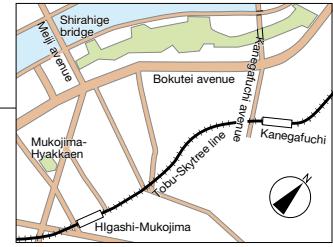


# Higashi-Shirahige Park



Administrator ■ Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association

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● Transport 10-minute walk from Kanegafuchi (Tobu-Skytree line).

Higashi-Shirahige Park is a long, narrow park that runs northsouth 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.

## Western-style house

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.

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

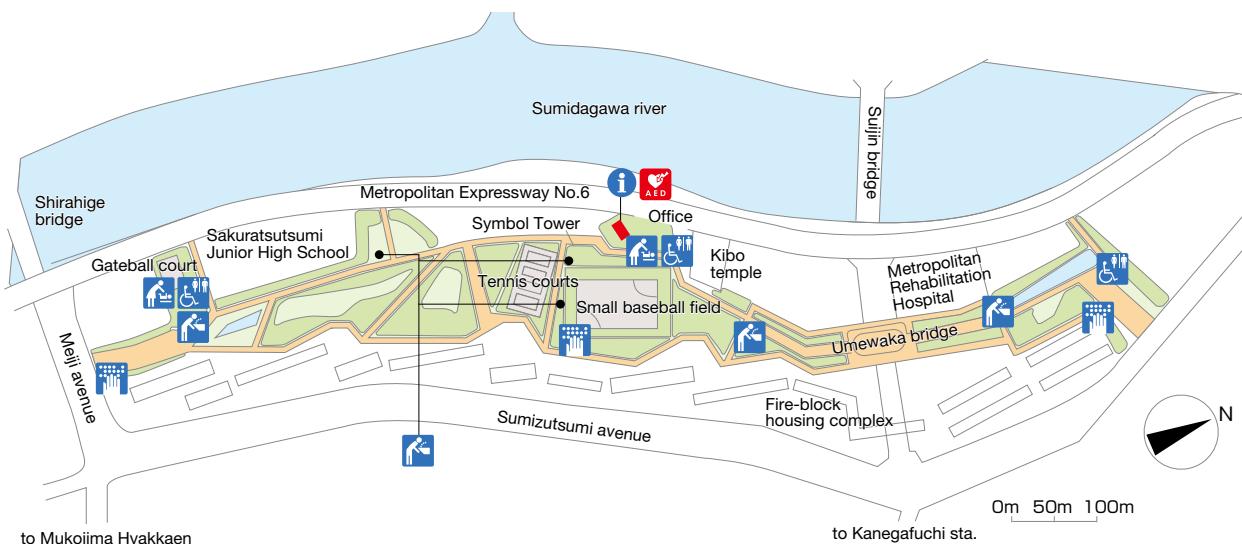
stands in the park as a symbol for disaster prevention bases.

## 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.



The Symbol of this Park: MATOI



Opened / June 1, 1986 Area / 103,127.60m<sup>2</sup>

Trees / Tall trees: 2,700 , Shrubs: 26,000 , grass: 4,400 m<sup>2</sup>

Main plants / Cercidiphyllum japonicum , round leaf holly , Japanese zelkova , cherry (someiyoshino) , Chinese evergreen oak , castanopsis , stone oak , azalea , sasanqua

Facilities / Small baseball field , athletic field , tennis courts , gateball court