

Villages depicted in *Tabihikitsuke* and two paintings

Landscape of Hinenosho, a manor in medieval Japan

Unchanging landscape Unchanging heart



Story

Around 800 years ago, the area of present-day Izumisano City was a territory of the Kujo Family, who were highly ranked nobles. The territory was the shoen (a manor in medieval Japan) called Hinenosho, and two paintings of the shoen and a diary written by Kujo Masamoto, "Tabihikitsuke," have been conserved. The paintings depict green landscapes, ponds and a watercourse for the irrigation of farms and paddy fields, as well as shrines and temples, while the diary vividly describes the life and people in villages 500 years ago. The landscape that constituted the shoen area has been passed down from the medieval era to present day, and it allows us to enjoy the attractive landscapes of the rural villages presented in the paintings and diary.

Two paintings of *shoen* that tell us stories about Hinenosho

When Hinenosho was established in 1234, the biggest challenge in its management was the development of its vast undeveloped lands. The lord of the Kujo Family began a land survey of Hinenosho in 1309, and two paintings were created during the survey. The watercourse, ponds, shrines and temples in the villages are depicted in the paintings in great detail.

The main project during development was the construction of the Yukawa Watercourse. It was designed to convey water between Hine Jinja Shrine and Jigen-in Temple and through farms on terraced slopes and to reach Junitaniike Pond over a total length of approximately 2.75 km with a height difference of only about 3 m. You can get a sense for the painstaking efforts of the village people from the large-scale elaborate civil engineering work.

If you compare the paintings with present-day photos and maps, you will be surprised to find that many features have remained the same. The ponds created in those days still provide water to farms and paddy fields to grow crops for people. Hinenosho made progress through this large-scale development and grew into an important shoen that developed on its own among the approximately 30 shoen possessed by the Kujo Family in Japan.

Now, what were people's lives like in those days?





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The Painting of Hineno Village and Ihara Village (owned by the Archives and Mausolea Departr of the Imperial Household Agency)

Masamoto-ko Tabihikitsuke wned by the Archives and ausolea Department of the Iperial Household Agency)

Diary of a court noble Masamoto-ko Tabihikitsuke —

In the Warring States Period, the management of shoen began to be threatened by samurai. Around that time, Kujo Masamoto, the lord of Hinenosho, stayed in Chofukuji Temple in Iriyamada Village for four years. He wrote a diary to record how he spent his life and what happened there during the period from 1501 to 1505. When the villagers in Ogi suffered droughts, they held a ritual to pray for rain at Takimiya Shrine (Hibashiri Jinja Shrine). Noh performances offered in the ritual were praised by Masamoto with the statement that they were comparable to those in Kyoto. This ritual event is still organized under the name of hotaki in the shrine. Masamoto was also impressed by the performing arts presented in a regular festival held in Oiseki Daimyojin (Hine Jinja Shrine) on April 2 every year. Masamoto sometimes stayed in Jigen-in Temple, the grounds of which feature one of the

three famous two-storied pagodas in Japan, and the elegant features of the pagoda have not changed in over 750 years. The diary also depicts rituals and festivals, hostage incidents, battles, the damage caused by floods and droughts, diseases, crimes and other events, which enables you to get interesting insights into the lives of farmers in the Warring States Period while viewing the current landscape.

> We faced many difficulties, like disputes within villages and attacks by external forces...

> > Lord Kujo Masamoto



Painting 1, which was created in the medieval era, depicts a twin-peak mountain (1) and an area thought to be a part of Oizeki Daimyojin and Muhenko-in Temple (5), and Junitaniike Pond, which draws water from Kashiigawa River (6), is described as "Jujidaniike."

Painting 2, which was created in the early modern period, depicts Inunakisan Shipporyuji Temple **1**, the stage of the *Masamoto-ko Tabihikitsuke* **2**, and the rural landscape of Hinenosho Ogi **3**, and it can be seen that they have been passed down to present day.



"Painting of Hineno Village (owned by the Archives and Mausolea Department of the Imperial Household Agency



"Painting of Inunakisan Shipporyuji Temple and Ogi Village" (in the late Edo Period) owned by Hibashiri Jinja Shrine

Landscape of Hinenosho in the medieval era -Excursion routes

Inunakisan Shipporyuji Temple - Walk through the world of Shugen Mt. Inunaki bus stop → Zuiryumon Gate → Ryokai-no-taki waterfall → To-no-taki waterfall → Grave of the loyal dog → Main hall → Gyoja-no-taki waterfall

