

# Tokyo Station

The first railway in Japan was opened in 1872 between Shimbashi and Yokohama. Tokyo Station was built 42 years later in 1914; the main building was designed by architect Kingo Tatsuno. The domes of the original Renaissance-style three-storied brick building were destroyed during WWII. The present two-storied building is mainly the result of post-war temporary repairs.

Today, as Tokyo's equivalent of Grand Central Station, Tokyo Station serves about 3,800 trains daily on eleven lines including the Tokaido, Tohoku, Joetsu and Yamagata Shinkansen. It is the nation's fourth busiest station after Tokyo's major commuter terminals, Shinjuku, Ikebukuro and Shibuya and is the largest station in terms of number of trains, train-fare revenues, number of employees and total floor area.



■ Double-decker commuter train at elevated platform.



■ Commuters during rush hour  
1.8 million passengers crowd the station every day.



■ The concourse  
Keiyo platforms are underground.

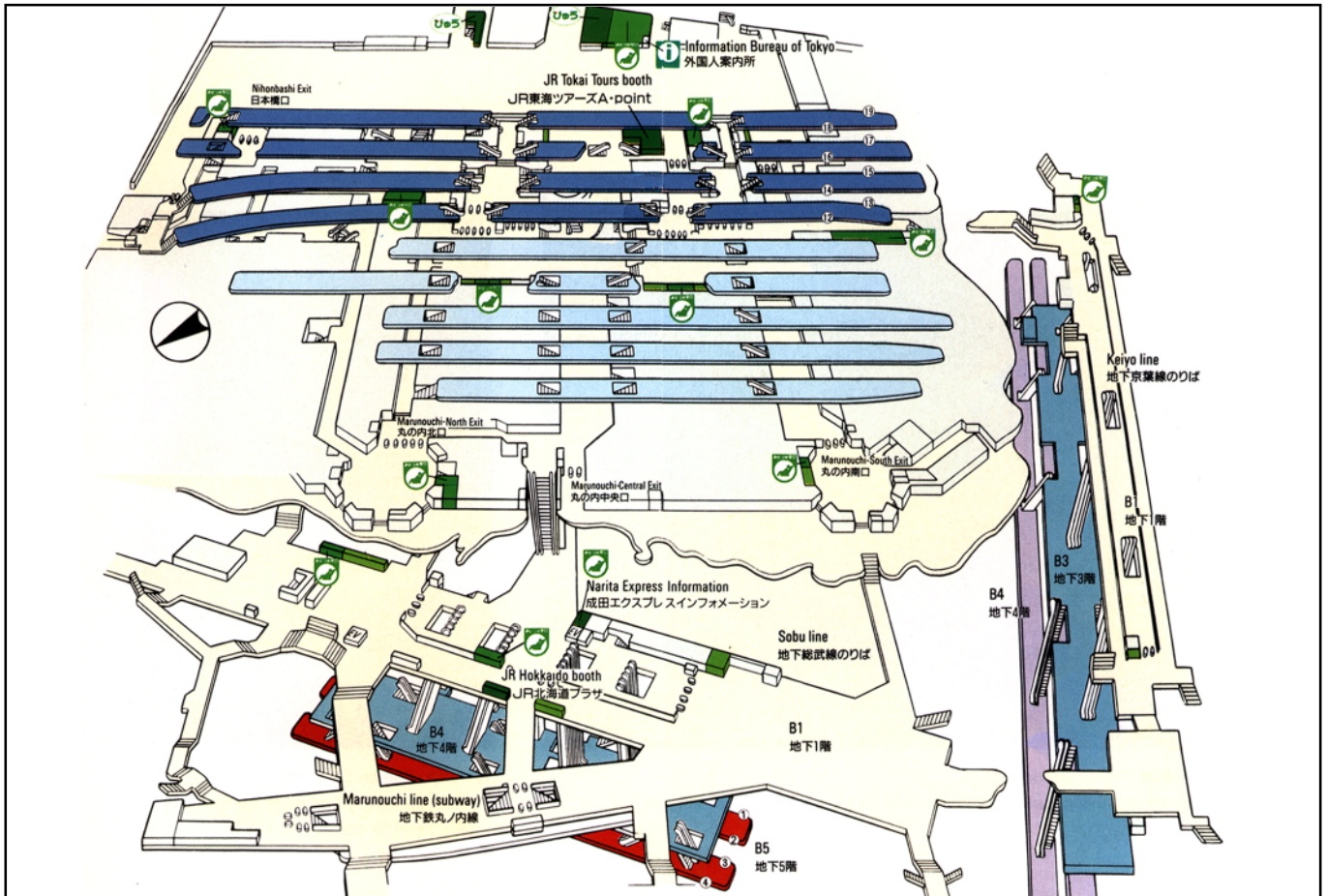


■ Experimental solar-power panels on platform roofs



■ Safety control rooms  
Fire detection, air conditioning and other safety-oriented installations are monitored around-the-clock in three hazard control rooms located on the ground and underground floors.

■ 3-D Plan of Tokyo Station



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|  | JR Reservation Ticket Offices<br>みどりの窓口                        |     | Shinkansen Super Express<br>新幹線ホーム                                   |
|  | Ticket Vending Machines<br>きっぷうりば                              |     | Narita Express<br>成田エクスプレスホーム  |
|  | View Plaza<br>(JR Travel Service Center)<br>びゅうプラザ (JRの旅行センター) | ①~④ | Tohoku-Yamagata-Joetsu Shinkansen<br>Super Express<br>東北・山形・上越新幹線ホーム |
|  |  | ⑫⑬  | Tokaido-Sanyo Shinkansen Super Express<br>東海道・山陽新幹線ホーム               |
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■ Renovation under way  
Tokyo Station being renovated to make space for the  
*Hokuriku Shinkansen* scheduled to open in 1997.