



Settaya and Ohta-Gawa river

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1. Usual Settaya guide-tour

Main route is Kina-saffron Shu brewery,
and Yoshinogawa Sake brewery.



You will enjoy on holidays at the garden and annex house in Saffran-Shu.





2. Another quite route

(1) The other view points

Another route may exist.

Through watching from Ohta-gawa river in Settaya, you can find a lot of stories, the more understand Nagaoka, the more enjoy Nagaoka.

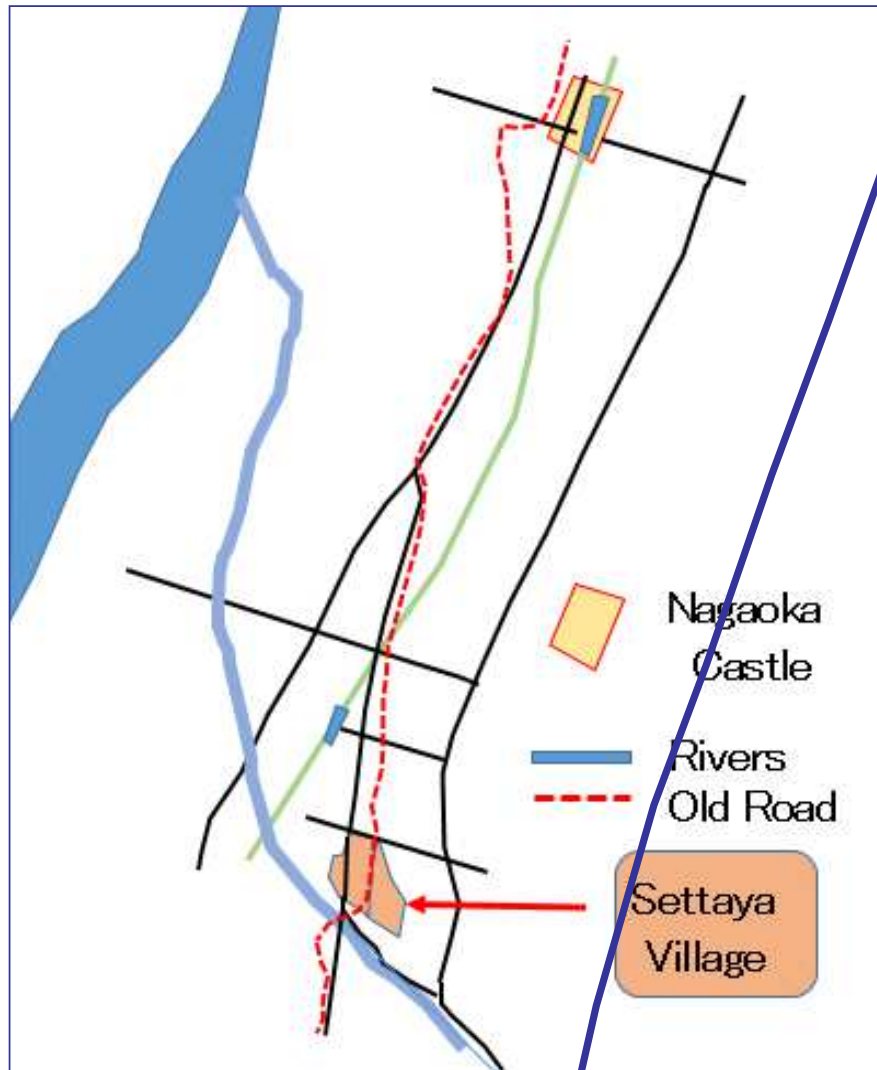
View points from Ohta-gawa river bank (Nature, crimate)

- ① Nagaoka was once No.1 oil city in Japan, and now No.1 natural gas diging city.
- ② Reason behind heavy snow fall around Niigata.
- ③ Nagaoka has been developed with Shinano-gawa river, flolishing culture.
- ④ Surrounded by the rich nature, sea, mountains and plains.

(History)

- ⑤ Nagaoka was located on an important crossing point of logistic network since old days.
- ⑥ Nagaoka was once an important position for military site of eastern Japan.
- ⑦ Nagaoka has recovered two times from the catastrophic ruins.
You can see the traces at Settaya town.
- ⑧ Two phrases : "Always on the battlefield"
and "One hundred sacks of rice"