- 2 Walk through the stage of the *Masamoto-ko Tabihikitsuke* Naka-ogi bus stop → Bishamon-do Temple → Hibashiri Jinja Shrine → Former Site of Saikoji Temple → Former Site of Chofukuji Temple → Shimo-ogi bus stop
- Walk through the Rural Landscape of Hinenosho Ogi Shino-ogi bus stop → Enmanji Temple → Former Site of Chofukuji Temple → Mizuma Street → Zentokuji Temple and Saikoji Temple → Terraced rice fields around Higashinoike Pond → Rengeji Temple (and the nearby Kami-ogi Suspension Bridge) → Former Site of Kosekiji Temple → Kokawa Road → Bishamon-do Temple → Hibashiri Jinja Shrine → Naka-ogi bus stop
- Former Site of Tsuchimaru Ameyama Castle Walk around a medieval castle Tonda bus stop → Tsuchimaru Rengeji Temple and grave of Hashimoto Masataka → Yukawa Watercourse Sluice Gate → Kokawa Road → Tsuchimaru Kasuga Jinja Shrine and trailhead → Former Site of Tsuchimaru Ameyama Castle
- 5 Walk through the world in paintings of a *shoen*: shrines and temples Shindode bus stop → Shindode Ushigami Altar → Kokawa Road → Tenmangu Shrine of Sofukuji Temple → Yukawa Watercourse → **Jigen-in Temple** → Yukawa Watercourse → **Hine Jinja Shrine** → Hime Jinja Shrine → Higashiue bus stop (Short route: Kunoki bus stop → Tenmangu Shrine of Sofukuji Temple → Yukawa Watercourse → **Jigen-in Temple** and **Hine Jinja Shrine** → Higashiue bus stop)
- 6 Walk through the world in paintings of a *shoen*: irrigation watercourse Higashiue bus stop → Path along the Yukawa Watercourse → Former Site of Hachioji → Former Site of Nonomiya → Amazuike Pond → Yaejiike Pond → Junitaniike Pond → JR Hineno Station

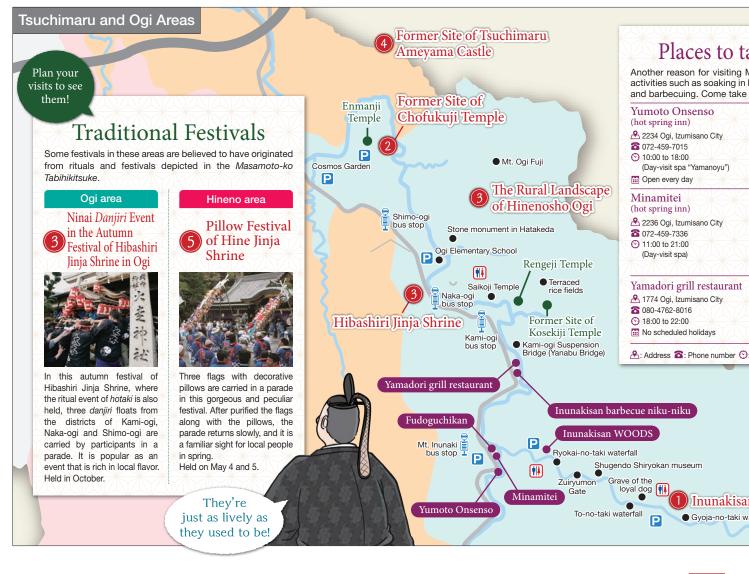
Folktale of Mt. Inunaki Legend of the Loyal Dog

At the end of the 10th century, there was a hunter named Yamada who lived in Kishu Ikedanosho on the other side of the mountain and hunted wild boars and der on the mountain. The hunter had a dog that he always took with him. One day, he went to the mountain with his dog as usual. While resting in the shadow of a rock, the dog suddenly began to bark fiercely and would not stop even after he solded it many times. The hunter got so angry that he cut off the dog's head with a shachet. The dog's head then leaped into the air and bit into the throat of a giant snake lying in wait behind the rock to swallow the lone hunter. The snake was killed by the bite. Touched by the loyalty shown to him by the dog and respectfully buried its body. Then, he donated his land to the Fudo-do temple.

1 Inunakisan Shipporyuji Temple designated (building)



This temple is located in a valley along the Inunaki River in Fudodani, a deep part of the Izumi Mountain Range in the Ogi area. It is a main training ground for *Katsuragi Shugen*, which is said to have been founded by En-no-Ozunu in 661, as well as the eighth of Katsuragi twenty-eight sutra mounds. During the period when Masamoto was staying there, priests of the temple prayed for rain in years of droucht.



Former Site of Tsuchimaru Ameyama Castle

(Sites designated as the Historical Remains of Hinenosho, National Historic Site)



This medieval castle was erected near the peaks of the two connected mountains of Mt. Ameyama (312 m) in Kumatori Town and Mt. Tsuchimaruyama (Mt. Jonoyama: 287 m) in Izumisano City. The site has been famous since the medieval period for the magnificent landscape that can be seen from the peaks and its *kuruwa*, such as its views of the southern part of Osaka, including Osaka Bay and Kansai International Airport, as well as its panoramic view of the Ogi area () which was designated by the Japanese government as Osaka Prefecture's first Important Cultural Landscape.

5 Two-storied Pagoda of Jigen-in Temple (Sites designated as the Historical Remains of Hinenosho, National Historic Site)



It is said that the temple was founded at the order of Emperor Tenmu in 673. Its two-storied pagoda, which was constructed in 1271, is the only building designated as a National Treasure in lzumisano City. It is 10.5 m high, and its lower story is square in shape, with each side being 2.7 m long. A seated figure of Dainichi Nyorai (a Tangible Cultural Property designated by Osaka Prefecture) is enshrined in the inner sanctuary. The temple was attached to Hine Jinja Shrine until the Meiji Period.



