

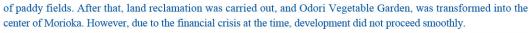
MORIOKA

Let's walk through the vestiges of the castle town "Morioka"



Started from the movie theater urban development

In the Meiji period, the center of Morioka, where the station had just opened, had only the rice fields owned by the Nanbu lords family and the Morioka Agricultural College. In the midst of this, the three men (Tobei and Sanjiro Ikeno of Kizuya, and Yoshimasa Mita of Mita Shoten) who were concerned about the development of Morioka negotiated directly with the head of the Nanbu family. They organized a company and invested their own money and succeeded in selling over 20,000 tsubo



Therefore, Mita came up with the idea of setting up a movie theater as an entertainment facility that act as trigger for



The first "Kaiun Bridge" and the surrounding scener

attracting townspeople. This captured their hearts and became the impetus for the creation of a city bustling with people. After the war, movie theaters were opened one after another, compteting with Nikkatsu, Toei, and Shochiku. And today's "Morioka Cinema Street" was completed.

inside the precincts shopping street

During World War II, the part of the precincts of Sakurayama Shrine was opened to the public for the people of the burned-out town. It is said to be the origin of Higashi Odori (Sakurayama neighborhood).

After the war, people selling daily necessities and stalls serving food appeared, gradually transforming into a bustling street like a market. In the latter half of the 1950s, the streets became what they are today, with nattow frontages and deep buildings clustered together. Higashi Odori has grown along with the reconstruction of Japan after the war,

but the torii gate enshrined in the shopping district reminds us of the remnants of the precincts of Sakurayama Shrine, making it a town loved by people of all ages.



Where is the river of illusion?

The castle town of Morioka has a triple moat with the Kitakami River and Nakatsu River flowing into it, and you can still trace its history on the slopes and back alleys that you can still see in the city. For example, "Kitakamigawa Furukawa" has water flowing across the main street, and you can feel the remnants of that in the mysterious slopes and elevation differences you see in the city. In addition, if you look at the the guide map of Morioka Castle Ruins Park, you can see the location of the old waterway. Why don't you look for and enjoy them?



The Bank of Iwate

Visit the remnants of 100 years ago

Walking around Morioka, you will often see buildings with a nostalgic appearance.

Mita Norin Co., Ltd., which operates Cross Terrace, renovated an old wooden house owned by the company using wood from Iwate Prefecture* and rents it out again. Some of the buildings are over 100 years old, and they are blended gently into the city of Morioka, where history and nature coexist. Please find out them while walking around the city.

* Renovation aims to restore the performance to the original construction by refurbishing a dilapidated building, and but especially full renovation involves fundermental works such as changing the inside layout of the dilapidated building and plumbing, and adding new functions. The purpose is to add and improve value



Clearce (Jewelry)

Renovation property 3

1964 building

Renovation property 1

Clearce (Jewelry)

1915 building

Okazuya Gauche (side dish)

Little Me (aroma salon)

The building was built in 1915 (Taisho period). Lumber dealers were thriving in this area, and many people who handled



Renovated Property 2

building where you can get a at that time, such as fittings