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Another of Japan's top 100 Terraced Rice Fields.

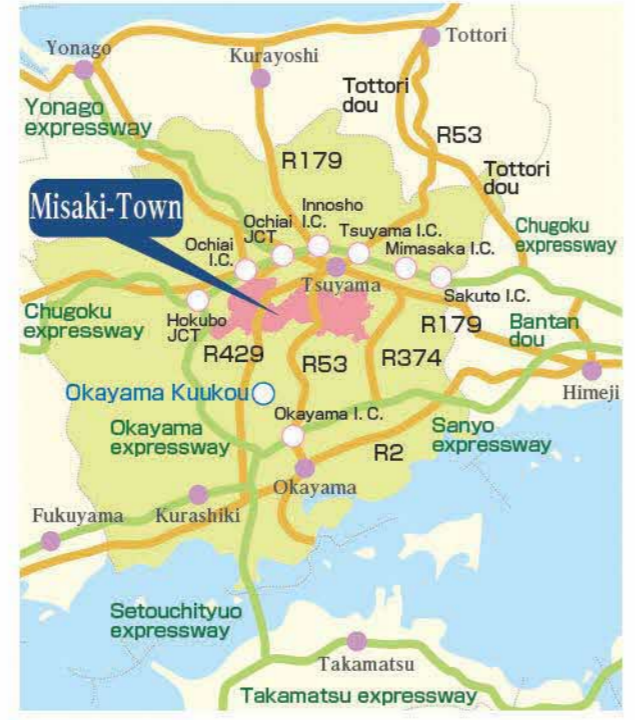


## Beautifully blossomed town

Four seasons of terraced rice fields  
Terraced rice fields show beautiful views for all four seasons.  
Especially right after the rice-planting when they are filled with water, they give us a beautiful sight with madder in the western heavens reflected on paddy fields at dark. Terraced rice fields are indeed, Japanese and moral "lands cape of the heart".

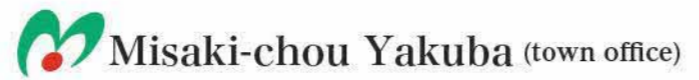


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- By Car:  
Osaka (Ikeda I.C.) → Chuugoku expressway → (Tsuyama I.C.) ..... appx. 120 min.  
Hiroshima (Hiroshima Kita I.C.) → Chuugoku expressway → (Inno Shou I.C.) ..... appx. 150 min.  
Shikoku (Kouchi I.C.) → (Okayama I.C.) → Route 53..... appx. 180 min.  
Yonago (Yonago I.C.) → Yonago expressway → (Inno Shou I.C.) ..... appx. 70 min.  
Route 53 from Tsuyama ..... appx. 20 min.  
Route 53 from Okayama ..... appx 70 min.  
Okayama Airport ..... appx. 50 min.
- By Train  
JR Tsuyama Line from Tsuyama to Kamenokou Station... 15 min.  
JR Tsuyama Line from Okayama to Kamenokou Station... 60 min.



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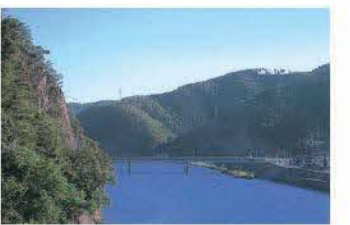
②Oh-haganishi no Tanada landscape (Terraced Rice Fields):  
One of Japan's top 100 terraced rice fields. It's recommended that you visit as they have finished planting rice or when the ears of rice begin to color.  
③Takidani Ike Shizen Kouen (Park):  
You can leisurely stroll around they pond while listening to the birds of that season. Takidani Waterfall is also nearby and can help cool you during the summer. Sit down, relax and enjoy the view!



④Miyasumi Kouen (Park):  
A famous park for its Sakura and Azalea. Sakura blossom in the park, lakeside and also along the road during spring, and is quite beautiful. Folklore's Village can also be found here where visitors can enjoy pottery, woodworking and papermaking.



⑤Asahi-kawa Ko (Lake):  
During spring the lakeside is lined with blooming sakura, and visitors can also fish for black bass and crucian carps here. The nature from Asahi River Lake to Ryousanji is protected by the government.



⑥Yoshii-gawa(river):  
Two of the prefecture's three large rivers run through Misaki Town. Asahi River and Yoshii River. Yoshii River has a multitude of views where visitors can enjoy the beauty of nature.

**"Misaki Town... the place where we can once again meet with that nostalgic taste."**  
Tamago Kake Gohan (Egg on Rice) ~Misaki Story~

When Misaki Town was using "eggs" as a plan for is town revitalization, it came upon "tamago kake gohan". The reason for that was Ginkou Kishida, a renowned journalist of the Meiji Period who is from Misaki, loved tamago kake gohan and it became well-known in Japan. Aside from that, Misaki Town is also famous for its terraced rice fields, and has fields that are listed as Japan's top 100 rice fields. But not only is Misaki famous for the delicious rice it produces, but also for having western Japan's top poultry plants.