Former Site of Chofukuji Temple

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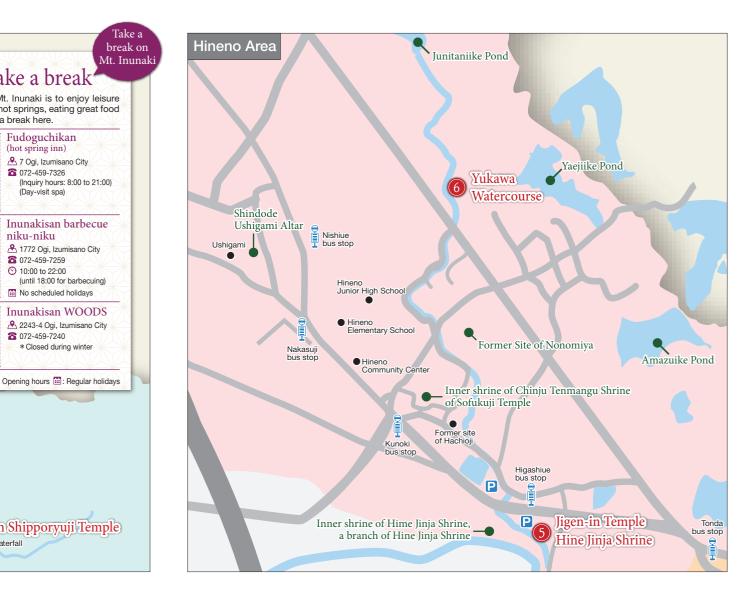
Chofukuji Temple was the residence of Masamoto and also served as the headquarters for Hinenosho. It is known that the site contained halls, a residential building for Masamoto, Tenman Shrine, a well and other objects at that time. Part of the site is currently used as agricultural land to promote harmony between the maintenance and management of the historic site and the surrounding landscape.

3 The Rural Landscape of Hinenosho Ogi, Hibashiri Jinja Shrine

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Enriched with the nature of the Izumi Mountain Range, the agricultural land and settlements in this area take advantage of the landscape of intradeep basin. In the landscape of terraced rice fields, small plots of rice paddies are integrated with a traditional water channel network developed by linking together a large number of pond- and river-fed irrigation systems. Many features of Hinenosho in the medieval era have been passed down to present day. Paintings and other materials from the Edo Period demonstrate that land use in the area has been mostly unchanged since then.





Hine Jinja Shrine

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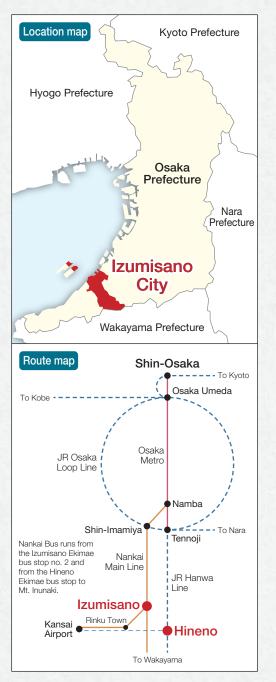


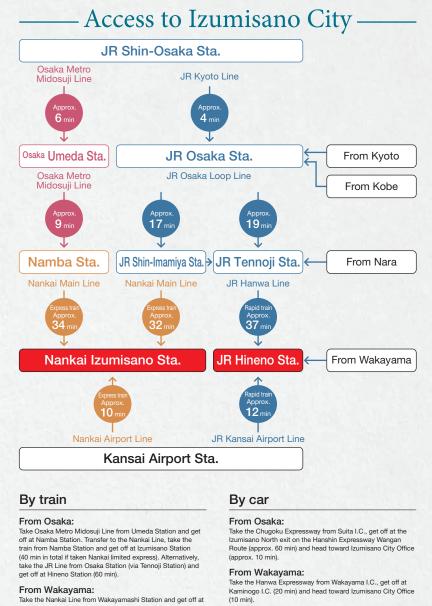
This shrine served as the tutelary of Hinenosho as a whole. The Masamoto-ko Tabihikitsuke records that a festival was held on April 2 every year to actively organize performances of sarugaku (the precursor of kyogen farces in Noh theater), kurabeuma (horse races), sacred services involving ceremonial archery and other festive events. The shrine is now popular because the Pillow Festival parade held in May every year enters into its grounds.

Yukawa Watercourse (Sites designated as the Historical Remains of Hinenosho, National Historic Site)



This watercourse delivers water from the Kashiigawa River and is believed to have played a major role in the development of the middle terrace surface for Hinenosho. From its inception at the Tsuchimaru Sluice Gate, it passes through the grounds of Hine Jinja Shrine and Jigen-in Temple before reaching its destination of Junitaniike Pond, and its total length is approximately 2.75 km. It still serves as the main watercourse in the Hineno area





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