

Bronze Statues of Miyazaki's Hometown Pioneers

※Statues erected by the Hometown Pioneer Statue Construction Committee

1 About the Hometown Pioneer Statue Construction Committee

The HPSC Committee, looking to both reward the great accomplishments and memorialize the virtues of local legends, erected bronze statues of hometown pioneers via united public and private efforts.

(The Committee disbanded on March 29, 2006, with residual assets donated to the Prefecture for use in related projects rewarding hometown pioneers.)

2 List of Statues



①若山牧水 Bokusui Wakayama
1885-1928 (Meiji 18 - Showa 3)
Real name *Shigeru*, born in 1885 in Tsuboya, Togo (present-day Hyuga City), he entered Waseda University together with Hakushu Kitahara.
A lover of nature and travel, he is called the "Traveler's Poet" and left a substantial mark on modern Japanese *Tanka history*.
He wrote some 7000 poems in his lifetime.
Passed away in Numazu City in 1928 at the age of 43.

Sculptor: Yoshihiro Okumura
Unveiled on December 4, 1988



②高木兼寛 Kanehiro Takaki
1849-1920 (Kaei 2 - Taisho 9)
Born in 1849 in Mukasa, Takaoka (present-day Miyazaki City), he established preventive measures against beriberi disease, with his research leading to the discovery of a vitamin-related cause.
Along with setting up the *Seiikai Koshujo* (became the *Jikei University School of Medicine*), he was the first Doctor of Medicine in Japan and greatly contributed to the development of medicine in Japan.
Passed away in Tokyo in 1920 at the age of 71.

Sculptor: Yukinori Sasayama
Unveiled on April 21, 1990



③石井十次 Juji Ishii

1865-1914 (Keiou 1 - Taisho 3)

Born in 1865 in present-day Takanabe, he originally pursued a career in medicine, but quit after realizing his calling to work with orphans.

He opened an orphanage in 1887 in Okayama Prefecture, which housed 1,200 kids by the year 1907.

He moved the orphanage to Chausubaru in Saito City in 1912 and spent the rest of his life devoted to helping orphans.

Passed away in Chausubaru in 1914 at the age of 50.

Sculptor: Hitoshi Tanaka

Unveiled on July 9, 1992



④後藤勇吉 Yukichi Goto

1896-1928 (Meiji 29 - Showa 3)

Born in 1896 in Minami-machi (present-day Nobeoka City), he became the first Japanese citizen to fly a course around Japan and to fly at an altitude of over 5,000 meters. He pioneered traveler and postal air transport and opened international air routes.

He lent his efforts towards developing air transportation for local specialty goods, and as a trailblazer of private aviation he left his mark in the annals of aviation history.

Passed away in Saga Prefecture in 1928 at the age of 33.

Sculptor: Yoshihiro Okumura

Unveiled on February 29, 1996



⑤川越 進 Susumu Kawagoe
1848-1914 (Kaei 1 - Taisho 3)
Born in 1848 in present-day
Kiyotake, he proved the greatest
contributor in accomplishing the re-
installation of Miyazaki Prefecture
during the time of prefectural
demarcation.

He became Miyazaki's first assembly
chairman in 1883 and first House of
Representatives member in 1890, and
he achieved a great deal during his
national political tenure, which
lasted until 1912.

Passed away in Miyazaki City in
1914 at the age of 66.

Sculptor: Takaaki Hirahara
Unveiled on November 16, 2000



⑥小村寿太郎 Jutarō Komura
1855-1911 (Ansei 2 - Meiji 44)
Born in 1855 in Obi (present-day
Nichinan City). He became foreign
minister in 1901 and signed into
effect the Anglo-Japanese Alliance
the following year.

As chief delegate following the end
of the Russo-Japanese War, he
attended the Portsmouth Peace
Conference and helped conclude the
peace treaty in 1905.

He is the most well-known diplomat
of the Meiji Era.

Passed away in Kanagawa Prefecture
in 1911, 6 years after the signing of
the peace treaty, at the age of 57.

Sculptor: Yukinori Sasayama
Unveiled on September 24, 2005



⑦安井息軒 Sokken Yasui

1799-1876 (Kansei 11 - Meiji 9)

Edo Period Confucian scholar born in 1799 in present-day Kiyotake, he learned about China from his father beginning at a young age. He left for Osaka and Edo in order to continue his studies.

He worked as an assistant professor at his hometown's Obi Clan *Shintokudo* and a professor at the Shogunate *Shoheizaka school*. He educated numerous successful individuals from the end of the Edo Period through the Meiji Era.

Passed away in Tokyo in 1876 at the age of 77.

Sculptor: Takaaki Hirahara

Unveiled on May 23, 1988

✧Erected by the Miyazaki

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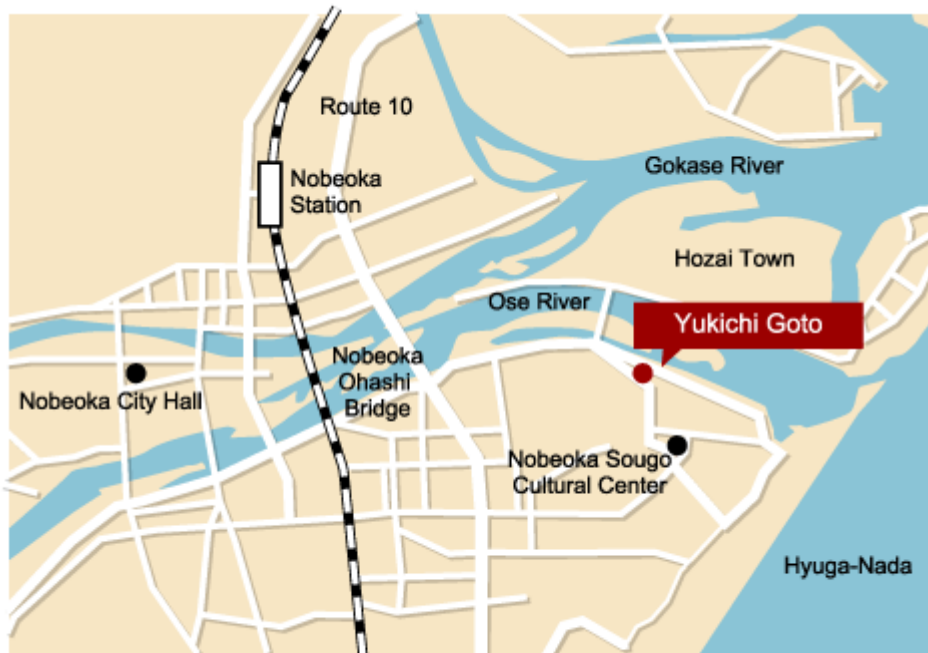
3 Map of Statue Locations

"Miyazaki Prefecture General Culture Park" (Miyazaki City)



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"Myoden Ryokuchi Park" (Nobeoka City)



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