

Historical Sites Related to King Sho En (Kanamaru)

King Sho En Unaa Koen Park/Mihosojo Information Map





Mihosojo at the Birthplace of King Sho En Taken from the word Mihoso, meaning "belly button," Mihosojo is the birthplace of King Sho En and where it is believed that King Sho En's umbilical cord is buried. The location is revered as a sacred site by the locals.



King Sho En Unaa Koen Park Located behind Mihosojo, the park was built to commemorate 580 years since the birth of King Sho En. A statue of young Kanamaru (Sho En) stands within the grounds, created by Naka Bokunen, a famed woodblock artist from Izena Village. location is revered as a sacred site by the locals.



Mekaru Family Residence (Nationally

Designated Important Cultural Property)

designated as an important cultural property in 1977.

Rebuilt in 1906, the Mekaru Family Residence was home to

King Sho En's uncle (Sho En's father's younger brother) and

his descendants. The house escaped destruction in the Battle

of Okinawa and still stands in good condition. It was nationally

Birthplace of King Sho En

The Second Sho Dynasty of the Ryukyu Kingdom ruled for 409 years from 1470 to 1879, until feudal domains were abolished and prefectures were established in the Meiji era. Such long-term administration is historically rare and surpassed the duration of the Edo Shogunate rule. It was also during this time that the unique culture of the Ryukyus developed and was traditionally passed down through the generations. King Sho En (Kanamaru), the founder of the Second Sho Dynasty, came into this world in Shomi on Izena Island and left behind several traditions.

The journey of Kanamaru (Nishi-no-Machigani) that began after leaving the island and ultimately leading to the throne is a great romance of history that is widely known.

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Izena Island **Guide Map**

Izena Village, Okinawa Prefecture https://vill.izena.okinawa.jp

History King Sho En, the founder of the Shoshi Dynasty (1470 – 1879), was originally from Iheya Island (which today includes Izena and Iheya villages). In addition, the lord of Izena Castle was Samekawa Ufunushi, the grandfather of King Sho Hashi (First Shoshi Dynasty: 1406 - 1469) who unified the three kingdoms or Sanzan of Ryukyu. After the enthronement of King Sho En, Iyeha Island received special

treatment and was placed under the direct control of the royal Ufumi Udun. From around this time, the "Ihyanu Islands (Seven Islands) or Ihyanu Nana Hakari" were handled as one administrative district and collectively referred to as Iheya Island. The Bansho or the regional office was established in

Izena-mura (now Izena). With the abolition of feudal domains and establishment of prefectures in With the abolition of feudal domains and establishment of prefectures in 1879 (the 12th year of the Meiji era or Meiji 12) the township system was introduced and so, in 1881 (Meiji 14), it became lheya Island, Naha-ku. In 1908 (Meiji 41), a township system for outer islands was implemented and the area became lheya Village, Shimajiri-gun. Later, a movement arose to separate the villages, and so, Izena Village and Iheya Village, both under Shimajiri-gun, were officially recognized as independent administrations on July 1, 1939 (Showa 14), under the permission order for the division. In 1942 (Showa 17), Uchihana separated from Shomi, and today, the area has five autonomous districts.

As World War II started and later with the defeat of Japan, Okinawa was administratively separated from Japan and placed under the control of the United States. On May 15, 1972, Okinawa was returned to Japan and this United States. On May 15, 1972, Okinawa was returned to Japan and continues to this day. The current name of the village is Izena Village i-gun, Okinawa Prefectur





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Llt is said that when Kanamaru was a farmer, his rice fields never went dry when others did, and the other farmers accused him of somehow stealing the water. Feeling his safety was jeopardized, he fled to Okinawa Island.by Naka Bokunen, a famed woodblock artist from Izena Village. Iocation is revered as a sacred site by the ocals.

Izena Village Fureai Folk Museum

Being the birthplace of King Sho En, the founder of the Second Sho Dynasty of the Ryukyu Kingdom, Izena Village is home to valuable historic sites and cultural properties that are not found on the other islands. The Izena Village Fureai Folk Museum was established as part of the Refresh Furusato Promotion Model Project of the National Land Agency in 1990 to accurately convey to future nerátions the cultural herítage hánded down ov our predecessors.

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Born in Shomi (present Aza Shomi) on Izena Island

Age 24: Leaves Izena Island for Ginama (present Kunigami Village) with his wife and younger brother.

Age 27: Leaves Kunigami Magiri (present Kunigami Village) and after going through Kushi (present Nago City), Goeku (present Okinawa City), and other areas, arrives in Shuri (present Naha City).

Age 38: Initially a low-ranking official, he quickly displayed his abilities and succeeded in climbing up the ranks and was given a yellow cap, worn only by high-ranking officials.

Age 40: Appointed Lord of Uchima in Nishihara Magiri (present Nishihara Town).

Age 45: Assumed the post of Omonogusuku Usasu no Soba (official in charge of trade).

Age 54: Resigned from his key post and confined himself to his territory of Uchima.

Age 56: His retainers convinced him to return to Shuri where he acceded to the throne and came to be known as Sho En.



Sugarcane is the main agricultural crop, with rice and various vegetables also grown and harvested in the area. In the fisheries industry, Mozuku seaweed farming is abundant.

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Available directly from the farm are Mozuku and Umi Budo sea grapes, Izena's specialty products. Izena Maasamun Shop http://izena.tl.shopserve.jp

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King Sho En Kai Mijibushi Koen Park/ Statue of King Sho En on His Horse

TKai Mijibushi Koen Park opened in December 2014, commemorating the 600th year since the birth of King Sho En, and features a statue of King Sho En riding his horse. The statue shows Nishi-no-Machigani (King Sho En) as he heads home to Shomi and turns his head to look back toward Jicchaku, where he reluctantly left his lover after enjoying their time together.location is revered as a sacred site by the locals.

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Izena Island Event Series Izena Island Tourism Guide Map Eloating in the East China Sea off the northern coast of Okinawa

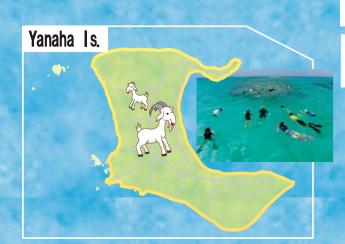
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