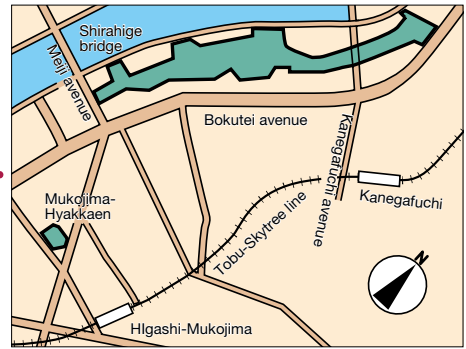


Green fields that act as a disaster prevention base

# Higashi-Shirahige Park



- Location** ● Tsutsumidori 2-chome, Sumida Ward
- Contact information** ● Higashi-Shirahige Park Administration Office tel: 03-3614-4467 (2-2-1 Tsutsumidori, Sumida-ku 131-0034)
- Transport** ● 10-minute walk from Kanegafuchi (Tobu-Skytree line).



Higashi-Shirahige Park is a long, narrow park that runs north-south along the Sumidagawa River at the north end of Sumida Ward. It provides a place to take in the greenery and enjoy recreation activities.

A large 13-story high-rise apartment complex stands at the east side of the park. The entire area is a disaster prevention base in the Basic Plan for the Redevelopment of Koto District. That base incorporates the park and apartment complex, as well as a rehabilitation hospital and other facilities. The park can thus function as an evacuation area in case of major earthquake or fire.

<b>Opened</b>	June 1, 1986
<b>Area</b>	103,127.60 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Trees</b>	Tall trees: 2,700 Shrubs: 26,000, grass: 4,400 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Main plants</b>	Cercidiphyllum japonicum, round leaf holly, Japanese zelkova, cherry (someiyoshino), Chinese evergreen oak, castanopsis, stone oak, azalea, sasanqua
<b>Facilities</b>	Small baseball field/athletic field, tennis courts, gateball court

As a countermeasure against such damage, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government is going forward with regional redevelopment and a plan to establish disaster prevention bases. Higashi-Shirahige Park is the first of such bases. A statue of a matoi flag used by old Edo fire brigades stands in the park as a symbol for disaster prevention bases.



Small baseball field and tennis court

**Disaster prevention base** ● The Koto delta area between the Arakawa and Sumidagawa Rivers is a large zone situated below sea level. Its location and the fact that it has many residences and factories means there is a high risk of heavy casualties in the event of a major earthquake.

**Fire-resistant trees** ● Trees work to protect people from sparks and heat of fires. So the park has evergreen trees such as castanopsis, stone oak, and round leaf holly that perform that function particularly well.

