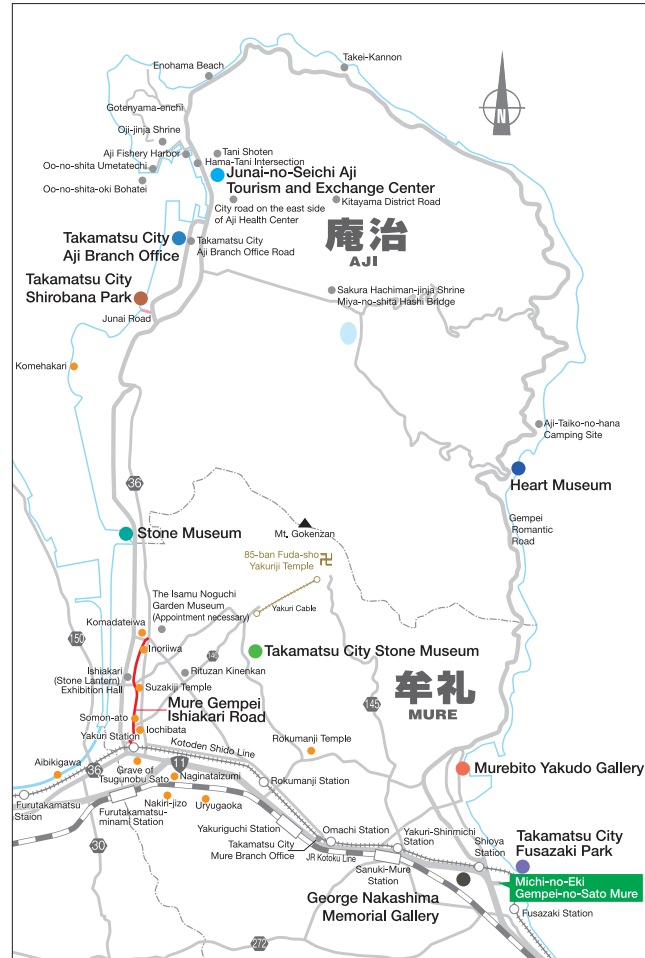


The towns of Mure and Aji, within the Takamatsu city limits, are one of the few places within Japan famous as sources of Aji Stone, a type of granite. At the base of a mountain where Aji Stone is quarried, the two towns together have approximately 300 stoneware shops, and the region is known as one of Japan's three great stone-producing areas. It is also the site of historical battles of the Gempei War, and was used as the backdrop for a famous television drama series, Yoshitsune, as well.

The reason Mure was made famous throughout Japan as the Town of Stone Lanterns was the result of an idea from the Mure Gempei Town Revitalization Association. The idea began with a challenge issued in April 2004 by the then-mayor to bring more life to the town. Since the television crews had recently lit up the area to film battle scenes for Yoshitsune, the idea to light up the sites where the battles had taken place was brought up. Since the sites were far apart from one another, however, they began to realize that no one would walk from one to the next. That was when they came upon the idea of creating a path that lead from site to site, illuminated with stone lanterns. They set crafts persons to work to install a path with roughly 300 stone lanterns, and this was lit up over a duration of two months. It took on a festive summer feel, and attracted visitors leading to regional revitalization.

The Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road light-up forges a link between the region's history and commerce, and is an impressive event that combines the town's resources with the resourcefulness of the townspeople. This enchanting luminous path will gently guide you along the way.



Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road

Murebitto Yakudo Gallery

Takamatsu City Fusazaki Park

Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road

2625-18 Mure, Mure-cho, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture 761-0121 (within the Sanuki Stone Manufacturer's Association)
Tel.: 087-845-2446 Fax.: 087-845-2477
<http://www.ishiakari-road.com>

Murebitto Yakudo Gallery

137 Omachi, Mure-cho, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture 761-0122
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Fax.: 087-845-2839

Takamatsu City Fusazaki Park (facility inquiries)

632 Hara, Mure-cho, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture 761-0123

Takamatsu City International Cultural Advancement Section (works of art inquiries)

1-8-15 Ban-cho, Takamatsu City, Kagawa Prefecture 760-8571
Tel.: 087-839-2636 Fax.: 087-839-2015
<http://www.city.takamatsu.kagawa.jp/642.html>



Bringing a light to your heart.

Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road is a fun event that allows you to enjoy one of the few places in Japan where Aji Stone is quarried. Approximately 300 stone lanterns created by local artisans are on display, illuminating the path for a two-month period. The light brings with it the hope of local rejuvenation, but it also lifts the spirits of those who come to see it.



To see an enchanting beauty that will always inspire you, come to the permanent exhibit for the stone lanterns, where you can see a finest selection of stone lanterns from the Mure Gempei Ishiakari Road all year-round. Feel the presence of the artisans at work and see the intricacies which will almost take your breath away. Aji Stone is such an expressive medium to work with that it has also been called the "diamond of granite". Please enjoy the various works on display.



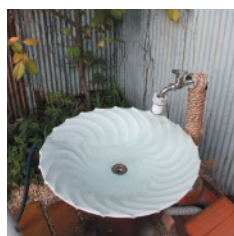
Ishiakari (Stone Lantern) Exhibition Hall (within the Sanuki Stone Manufacturers' Association)

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Holidays: second and fourth Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, year-end holidays.

15 min. on foot from Kotoden Yakuri Station
Transport Access
 20 min. by car from the Takamatsu-chuo IC
 20 min. by car from the Sanuki-Miki IC
 40 min. by car from Takamatsu Airport
 25 min. from Takamatsu Station on the JR Kotoku Line
 20 min. from Takamatsu Kawaramachi Station or Kotoden Shido Station

Warm space in the ceramics area

The Murebito Yakudo Gallery is for artists and groups who are working to follow their dreams. This gallery was established so that their use of it would contribute to revitalization of the local community through greater development of culture and the arts. Not only is it available for exhibits, but it is used for workshops and events as well.



Transport Access
 20 min. by car from Takamatsu-chuo IC
 15 min. by car from Sanuki-Miki IC
 50 min. by car from Takamatsu Airport
 15 min. on foot from Sanuki-Mure Station on the JR Kotoku Line

A Location where Stone Sculptures and the Seto Inland Sea Come Together

A nature park along Route 11, adjacent to Michi-no-Eki Gempei-no-Sato Mure. Kagawa Prefecture's local train line, the Takamatsu-Kotohira Electric Railway, runs gently along the park's northern edge, against which you can hear the lapping of the tide from the Seto Inland Sea. Pieces by famous sculptors reside here, making this an excellent place to experience the best of Mure.



Takeshi Kawashima, Gate - Muse Love



Hitoshi Tanaka, The Door of the Wind



Toru Saito, Sky and Earth "Circulation 2009"



Katsumi Naganuma, Marine Capital of the Seto Inland Sea (four-door)

Transport Access
 20 min. by car from the Takamatsu-chuo IC
 15 min. by car from the Sanuki-Miki IC
 50 min. by car from Takamatsu Airport
 15 min. on foot from Sanuki Mure Station on the JR Kotoku Line
 3 min. on foot from Fusazaki Station on the Kotoden Shido Line
 7 min. on foot from Shioya Station on the Kotoden Shido Line