East Tottori Sand Dunes Course

Tottori Sand Dunes have four sand dunes areas. Fukube Sand Dunes are located at the easternmost area. Yuyama Pond is located at the southern part of sand dunes. At the end of Edo period (1603-1868), Yuyama Pond was changed into paddy fields by the reclamation. Many remains and Gorinto Pagodas are discovered around the pond, and you can remember the old days when people have fought with wind-blown sand of the sand dunes.

The Fukube Sand Dunes are productive area of shallots. The shallot fields change into a vast, purple fields when the flowers bloom from the end of October to the beginning of November. Before the harvest season of May, the shallot fields turn into a beautiful, vast and green carpet.

The shallot fields looks like a vast, purple carpet when the flowers bloom in late October and early November.


To preserve these beautiful natural assets, please leave stones and plants as they are. Keep out of dangerous places and do not go offimits. What you can bring home with you are happy memories, photo and local souvenirs!
Development of Sand Dunes Shallot

New rice fields were actively developed in sand dunes area during Edo period (1603-1868). But, the development became very behind for the severe wind-blow sand and difficulty getting enough water because sand dunes in Fukube town is hill at 70 meters above sea level. In 1914, Yomozou Hamamto succeeded in growing shallot in sand dunes in Fukube town. In 1917, Jinzou Sasaki and other members worked very hard to expand cultivation area through afforestation for sand control and organize of industrial association. In 1962, this sand dunes are developed as one of the most famous shallot fields in Japan by risk management of the rough farmland on the slope, farm road pavement and utilizing machine and truck. In the present, sand dunes become good place for tourism and sports event such as ‘Shallot Flower Marathon’ and ‘Shallot Flower Fair’ when flowers bloom in late October and early November.


Origin of Tanegaika Pond

Formation and Reclamation of Yuyamaiku Pond

Tanegaika Pond was formed when the sand dunes blocked the water running from the valleys. At the present time, Oshima island of north shore is connected by land with deposited sand. But, the Oshima island is drawn as isolated island in old map and the Meritura of Edo period (1603-1868). Former Tanegaika Pond seems to be bigger than the current ones. Reclamation of Yuyamaiku Pond at the eastern part of Tanegaika Pond started in 1859, Gihan Syukun decided to save farmers by afforestation, reclamation of Yuyamaiku Pond and developing new field paddies. At that time, farmers were in trouble due to the rice paddies and farmlands damaged by wind-blow sand. He made plans to reclaim Yuyamaiku Pond by sands flowing to the water current through tunnels because water level of Tanegaika Pond is about 15 meter higher than the one of Yuyamaiku Pond. Until 1871, 50 ha has been reclaimed.

* (Island on out-sand dunes)
* The island is called ‘White Island’. At the time of high wave, this island looks like white like snow. (Another name is ‘Turf Island’)

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