

Sizes of the Shurakuen Great Buddha and Niō Statues



Shurakuen Great Buddha

Seated height: 18.79 m
 Base height: 2.58 m
 Base diameter: 23.68 m
 Forehead urna (diameter): 0.33 m
 Eyebrow (length): 2.0 m
 Eye (length): 1.39 m
 Nose (length): 1.67 m
 Mouth (length): 1.30 m
 Ear (length): 3.48 m
 Thumb (diameter): 0.52 m
 Width across knees: 17.88 m

Year constructed 1927
 Construction Ferro-mortar
 Owner Daibutsuji Temple

Niō (Vajrapani) Statues

Year constructed 1927
 Construction Ferroconcrete
 Owner Daibutsuji Temple
 Height 5.33 m



Ungyō



Agyō

About the Builder, Constructors, and Owner

Builder: Saikichi Yamada

A Gifu-born industrialist active in Nagoya in the late nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth century, he is also known as the originator of Moriguchi-zuke pickles. Saikichi turned his hand to a variety of business ventures, one of which was Shurakuen Ryokan, known as a ryokan that prided itself on its cuisine.



Saikichi Yamada
 (Photo courtesy of Ms. Mari Shuzui)

Constructors: Mitsukichi Yamada and Kuwagoro Goto

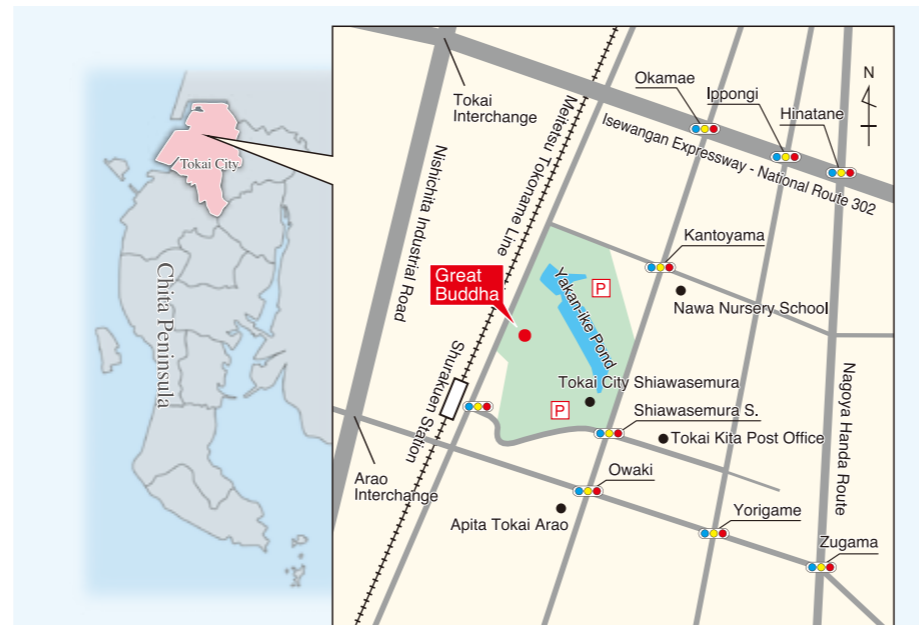
Mitsukichi Yamada was a painter in Nagoya, and together with Kuwagoro Goto, his apprentice, he built a giant Buddha statue modeled on the Great Buddha of Kamakura, using then-unprecedented ferroconcrete construction. Local plasterers and others took part in the actual construction.



Commemorative photo on completion of the statue of persons involved in its construction
 (Photo courtesy of Ms. Mari Shuzui)

Owner: Daibutsuji Temple

Daibutsuji is a Soto-school temple that makes the Great Buddha of Shurakuen its main object of veneration, and was established in 1982.



Location Nishimaruyama, Araomachi, Tokai City, Aichi Pref.

By Train

Approx. 3 minutes on foot from Shurakuen Station on the Meitetsu Tokoname Line

By Car (Shiawasemura Parking Area)

Approx. 5 minutes from Tokai Interchange on the Isewangan Expressway
 Approx. 3 minutes from Arao Interchange on the Nishichita Industrial Road

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