

24 From Totoumi Province to Mikawa Province

Hamana, Arai-cho, Kosai City – JR Futagawa Station, Toyohashi City



**潮見坂
Shiomi Slope**
Inner seas such as Sagami Bay, Suruga Bay and Ise Bay could be seen from the Old Tokaido Road, but Pacific Ocean, outer sea could be seen only from here. The scenery provoked poetic sentiment of the travelers also Utagawa Hiroshige was inspired by the magnificent view and drew picture taking The Sea of Enshu in the background.

The 33rd shukuba used to have 328 houses (1 honjin, 1 waki-honjin) and 1468 residents. 'Masugata' (the street bent into right angle to avoid invasion of enemy) and placement of houses are almost perfectly preserved, remains of honjin, hatago and stores tells us exactly how did this shukuba looked like in old days.

Introduction
The territory of Totoumi-no-Kuni (Totoumi Province) was until Sakai River at the westernmost of Shirasuka Shuku. From there it is territory of Mikawa-no-Kuni (Mikawa Province). At first, Shirasuka Shuku was located at the bottom of Shiomi Slope, but moved at the top owing to the earthquake and the tsunami in 1707 washed away the majority of the houses. Looks of old days remain along the Old Tokaido Road.

1 蔵法寺
"Shiomi Kannon" a wooden Kannon, 58 centimeters tall caught in the fisherman's net in The Sea of Enshu (western Shizuoka Prefecture and eastern Aichi Prefecture) in 1654 is enshrined. They say that in 1707, the Kannon appeared in dream of Ikeda Tsunamasa, the lord of Okayama Prefecture and gave him a divine message "This land will have a great earthquake. Leave at once."

3 禮雲寺
You can experience pilgrimage in the small scaled 88 sacred places of the Shikoku District related to Kobo Buddhist Priest. More than 100 species of flowers are planted and pleases our eyes in all seasons.

4 夏目麿と加納諸平
Natsume Mikamaro is a scholar of 'kokugaku' (research in ancient Japanese thought and culture through literature) in the latter half of the Edo Period (1603-1868). He studied under Uchiyama Matatsu and wrote "Furuno-no-Wakana" and "Kashu" as a disciple of Motoori Norinaga besides he worked at sake brewery. Morohira, his first son studied medicine under Kano Ichiku who was a physician of the Wakayama feudal clan and was adopted into the Kano family. In his later years Morohira was taken into the leader of kokugaku scholars by the Lord of Kishu (Wakayama Prefecture) and wrote "Todairuidai-Wakasenshu" and "Fukugyokushu".

2 おんやど白須賀
A hall to exchange and to rest for people stroll in Shirasuka Shuku. They exhibit local historical documents and looks of people travelled at Shiomi Slope.
●Open: 10:00 to 16:00 (Closed on Mondays)

5 火防樹の楨 市文化財
Shirasuka Shuku relocated from the bottom to the top of Shiomi slope, but then they were caught in fire several times because of west wind in winter. So people heaped up mounds on both sides of the road and planted evergreen podocarpus, strong against fire to protect their houses. Such spot existed 3 in Shirasuka Shuku, but now remains only 1.

6 駒屋
"Komaya (the main Komaya)" thrived as a pawnshop so they opened Higashi-Komaya and Nishi-Komaya, 2 branch shops in the same shukuba. The storehouse was built in the middle of the Edo Period (1603-1868) the main house was built at the end of the Edo Period and separated drawing room and tea ceremony room were added in the Taisho Period (1912-1926). All 8 buildings, main house, tea ceremony room, corridor connecting two buildings, separated drawing room, south storehouse, center storehouse, north storehouse and north barn are designated as cultural properties of Toyohashi City.

7 二川宿本陣資料館
The 1st Goto family and the Kurebayashi family undertook from 1793 handed over honjin because they could not reconstruct the building after the fire. The Baba family served as honjin from 1807 until abolition of honjin. Storehouse built between 1716 and 1736, the main house built in 1753 and entrance hall

Houses: 613 (1 honjin, 1 waki-honjin, 27 hatago)
Population: 2704 (as of 1843)

and the main gate built in 1807 are preserved. Honjin remains along the Old Tokaido Road exist only at Futagawa Shuku and Kusatsu Shuku.
●Open: 9:30 to 17:00 (Closed on Mondays)
●Admission: ¥400 for adults, ¥100 for elementary to high school students

Old Tokaido Road Walking Route
— Sidewalk
... Sidewalk narrower than 70 cm

Legend

- Information
- Parking lot
- Picturing point
- Bench
- Toilet
- "Michi-no-Eki" (Road station)
- Accessible toilet
- Convenience store
- Recommended route
- Row of pine trees
- Cherry tree
- Explanatory board
- Automated external defibrillator, AED
- East boundary of shukuba
- West boundary of shukuba