

14 Fujieda Shuku the Center of the Shida Area from the 7th Century

Tenno-cho, Fujieda City - JR Rokugo Station, Shimada City

Introduction

The land of Fujieda was built by the people from ancient times and the local government office was set up in the 8th century. In the 17-19th century, Fujieda flourished as the 22nd Shukuba and as the town under Tanaka Castle. Located at the terminal of Tanuma Road (it is also a part of "Salt Road") originate from Sagara Town on the coast, Fujieda prospered also as the center of commerce.

Tanaka Castle Ruins and Villa of Tanaka Castle (Designated as tangible cultural properties of Fujieda City)

1 田中城跡と田中城下屋敷 市指定有形文化財

"Tanaka Castle" was built in 1537 by the Isshiki family, vassal of the Imagawa clan, and was reconstructed by Takeda Shingen for defense of western Shizuoka

Prefecture. Its circular shape is rare in the castles in Japan. Tokugawa Ieyasu liked this castle which he spent 8 years to capture and dropped in every time when he came for falconry. One version is that he died from being poisoned by Okitsu sea bream Tempura he ate at this castle. The residence of the Isshiki family is said to have existed at the site of the villa. It is now reconstructed to a historical park with turret, tea ceremony house, footman's house with a stable and granary of Chorakuji Village.

2 白子由来の碑 Monument of Shiroko-yurai

After the incident at Honnoji Temple in 1582, Ieyasu was helped by Magozo in Shiroko (in Mie Prefecture) to escape to Mikawa (in Aichi Prefecture). Later, Ieyasu gave permission to Magozo to live in present Hon-cho area and to change the name to Shiroko-cho. Ieyasu also gave Magozo an official letter with his seal so that Magozo will be exempt from duties. Magozo's descendants still keep this letter.

3 東海道周辺の天然記念物 Natural Monuments around the Old Tokaido Road

Juniper tree at Renshoji Temple is 700 years old, 6.8 meters high and 1.65 meters around the root. (designated by Fujieda City) Renshoji Temple: The main gate of this old and distinguished temple was donated by the lord of Tanaka Castle.

Kuon-no-Matsu at Daikoji Temple Pine tree planted by the holy priest Nichiren is more than 700 years old, 25 meters high and 7 meters around the root. Selected as 100 best pine trees in Japan.

Daikoji Temple: Successive lords of Tanaka Castle worshipped.

Hongan-no-Matsu in Shoji Temple Memorial pine tree donated by Toki Yoritoshi, lord of Tanaka Castle when he was promoted to Osaka Jodai (a post in the Tokugawa shogunate). (designated by Fujieda City)

Forest of Nyakuichioji Shrine North limit of Yamamogashi and Mimizubai trees. (designated by Shizuoka Prefecture)



Old Tokaido Road Walking Route

- Red line: Sidewalk
- Red dotted line: Sidewalk narrower than 70 cm

Legend

- Information icon
- Parking lot icon
- Picturing point icon
- Bench icon
- Toilet icon
- Accessible toilet icon
- Convenience store icon
- Row of pine trees icon
- Cherry tree icon
- Explanatory board icon
- Bus stop icon
- AED icon
- East boundary of shukuba icon
- West boundary of shukuba icon

4 田中藩領榜示石蹟 Ruins of Landmark Stone of Tanaka Domain

Boundary between the Tanaka clan and the neighboring clan was complicated so they put up landmark stones. Characters engraved on the stones were written by the vassals of the Tanaka clan, they say that the marvelous calligraphy surprised the literati travelers.

5 鏡池堂(六地藏) Kyochido (Roku-ji-jo)

According to a local legend, they built a small temple to enshrine the Jizo (statue of guardian deity) appeared from Kagamigaiké Pond when a priest of Kiganji Temple got rid of the evil dragon. This small temple also enshrines Jizo saving us from the world of Rokudo (6 karmas). They say that many travelers worshipped.

6 千貫堤・瀬戸染飯伝承館 Museum of Sengan-zutsumi and Seto-no-Someii

Someii is steamed rice dyed with gardenia sold since the 16th century. As it is efficacious to recover fatigue of legs it became a specialty of the Old Tokaido Road. Sengan-zutsumi is an embankment built by the Tanaka clan in the 17th century to protect villages from flooding of Oi River.

- Open: 9:00 to 16:00 (depends on the month)
- Closed on Mondays

蓮華寺池公園 Rengeji-ike Park

Rengeji Pond is a drainage dug by the whole villagers around 1613, now the area is reconstructed to a park. From "Nyakuoji Kofungun" 28 barrows and sharinseki (bracelet shaped treasure made with jasper) were excavated. Fujieda Folk Museum and Literature Museum are attached.

- Admission: ¥100 for adults
- Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (closed on Mondays)

藤枝あれこれ Amusements in Fujieda

- Sweets: More than 60 confectioners in Fujieda makes Japanese and Western sweets using specialties of Fujieda. Enjoy the variety!
- Sake-Makers: The 4 breweries, Aoshima, Shida-Izumi, Sugii and Hatsukame are making sake of superior brand by using groundwater streaming from Southern Alps Oi River system.
- Fujieda Dharma Doll: Characterized by "8" shaped hair at the temples. Production skill is handed down from the 19th century.

Houses: 1061 (2 Honjin, 37 Hatago)
Population: 4425 (as of 1843)