Because it's a simple dish, the materials used for the tamago kake gohan are important. The taste of the tamago kake gohan of Misaki Town is the product of the care and particular selection of ingredients for its dish. Everything is Misaki Town's product. We encourage you to try and taste the hand-picked ingredients and story of Misaki Town's original tamago kake gohan at least once.



**Kishida Ginkou (1833-1905):**  
From Asahi-chou Tochiwara. Involved in eyedrops, manufacturing and sales, as well as opening a regular sea route between Yokohama and Tokyo. Kishida Ginkou became the editor in chief of Tokyo-Nichi Nichi-Shinbun (Newspaper) in 1873 and also became Japan's first war correspondent when Japan went on the Taiwan Expedition. He was also involved in editing the first horizontal print English-Japanese, Japanese-English dictionaries. His legacy extends beyond those and even into a school for the blind and speech-impaired. The famous Kishida Ryusei is Ginkou's fourth son, and his fifth son, Kishida Tatsuya, debuted as the director for Takarazuka-gekidan's "Mon Paris" here in Japan and also helped devise the line dance. Kishida Ginkou's Kinen kan can be found in the Asahi Bunkakai kan's 2nd floor.



**① Makiba no Yakata (Park):**

Makiba no Yakata has a variety of attractions like its fields of lavender and herbs. You can also play with goats, sheep, rabbits, along with other small animals. There is also a plaza for athletics, as well as riding horses. Lastly, there are workshops that produce ham and milk, which can be tasted at the restaurant, or bought as souvenirs at the store.



**② Misaki-chou Bussan Center:**

Misaki-chou Bussan Center sells seasonal fruits and vegetables as well as arts and crafts. They take pride in the freshness of our products.



**③ The Yasai Batake:**

Sells seasonal fruits and vegetables as well as a variety of processed goods. They sell Shiitake mushrooms year round, as well as grapes, and burdock raised in red soil.

**④ Kishida Ginkou Kinen Hi (Memorial Bust):**

From Misaki, Ginkou Kishida was a newspaper journalist and the editor for an English - Japanese, and Japanese - English dictionary. He was also involved with trade, and helped establish a sea-line between Tokyo and Yokohama. He was the first war correspondent for Japan and went to the Taiwan Expedition.



**⑫ Michi Tei Asahi (Rest Stop):**

Sells goods direct from the area. It also offers a tourist guide corner, a rest area and a foot onsen.



**⑤ Ryousanji (Temple):**

Ryousanji is an old temple built in AD 714. Within the temple grounds there is an unusual Deva Gate (Nioumon) with a bell fixed atop it.



**⑥ Ryousanji Gohou Sai (Festival):**

Is a festival held every year at the night of August 14<sup>th</sup>. It mixes Shingonmikkyou or Esoteric Buddhist practices with Syugendou or Mountain Asceticism-shamanism. Even within Japan this mixture of practices is quite rare. The climax of this festival involves someone being possessed by a Gohousama or a benevolent spirit, and runs around trying to catch people (a game of tag). Spectators are to run away and try not to get caught.



**⑦ Tsuki no Wa Shuuzouko (Museum):**

Is a collection of artifacts that are being stored and exhibited. The artifacts are speculated to have been made around AD 401 - 405 and include swords, necklaces, mirrors, etc. Entrance is free.



**⑧ Genjuji (Temple):**

Made in AD 809, it's a temple with a very long history. The current building was rebuilt during the Bunsei era. Genjuji has been designated a prefectural nature reserve.



**⑨ Honzanji (Temple):**

Along with the main hall, Honzanji is an excellent architectural example and is a nationally designated important cultural property.

**⑩ Yanahara Fureai Kouzan Kouen (Museum):**

A park primarily used as a museum of the mining there. A train station and train of the past are also preserved, and the train is driven on the first Sunday of every month.



**⑪ Kamenokou Iwa(Rock):**

Legend has it that villagers put a fallen pilgrim to rest here during a full moon, and the giant rock was placed upon it to represent the pilgrim's noble character.



**⑫ Kenshuu Center: Futa Kami Sansou:**

Futa Kami Sansou is a resort used for training. It is also possible to lodge here.



**⑬ Kamenokou Eki (Station):**

A unique station house shaped like a turtle.



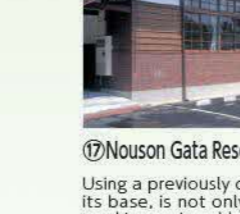
**⑮ Misaki Choritsu Tenmon Dai(Observatory):**

Misaki Town is renowned for its great location for astronomical observations. With computer tracking, anyone can easily enjoy and experience the beauty of the stars.



**⑯ Kouka Onsen ~Hohoemi no Yu(Hot spring):**

This onsen builds upon the motif of turtles to bring comfort and relaxation to its customers through this wooden facility. The spring uses a naturally occurring thermal spring for its indoor, outdoor baths as well as for its sauna.



