

This house was built by Michikiyo Habu (b1768 – 1845) in 1795



His grandson, Shin-Oh Habu, studied “Sado (traditional tea manners)” and “Kado (traditional floral arrangements)” in this house. However, when Shin-Oh became a President of Satuma / Osumi General Assembly and that of Dai-Nippon General Assembly, his living situation shifted to Kagoshima and then Tokyo. During the Meiji era (*between 1868-1912), the old retainers welcomed a new 27th “MoriTokih Koh (the Master)” and had started to reside here. Since then, this building has been reserved as a residential house for the Tanegashima family until the year of Heisei 12 (2000). Due to the owner’s move, the ownership has been transferred to the city of Nishinoomote and it has been preserved by the city. The name of the house “Gessou Tei” was named after Shin-Oh Habu’s alias, “Bai-In Tei Gessou.”



Tanegashima’s Gardening Cultures



Akaogi Castle (Akaogi Jo) Garden has its own unique style, which is similar to the Samurai residents in Satsuma. They use combined tropical vegetations and coral stones to the special atmosphere.

Enjoy The Peaceful Moment At The Samurai House

“Gessou Tei” is at foot of the Akaogi Castle (Akaogi Jo). It is located in the far South of Japan (*Okinawa was not a land of Japan yet). This house belonged to the Chief retainer, the Habu family; Douketsu Habu was an editor of “Yousan Gyo no Fukyu (Growing The Sericulture Industries)”, “Tanegashima Nenju Gyouji (Annual Events Of The Tanegashima Family)”, and Michinori Habu (a.k.a. Shin-Oh Habu) was a President of Dai Nippon General Assembly of Mid



Ikeno-Bo Kado of Meiji Era.

Since the year of Meiji 19(1898), many well-known masters from the Tanegashima family moved in this house, and many celebrities enjoyed visiting them.



Shin-Oh Habu and The Flower Arrangements

It is said that “Kado (traditional floral arrangements)” was introduced in Tanegashima by Michikiyo Habu. He started learning it in 1792 with Mr. Maruta who was a master of Kagoshima Ikeno-bo Kado, and then he became a Kado master of Tanegashima.



Michikiyo’s grandson, Shin-Oh Habu (b1826~1901) read many books and repeated practices by his grandfather since he was a child. He was good at both academics and sports such as : flower arrangement of Ikeno-bo, ancient customs and rules of decorum, archery, spearmanship, swordplay of JIGENRYU style and so on.

Especially in 1875, he received the initiation of Kado from the 42nd head Senseisi, and got a pseudonym ‘Bai-In Tei Gessou.’ After that, he became a disciple of Dai-Nippon Kado Iemoto Kyoto Rookaku-do Ikeno-bo. And he became a President of Satsuma / Osumi General Assembly in 1879 and that of Dai-Nippon General Assembly in 1882. He was a person who spread Kado all over Japan.