

Chitose Cherry Blossom Monument

Edo Period (1603-1868)— After the tenth-generation lord of the Toyama Domain, Maeda Toshiyasu, passed his title down to his sixth son Toshitomo, he had a new mansion built. On May 28, 1849, Chitose-goten was completed, in the fortified Higashi-no-demaru enclosure to the east of Toyama Castle (covering present-day Sakuragi-cho).

Toshiyasu moved to Chitose-goten and planted many cherry blossom trees to add beauty and atmosphere, and these came to be known as the “Chitose cherry blossoms.”

Later, in 1934, an organization called the Fuga-kai celebrated their 35th anniversary with this monument, and by planting new cherry blossom trees along the bank of the Matsukawa River because the original trees had grown old; today, this is one of the prefecture’s most beloved places to enjoy the cherry blossoms.

May these cherry blossoms along the bank live a thousand years, like the namesake pine trees of the Matsukawa River.

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