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Tokyo Subway System Simplified

Starting from April 1, 2004, a new numbering system for Tokyo subways is making it easier to get around. There are 274 subway stations along 12 lines in Tokyo and each line is distinguished by a particular colour.

Now, every station has been assigned a number. The originating station on a line has been assigned number 1, the 2nd station number 2, and so forth. Each subway line is denoted by the first letter of the line name prefacing the station number. For example, Shibuya Station on the Ginza Line is "G 01" and the ninth station, Ginza, is G 09.

This drastic change in the Tokyo subway system eliminates "The Lost in Translation" feeling that tourists previously experienced.

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