

Tsukiji's inner market finally made the big move east to the waterfront district of **Toyosu** last October



THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW facility are that it's modern, organized and clean (some say *too clean*) — a far cry from the colorful chaos of the former market. Its various sections are housed in separate buildings, which are interconnected via raised walkways. Step inside and you'll find brightly lit corridors lined with information placards,

viewing galleries overlooking the market halls and stalls arranged in an orderly grid fashion.

The legendary tuna auction, which the public can view from 5.45am to 6.15am, remains a must-see. Visitors must now register beforehand, however, and will be confined to a glass-paneled observation deck (you won't be able to get up close and personal with the prized catch,

unfortunately). Also, don't miss the Uogashi Yokocho market on the fourth floor of the Fish Intermediate Wholesale Market building, where over 70 stalls hawk sundries ranging from fresh wasabi and *katsuobushi* (fermented tuna) flakes to kitchen utensils.

Getting there: Take the Shinjuku Line to Ichigaya, before changing to the Yurakucho Line for Toyosu. From there, it's two stops to Shijo-mae via the Yurikamome Line.

Granted, Toyosu fish market may not be to everyone's taste: It can come across as rather sterile, and you can't help but feel a tad removed from the action. But we reckon it's still worth a visit — it's the largest fish market in the world, after all. 6-3-1 Toyosu, Koto-ku

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