

KAPPA BASHI

KITCHENWARE DISTRICT

Kappa-Bashi is the kitchenware and restaurant equipment suppliers shopping district in Tokyo. It is located in the Asakusa area, not far from the Asakusa Kannon Temple. The phone number for the area merchants association is (03)-3844-1225. There are more than 180 shops in this area, which are open from 0900-1700 daily except Sundays and Japanese Holidays.

☞ HOW TO GET THERE:

From YOKOSUKA

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO 横須賀中央 station and buy a ¥ 950 transfer ticket for ASAKUSA 浅草 station on the TOEI ASAKUSA 都営浅草線 Line.
2. Board a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA 品川 from track #2.
3. Get off at SHINAGAWA Station.

Note: If you take a GREEN KANJI TRAIN < Exit at SHINAGAWA Station but stay on that same platform. Take any of the next train to ASAKUSA 浅草 Station. If you take a RED KANJI TRAIN < Keep riding on a RED TRAIN until you reach ASAKUSA 浅草 Station (the 12th stop past SHINAGAWA 品川).

* Keikyu Line joins a part of SUBWAY TOEI ASAKUSA 都営浅草線 Line after SHINAGAWA 品川.

4. After passing through the wicket at ASAKUSA 浅草, take the stairs at EXIT 4A up to street level, turn right and walk about 150 ft. to the main street, KAMINARIMON DORI 雷門通り.
5. Turn left at KAMINARIMON DORI 雷門通り and walk about 10 min. to the “T” intersection at the end of the street. On the opposite side of the intersection, you can see a Mister Donut shop to the left and a red brick building to the right. Proceed down the small street to the right of the red brick building, which has a police box on the corner. When you come to the intersection at the 2nd traffic light, you will be at Kappa Bashi Street. The intersection is called KAPPA BASHI MINAMI, and can be identified by the bilingual signs overhead. Kappa Bashi Dori (street) extends over several blocks to the left and right of this intersection.

From IKEGO:

1. Go to JIMMUJI 神武寺 Station and buy a ¥880 transfer ticket for ASAKUSA 浅草 Station on the TOEI ASAKUSA 都営浅草線 Line.
2. Take a train from track#2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO 金沢文庫 and change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA.
3. **Continue with #3 above.**

▶ Note: During certain time of the day it may be necessary to switch trains at KANAZAWA HAKKEI 金沢八景 station.

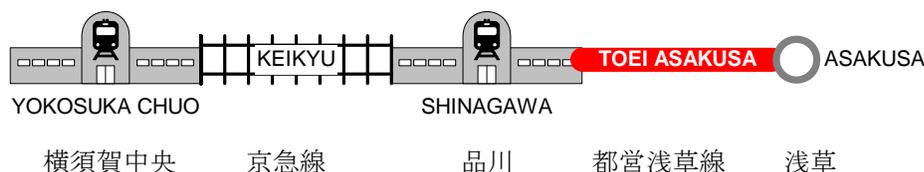
RETURN:

To YOKOSUKA

1. Buy a ¥950 transfer ticket for YOKOSUKA CHUO station, which is on the KEIKYU (KHK) Line.
2. Go to the track for trains bound for SHINAGAWA direction.
3. **Wait for a RED KANJI Keikyu Line train.** The final destination for this train will be MISAKICUCHI 三崎口. After the train exits the subway system, YOKOSUKA CHUO will be the 12th stop past SHINAGAWA.

To IKEGO

1. Buy a ¥880 transfer ticket for JIMMUJI station on KEIKYU (KHK) Line.
2. **Continue as above #2 ~3 but get off at KANAZAWA HAKKEI 金沢八景** Station and change train bound for SHIN-ZUSHI 新逗子.



Some of the more interesting items available for purchase are:

Multi-colored pots and pans	cookie and pastry cutters
sushi making utensils and molds	bar equipment
wide variety of stoneware plates and bowls	zabuton(floor cushions)
paper lanterns (ready or custom made)	snow cone machines
noren (doorway curtain)	plastic display foods

Don't forget to pay your respects to the chef who oversees the area. His giant statue (bust) can be seen atop the corner shop, across from the police box, at the south end of the street.

On your return trip from Kappa Bashi, you might enjoy the following sights in the Asakusa area:

Iriyama Sembei, a rice cracker shop that has been in continuous operation for more than 80 years. If you arrive between 1000 & 1300 or 1500 & 1800, you can watch several members of the owner's family as they toast their special brand of crackers over an open charcoal brazier.

The shop just mentioned is located on Sushiya Dori. As the name implies, the street is lined with dozens of small restaurants, most of which serve Sushi as the main dish. A sign in English (Romaji) identifies the entrance to this street from Kaminarimon Dori.