Sakaigawa Visits Now Made Easier

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Tokyo's northernmost heya, Sakaigawa Beya in the city's Adachi-ku, is set to make itself far more accessible to fans wanting to attend asageiko or just go down for a look at this out of the way home to up and comer Goeido, former komusubi Iwakiyama and Toyohibiki among others.

Currently accessed best via Takenotsuka Station on the Tobu Isesaki Line, come early 2008, the opening of the Toneri Monorail will link the area immediately to the south of the heya with Nippori on the Yamanote Line.

Sakaigawa will subsequently be accessible by leaving the automatic, driverless monorail and walking a couple of hundred meters from Minumadai Shinsuikoen Station - the last stop on the monorail and the longest named station in Tokyo according to the locals.