



Sugihara house was a Japanese consulate in 1939-1940 where a famous Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara have been working. This diplomat became famous when he saved the lives of about 10,000 Lithuanian, Polish and German Jews during the years of World War II. He issued "life visas" to Japan without any official approval of Japanese Government. Many Jews called the gates which once were next to the house the "gates of hope".

Museum

### SUGIHARA HOUSE

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On 2 August 1940 all foreign consulates in Lithuania were closed; however, the Japanese consulate moved to the accommodation of the Kaunas restaurant Metropolis and continued to issue visas. Even before leaving Lithuania and sitting at the table on the railway platform Sugihara managed to issue several tens of visas. In 1999 the museum was founded by the efforts of Lithuanian and Belgian intellectuals and businessmen, seeking to commemorate the Japanese diplomat. The museum exhibits Chiune Sugihara's life moments and stories of his saved people and their relatives who live all over the world.