Introduction to the Hirobumi Ito Memorial Park

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In Meiji 43 (1910), the Hayashi and Ito families constructed this building to conduct Buddhist ceremonies commemorating the 300th anniversary of the death of Ito’s ancestor Hayashi Awajinokami Michioki. Hirobumi Ito designed the fundamental plans himself and longed to see the building completed, but just before completion in October of Meiji 42 (1909) he fell to an assassin’s bullet and died abroad, unable to return home. Following large-scale repairs, the building was opened to the public in February of Heisei 16 (2004) as the Former Residence of Hirobumi Ito.

Bronze Statue of Hirobumi Ito

This statue was erected on the former site of the Ito Jinja Shrine in October of Showa 35 (1960) to forever commemorate Hirobumi Ito. (Sculptor: Kenjirou Kochiyama)

The statue standing in front of the Former Residence of Hirobumi Ito was erected in March of Heisei 16 (2004) to watch over his home forever, which he did not live to see completed.

Birthplace of Hirobumi Ito

Hirobumi Ito was born on September 2 in the 12th year of the Tempo Era (1841) in this thatch house. He was the first born son of Juzo Hayashi and Kotoko. The house was moved in the 3rd year of Heisei (1991) to its present location, and is preserved alongside the well said to have been used for Ito’s first bath.

First Bath Well

Behind the birthplace of Hirobumi Ito is the well that was said to have provided the water for Ito’s first bath.

Transportation Information

By Train

Change trains at the Sanyo Shinkansen Tokuyama Station
Take the Sanyo Honsen Line to Iwata Station
Approximately 5 minutes (about 4 km) by car from Iwata Station

By Car

Approximately 10 minutes (about 5 km) from the Sanyo Expressway Kamage IC
Approximately 12 minutes (about 8 km) from the center of Hikari City (Hikari City Hall)

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