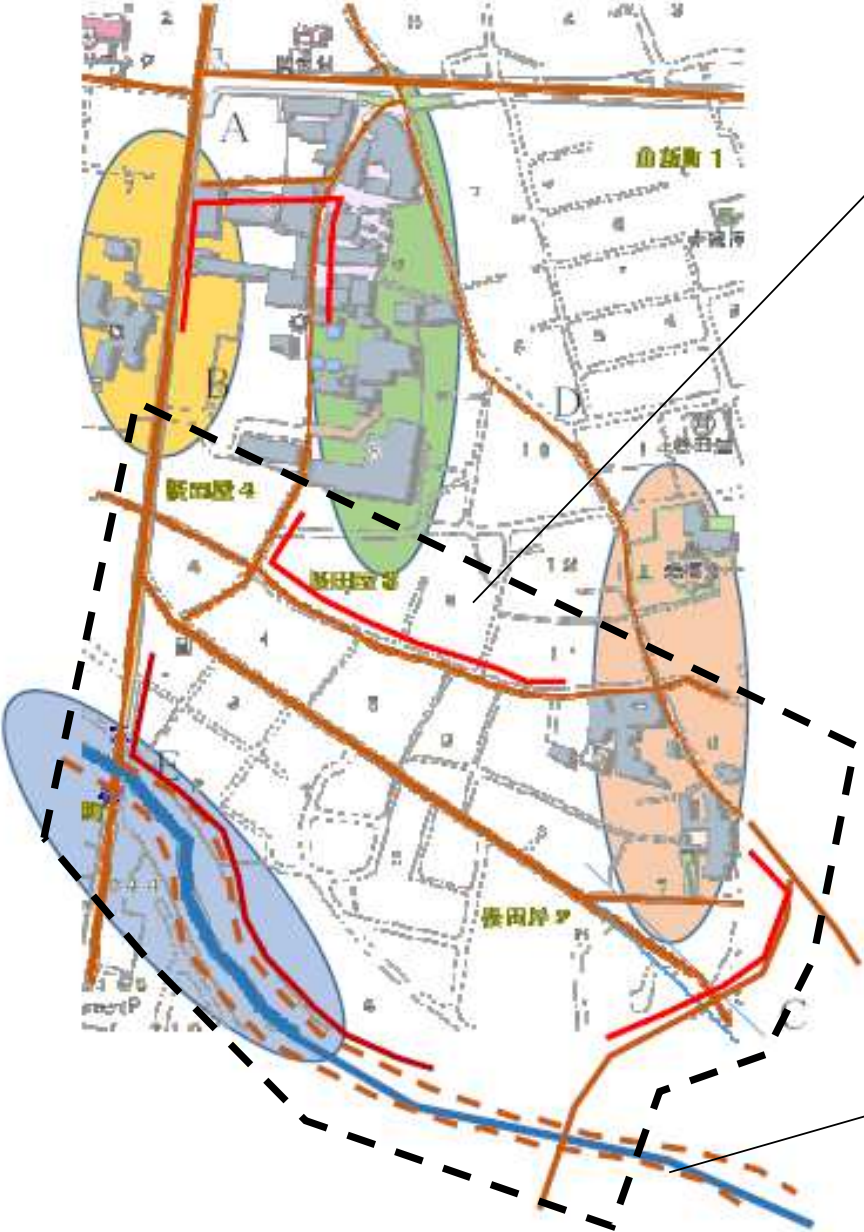
Settaya Location 400 years ago



Since Edo Era, Settaya Village was located near main road and rivers.

Another route and several topics

(Example route)



Ohta-gawa river

Higashi-yama hills from Ohta-gawa river bank



- Photo point
Crossing point of road and river
in old days

Higashi-yama hills from Ohta-gawa river bank

Water sources area of three rivers

Water source of Ohta-gawa river

Oil digging
about 100
years ago

Discover of earthenware
(5000 years ago)

Shinano-gawa port
in old days

10KM heavy
snow area

14KM
Earthquake
Center



■ Photo point
Crossing point of road and river
in old days

By Kawakami Shirou (1889-1983)
in his high-school days



East–West compression

Yellow part is geologically quite different from other parts in Japanese Islands.



Related topics

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(Sake production)