**⑰ Nouson Gata Resort Minami Wakesou (Lodge):**

Using a previously closed elementary school as its base, is not only a lodging but can also be used to meet a wide variety of needs.



**⑱ Misaki Chou Undou Koen (Athletic Park):**

This park has an assortment of spots everyone can enjoy. The park includes a baseball park, as well as a gymnasium. There is also a roller slider, and athletic ropes available.



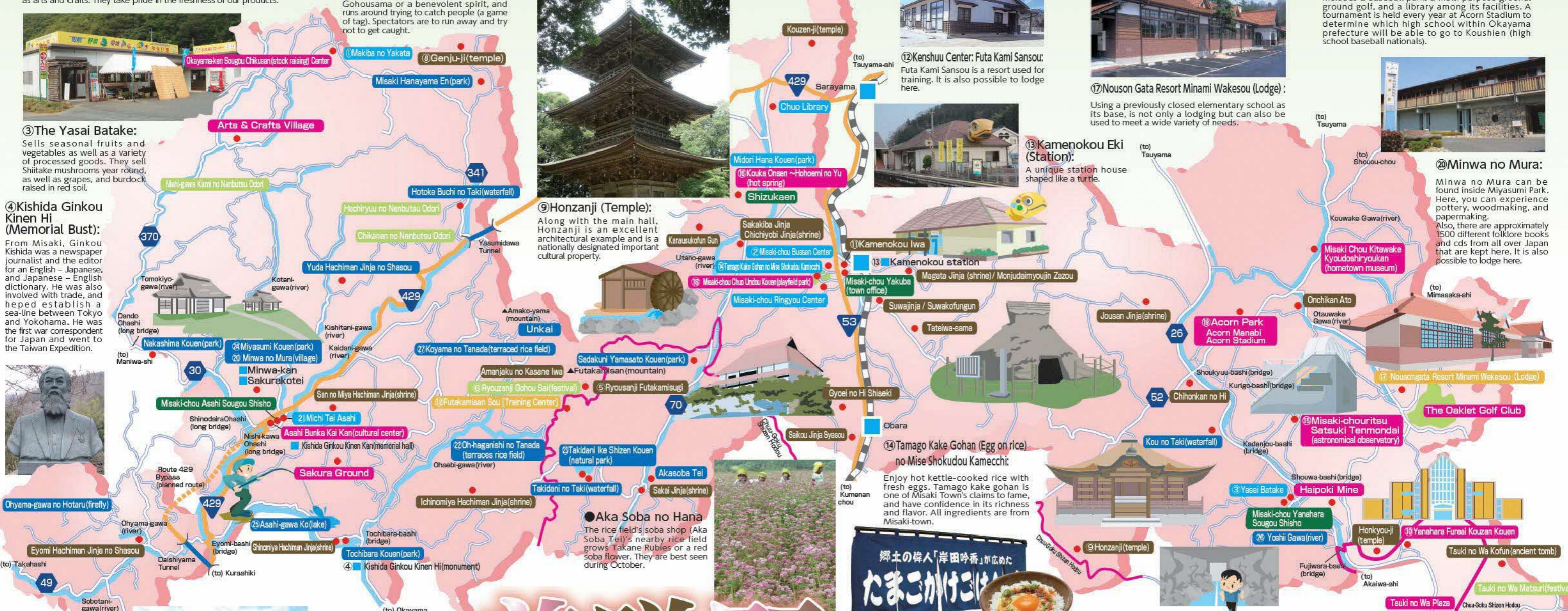
**⑲ Acorn Park:**

Includes a baseball park, a multi-purpose ground, ground golf, and a library among its facilities. A tournament is held every year at Acorn Stadium to determine which high school within Okayama prefecture will be able to go to Koushien (high school baseball nationals).



**⑳ Minwa no Mura:**

Minwa no Mura can be found inside Miyasumi Park. Here, you can experience pottery, woodmaking, and papermaking. Also, there are approximately 1500 different folklore books and cds from all over Japan that are kept here. It is also possible to lodge here.



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"Misaki-cho", a town which has rich nature such as beautiful mountains, Yoshii River and Asahi River, great landscape of seasons, and continuously have well-known beautiful bloom. When you promenade this town, something beautiful will be waiting for you.



**⑭ Tamago Kake Gohan (Egg on rice) no Mise Shokudou Kamecchi:**  
Enjoy hot kettle-cooked rice with fresh eggs. Tamago kake gohan is one of Misaki Town's claims to fame, and have confidence in its richness and flavor. All ingredients are from Misaki-town.

**● Aka Soba no Hana**  
The rice field's soba shop (Aka Soba Tei)'s nearby rice field grows Takane Rubies or a red soba flower. They are best seen during October.



**⑦ Tsuki no Wa Shuuzouko**

All-purpose Ground

Hiraga Motoyoshi no Kahi(tanka inscription)

Sagi-bashi(bridge)

(to) Mimasaka-shi

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(to) Okayama