

MP-11 Kanda & Akihabara Spring, 2000



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P-607 - In early morning Kanda. The bicycles are used for delivery and getting around within the area, as cars are the slowest means of transport during most of the day... not to mention parking.

P-603 - On my walk to the early morning class. I feel fine when I get to this point of the day, but getting to this point requires a solid hour in packed trains.....

P-614 - After the class, at about 9:45 a.m. A side street on the way to Kanda Station. It's hard to see, but the sides of the truck fold down, making it into a flatbed for unloading.

P-620 - A drug store.

P-637 & P-651 - Around 10:00 a.m. in Akihabara (the electronics district).



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P-667, P-670, & P-674 were all taken in escalators within electronics stores. Department stores, train stations and most places have regular width escalators, but for space reasons there are also a number of this one-row type. Notice all the florescent tubes! The thinking seems to be "The more the better" unfortunately.....

P-679 - Akihabara - the woman in white is handing out something. A standard advertising method here is to get a team of people out on the streets to personally hand out advertisements. It was kind of funny(?) a few months back when I walked past women in a store passing out advertising for Microsoft, and saying "Microsoft Money" as they passed out advertising envelopes. I would have taken one, but I knew that contrary to Big-M giving away Internet Explorer (whether you want it or not), they don't in fact give away cash.....

P-686 - One of the older sections of Akihabara, and what the area used to be all about. Now things have gotten to the point where there is less and less distinction between the different areas of the town (Tokyo I mean). If you go to an electronics store in Shinjuku, it's not much different from a typical store in Akihabara. That said, there are definitely a lot more computer stores in Akihabara than anywhere else in Japan (and the world maybe?). - The woman with the cart is selling lunches to the people working in the small stalls.

P-691 - Further along, a right turn after walking through the tunnel-like passage in P-686.

Well, I'll call this one a wrap. I'm really behind with the LL's now..... I'll try to get the next one out this weekend if I can.

Sore ja!

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