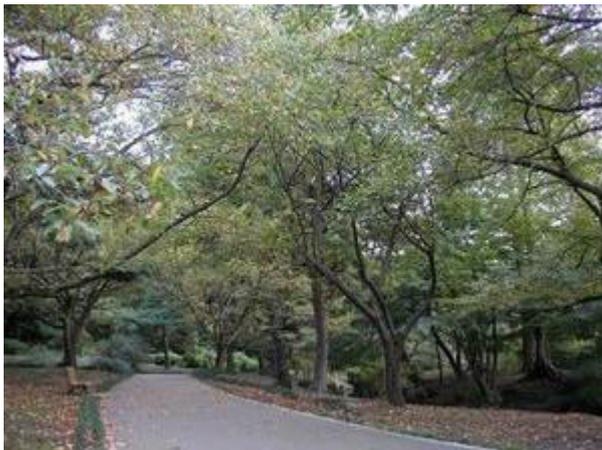


*MP-2002/06/07 – Wrong Season*



Pictures from last fall – just about right for the southern hemisphere I guess? The left photo above was taken just outside of Shinjuku Gyoen Park, and the right photo is of my old workstation. (That was one nice thing about that job – being close to Shinjuku Gyoen.)



For a long time I didn't appreciate park scenes like the one on the left - thinking they were too tainted with the touch of people (compared to places out and away from cities where people seldom go that is)... but after spending several years moving about in scenes like the one on the right, I now find that simply seeing a lot of trees has me feeling practically as though I am in the wilderness.

That said, recently I've mainly slipped back into the WorkTrainRideEatSleepWorkEtc routine, and haven't been thinking about much beyond how to stay awake at my workstation in the office when I'm not having fun with new office games (i.e. office politics). I'm currently reading a biography of Richard Wright – “Richard Wright – The Life And Times” – and the whole situation of fighting racism, with one group of people expecting an oppressed people to “stay in their place” is all too familiar.....



All taken not far from Shinjuku Station. Tokyo is still an interesting mix of old and new, but less and less of the old – as most things older than about thirty years have been torn down and new structures put in their place. The middle picture is quite unusual in that regard. It's not so easy to find spots like that any more – which is good, but still there is something interesting about an area with a high density of small shops (drinking places in this case) put up in close proximity to each other with no master design, resulting in a kind of “orderly chaos”.



Not much to say about the pedestrian overpasses – I just liked these two photos for some strange reason. The sky picture was taken in Shinjuku Gyoen. A minor note – the computer store (T-Zone) that I was headed to when I took the overpass photos isn't there anymore, and they just closed their main store in Akihabara as well, so I imagine business isn't very good. T-Zone was a good place to pick up certain computer parts, so I'm sorry to see the store shrinking.



More photos of both Shinjuku Gyoen and areas near Shinjuku Station... I don't have anything to say about them exactly – slightly different times with different angles....