

Taiko Hideyoshi Kouro About the Lifetime Dream Road

Nagoya City's Nakamura Ward is recognized as the birthplace of the warlords Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Kato Kiyomasa. The ward is dotted with place names, historic sites, and historical and cultural resources related to the military commander and Taiko, ruler of Japan, Toyotomi Hideyoshi. Along this route, the Taiko Hideyoshi Kouro, are monuments to this locally born hero, designed with the concept of inspiring those who wish to accept challenges, advance themselves and succeed in life.



Partial image of Toyotomi Hideyoshi
Nagoya City designated Cultural Property
Nagoya City, Hideyoshi & Kiyomasa Memorial Museum collection

About the Taiko, Hideyoshi

Toyotomi Hideyoshi was born Kinoshita Tokichiro, a low-ranking samurai in Nakamura Ward, Nagoya City. Along with Oda Nobunaga and Tokugawa Ieyasu, Hideyoshi was one of the Three Unifiers of Japan. He served as a general under Oda Nobunaga. When Nobunaga was killed by the traitorous Akechi Mitsuhide in the Honno-ji Incident of 1582, Hideyoshi sought revenge, defeating Mitsuhide. From there, Hideyoshi continued his fallen master's dream of unification, and went on to become Taiko, ruler of Japan. His rise from a lowly Warring States period foot soldier to master of the realm has encouraged many to follow in his footsteps.

Taiko Hideyoshi, Monuments



Attention Here. Figures in the relief will start moving! Enjoy the animation of Hideyoshi's great successful career story.

The Taiko Hideyoshi Kouro follows a route from Nagoya Station to Nakamura Koen. Along the route are monuments explaining Hideyoshi's life story, from his humble birth to becoming one of the Three Unifiers, and ruler of Japan. Each monument is shaped like Nagoya Castle's stone keep base, and features reliefs of Hideyoshi's remarkable road to success, based on the popular Edo period illustrated book, *Ehon Taikoki*, Hideyoshi's Diary in Pictures.

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① O-Torii, Great Torii Gate

An iconic 24.2m high torii gate with 2.4m diameter pillars marking the approach to Nakamura Koen.



④ Josenji Temple

This temple was built and dedicated to Toyotomi Hideyoshi together with Kato Kiyomasa and Enjuin Nichiju Shounin.



② Hideyoshi Kiyomasa Memorial Museum

A history museum displaying a collection of materials related to the Nakamura Ward, Nagoya City born military commanders, Toyotomi Hideyoshi and Kato Kiyomasa.



⑤ Toyokuni-jinja Shrine

A shrine dedicated to Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and recognized as a patron shrine for success and luck.



③ Myogyouji Temple

A Buddhist temple rebuilt by Kato Kiyomasa on the site of his birthplace and featuring monuments to Kiyomasa.



⑥ Nakamura Koen (Hideyoshi-Kiyomasa park)

The park features a gourd shaped pond, designed after Hideyoshi's multi-gourd battle standard.