Heavy Snow fall reason for Niigata pref. area

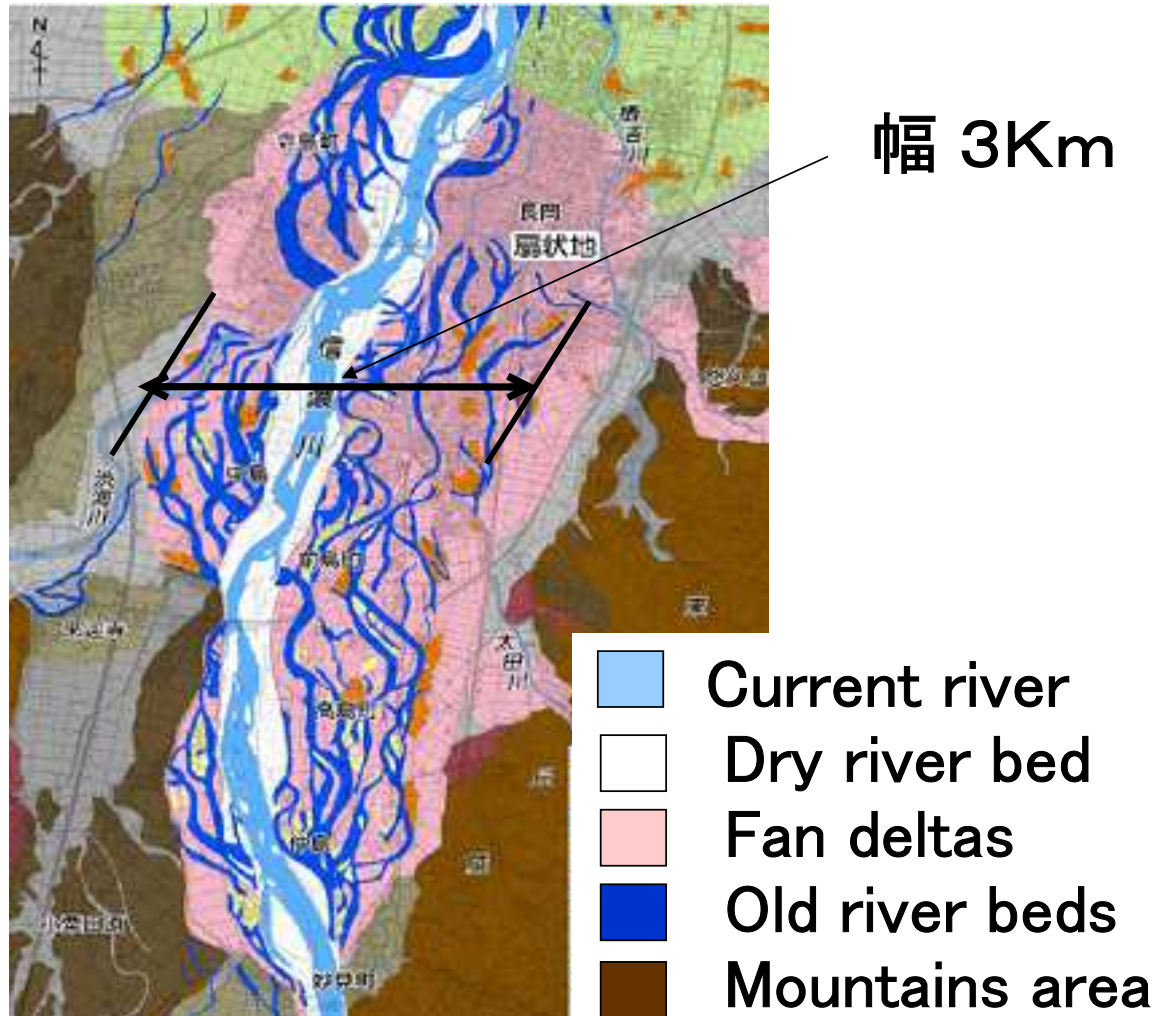


Cold air, accompanied with Siberian cold air group crosses the Sea of Japan on the Westerly wind, soaks up huge moisture from warm ocean stream.

It makes huge snow fall on Niigata.

