Facilities for people touring the markets

1. **Toyosu Market PR section**  
   (Toyosu Market administration building, 3F)  
   Display panels provide information about Toyosu Market's structure and history as well as its special features.  
   Note: General tour routes can also include tours of facilities at Toyosu Market.

2. **Shokuniku (Meat) Market Meat Information Hall**  
   (Shokuniku Market central building, 6F)  
   Exhibits are set up to provide information about the meat market and its operations and roles, including meat production and distribution, as well as to eliminate discrimination related to the meat market and the slaughterhouse.

3. **Ota Market Exhibition Hall**  
   (Ota Market office building, 2F)  
   Display panels provide information about the special features of Ota Market and how wholesale markets work. There are turret trucks on display, and visitors can also watch videos about the market in the audiovisual room.  
   Note: General tour routes can also include tours of facilities at Ota Market.

Please check our website or contact individual markets for details on the dates and times that individual facility tours are possible or about tours of other markets (including group tours for schools).

Detailed information about market tours is available here:

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**Ichino is a big fan of the market!**

**About Tokyo Metropolitan Central Wholesale Market mascots**

Born and brought up at the market, the sprite Ichino is devoted to the market in mind and body. He and his wife Yasachino and child Kochino describe the market in detail, in a way that is easy to follow.

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Market Overview

The Tokyo Metropolitan Central Wholesale Market is a base of distribution network that smoothly and securely supplies fresh food products and other items indispensable to everyday life, including fishery products, fruits, vegetables, meat and flowers. The eleven central wholesale markets in the Tokyo Metropolitan area gather large amounts of diverse types of products from Japan and elsewhere, meeting the dietary needs and affluent lifestyles of Tokyo residents and other consumers through fair and fast transactions.

History of the Central Wholesale Market Network

Along with sustaining food culture from Edo to Tokyo, the Tokyo Metropolitan Central Wholesale Market carries out market development to provide Tokyo area residents an affluent lifestyle.

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Privately operated markets licensed by what was then Tokyo Prefecture were established from around the time of the Meiji Restoration, but plans to build a market in Tokyo City, at the time, progressed rapidly after the significant damage from the Kanto earthquake in 1923.

The beginning of wholesale markets

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Wholesale markets in the Meiji (1868-1912) and Taisho (1912-26) Eras

The three markets of Kanda, Koto, and Tsukiji opened in 1935, followed by Toshima, Yodobashi, Adachi and Shokuniku (Meat). The Itabashi, Setagaya, Kita-Adachi, Tama New Town, and Kasai markets were subsequently set up to accommodate the increasing population of Tokyo.

Showa Era (1926-89) wholesale market

The first flower market section was opened in 1988 at Kita-Adachi Market, and others opened later in four markets. The eleventh, Ota Market, was set up in 1989. The most recent wholesale market, Toyosu Market, debuted as the metropolitan area’s new core market in 2018.

Today’s wholesale markets

A Day at a Wholesale Market: The Flow of Business

Here we take a look at how a day goes by at a wholesale market, which plays a central role in the distribution of fresh food and other products.
How the Market Works: The People Who Work There

The market’s many functions, and the key roles of the people working there.

Central Wholesale Market

Operator
(Tokyo Metropolitan Government)
The metropolitan government supervises business and provides, maintains and manages market facilities

Wholesalers
Products gathered from suppliers are sold in the market’s wholesale market to participating intermediate wholesalers and authorized buyers through auctions and negotiated transactions

Intermediate wholesalers
Intermediate wholesalers purchase products from wholesalers for allotment to secondary wholesale shops within the market, and also sell to buyers

Authorized buyers
Retailers and restaurants that have received authorization from the operator can participate in auctions and purchase products from wholesalers in the same manner as intermediate wholesalers

Related enterprises
Businesses that retail related food products and cooking equipment, and restaurant and transport businesses working on behalf of market personnel

Sanitation inspection station
(metropolitan government)
A facility that inspects products in the market to see if they contain harmful or toxic substances, and provides guidance so that products are handled hygienically

Detailed information about the market’s functions is available here:

Collection
Large quantities of assorted products are brought in from inside and outside Japan

Suppliers
• Producers
• Supplier organizations
• Importers
• Other

Setting prices
Fair prices are set through auctions and negotiated transactions

Settlement of transactions
Secure payment settlements are made to pay suppliers and wholesalers

Public release of information
Precise information about the amounts of goods in stock and wholesale prices are publicly released

Apportionment
Products are divided into small lots for quick sale to multiple retailers

Buyers
Buyers purchase products from intermediate wholesalers for sale to consumers outside the market

Consumers
• Ordinary households
• School lunch programs
• Restaurant customers
• Other

Setting prices
Fair prices are set through auctions and negotiated transactions

Maintaining hygiene
Inspections are conducted in accordance with the Food Sanitation Act and other regulations to ensure hygienic facilities

The flow of business
Information about Individual Markets

Tokyo’s eleven central wholesale markets supplement each other and form a distribution network.

Detailed information about each market is available here:

1. **Toyosu Market**
   - Address: 6-6-1 Toyosu, Koto-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3520-8205
   - Site area: 354,953m²
   - Date operations commenced: October 11, 2018
   - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

2. **Shokuniku (Meat) Market**
   - Address: 2-7-19 Konan, Minato-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-5479-0651
   - Site area: 64,108m²
   - Date operations commenced: December 19, 1966
   - Products handled: Meat (1 market), Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

3. **Ota Market**
   - Address: 3-2-1 Tokai, Ota-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3790-8301
   - Site area: 386,426m²
   - Date operations commenced: December 1, 1961

4. **Toshima Market**
   - Address: 5-1-5 Sugamo, Toshima-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3918-0301
   - Site area: 23,334m²
   - Date operations commenced: March 25, 1937
   - Products handled: Fishery products, Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

5. **Yodobashi Market**
   - Address: 4-2-1 Kita-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3363-1428
   - Site area: 23,583m²
   - Date operations commenced: February 16, 1939
   - Products handled: Fishery products, Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

6. **Adachi Market**
   - Address: 50 Senjuhashidocho, Adachi-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3882-4301
   - Site area: 42,675m²
   - Date operations commenced: February 11, 1945
   - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

7. **Itabashi Market**
   - Address: 6-1-5 Takashimadaira, Itabashi-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3938-0171
   - Site area: 61,232m²
   - Date operations commenced: February 28, 1972
   - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

8. **Setagaya Market**
   - Address: 1-4-1 Okura, Setagaya-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3417-0131
   - Site area: 41,482m²
   - Date operations commenced: March 27, 1972
   - Products handled: Fishery products: September 17, 1979, Flowers: April 25, 1988

9. **Kita-Adachi Market**
   - Address: 6-3-1 Iriya, Adachi-ku
   - Phone number: +81-3-3857-7181
   - Site area: 61,076m²
   - Date operations commenced: September 17, 1979
   - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

10. **Tama New Town Market**
    - Address: 7-4 Nagayama, Tama-shi
    - Phone number: +81-42-375-9211
    - Site area: 57,153m²
    - Date operations commenced: May 26, 1983
    - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)

11. **Kasai Market**
    - Address: 3-4-1 Rinkaichō, Edogawa-ku
    - Phone number: +81-3-3878-2000
    - Site area: 74,515m²
    - Date operations commenced: May 7, 1984
    - Products handled: Fishery products (3 markets), Fruits and vegetables (9 markets), Flowers (5 markets)