Warm ocean stream also flows in Japan Sea. 3

Changes of river beds of the Shinano-Gawa River around Nagaoka

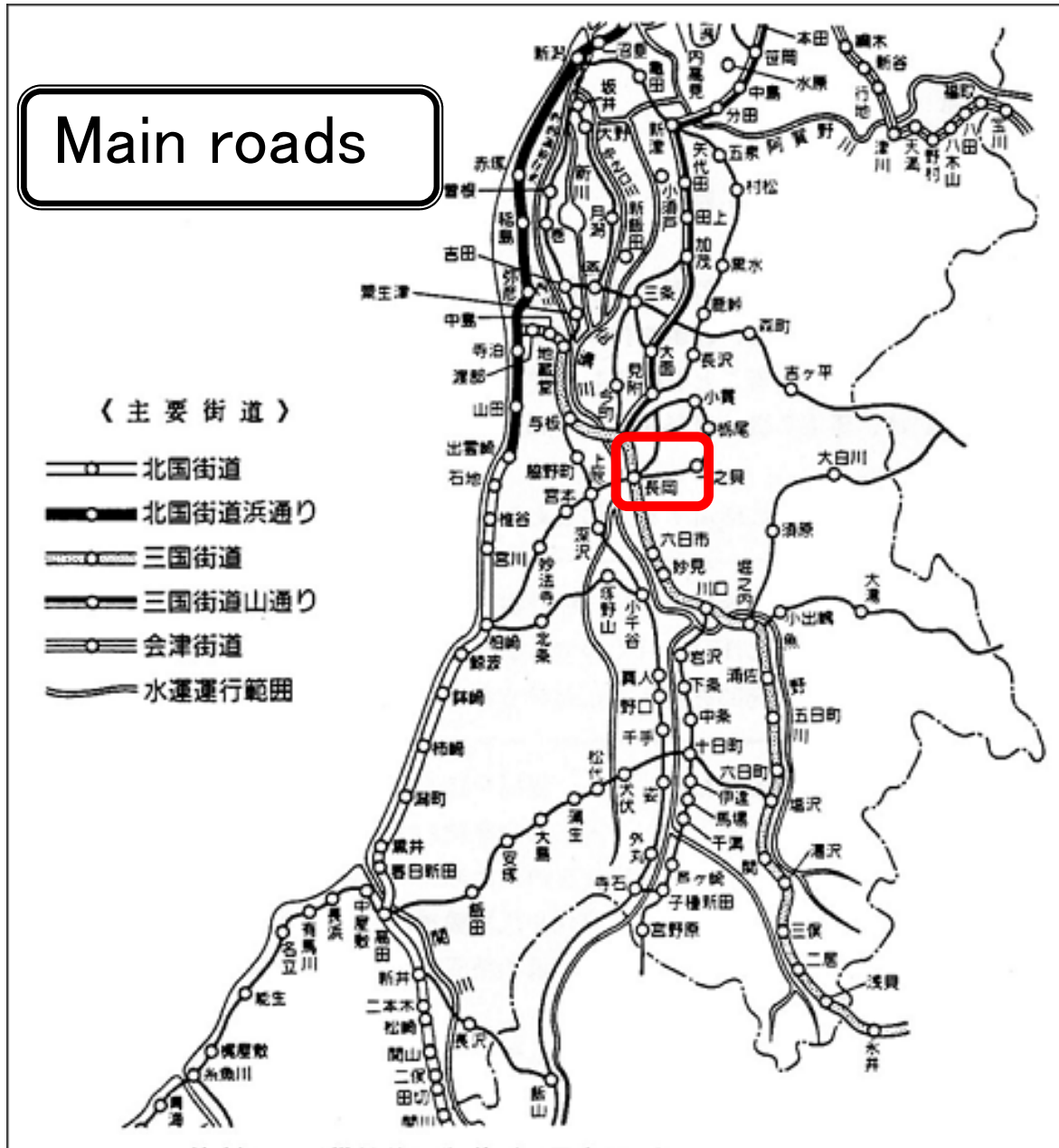


By 国土交通省・信濃川水系流域及び河川の概要

Before constructing diversion-flow about 100 years ago, Niigata Pref. area in the downstream of Shinano-gawa river had frequently been hit by a great flood once every few years.

As a result, half of the wealthy farmers who are said to be nine families nationwide had been born in this area. You can see how severe the flood damages were at that time.

Nagaoka's logistic network in old days.



These routes on land and water connect Nagaoka to Tokyo and Osaka directly since 400 years ago.

Niigata–Minato port had played a major role in Nagaoka's distribution network, supported by both land and river traffic.

Ohta–gawa river and the Mikuni–kaidoh road have run near Settaya, therefore Settaya had kept logistics network not only to Nagaoka town but also to Tokyo or Osaka with the Ohta–gawa river and the Mikuni–kaidoh road.

Japanese green pheasant
in the grass from
Ohta-gawa river bank



At least three couples of Japanese pheasant live in the grass near the Ohta-bashi bridge. It is the national bird of Japan, very beautiful body like Chinese phoenix drawn on the Kote-E in the Kina-saffron-shu brewery.

In Hoshino-Honten, you find several characters “Kanji” on the surface of inside door, which door had installed in 1883 by a householder of merchant.



The phrase were excerpted from the famous large collection of books edited by an emperor of the Qing dynasty in the early 18th century.

We guess the phrase was one of the phrases, popular in merchants who liked to read books regarding art of managing in society.

In Saffron-shu brewery office entrance, you find gorgeous door and counter decorated with plaster art.



These gorgeous doors were usually installed on the large stone gates, named "Kabuki-mon gate". "Kabuki-mon gate" is considered as a symbol of wealthy merchants.

In Settaya, there are several merchants having the great gates, built about 100–150 years ago.

We think it is one of the proofs that the Settaya district had been rather wealthy in that age, compared with central area of Nagaoka town.

Other topics in this route

- Fermentation Industry in Settaya
- Sake production in eastern Japan, including Nagaoka and Niigata
- Rice grain belt and irrigation
- Beautiful scene in Yamakoshi area
Nishiki-Goi and terraced paddy fields
- Hot spring (Alkaline simple sulfur spring)
- History in Nagaoka's eastern mountains area
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