Fear of the loss of Urban Cultural Landscape of Historic Port town

Tomo
Hiroshima Pref., Japan
Location of Tomo Historic Port Town
Historic port facilities – ‘Gangi’ (stone stair-landing area) ‘Jyoya-to’ (all-night street lamp)
'hato' (wharf), and 'funa-bansho' (old coast guard station).
Major traditional buildings in Tomo

Important Cultural Heritage ‘Ohta Residence’
Major traditional buildings and Old Street
Old temples and shrines
Distribution of Traditional Buildings and Annual Events

Tomo Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings

2008～

Boundary of the district

Before 1868
1868～1912
After 1912
Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties

Schematic Diagram of Cultural Heritage

Monuments
- Ancient sites
  - Shell mounds, Ancient tombs
  - Sites of palaces, Sites of forts or castles, Monumental dwelling houses

Historic Sites
- Places of Scenic Beauty
  - Gardens, Bridges, Gorges, Seashores, Mountains
  - Animals, Plants, Geological and mineral formations

Special Historic Sites

Places of Scenic Beauty

Special Places of Scenic Beauty

Natural Monuments

Special Natural Monuments

Registered Monuments

Important Cultural Landscapes
- Cultural Landscapes
  - Geo-cultural features of the region, which are indispensable to the understanding of the lifestyles and/or livelihoods of the people of Japan
  - Terraced rice fields, Mountain villages, Waterways

Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings
- Post towns, Castle towns, Farming or Fishing villages

By prefectural or municipal governments

Selected through application
1960's--1970's
Municipal Regulations for Conservation of Historic Landscapes

1966: Kanazawa, Kurashiki
1972: Kyoto, Takahashi, Hagi, Hirado, Takayama, Kobe
1973: Matsue, Tsuwano, Nagiso-Tsumago etc.

1975
Amendment of the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties:
Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings
Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings

114 districts are classified as Important Preservation Districts as of Nov. 2016.

• A package of historic buildings,
• which is an evidence of architectural or urban development
• which was/has been brought in the geological, historic, and/or cultural context of the place
Feature of Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Traditional Buildings

- High Density of Wooden Buildings
- Residential Quarters

妻籠（長野県）Tsumago-shuku, Nagano
祇園新橋（京都市）Gion-Shinbashi, Kyoto
近江八幡（滋賀県）Ohmi-Hachiman （Shiga Pref.）
Various types and forms of Preservation Districts

- Post-station Town
- Samurai (Warrior) Town
- Industrial Town
- Temple Town
- Port Town
- Merchant Town
- Village
Transitive Graph of the number of Important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings


0 20 40 60 80 100 120
# Basic Data

## Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings

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Number of Districts: **114**
Ohuchi Shuku, Shimogou Cho, Fukushima Pref.
Post-station Town

Roof Plan 1969
Ohuchi Shuku, Shimogou Cho, Fukushima Pref.
Post-station Town
Minomachi, Mino City, Gifu Pref.
Merchant Town
World Cultural Heritage
Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural landscape
World Cultural Heritage
Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural landscape
Industrial Town
World Cultural Heritage
Shirakawa-go, Gifu Pref.
Mountain Village

“The Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama

Fire Prevention equipment  Fire gun
Ineura, Ine Cho, Kyoto Pref.
Former Plans of Tomo-no-ura Reclamation and Bridge Construction

1983  Reclamation Area: 4.6ha

1995  Reclamation Area: 2.3ha

2000  Reclamation Area: 2.0ha
Tide embankment construction plan 2015

Tide embankment

'gangi'

'joya-to'

'hatoba'

'tadeba' (old dock)

'hatoba'

Movable breakwater
Project of New Tide Embankment with maintenance road and widening of existing road proposed by Hiroshima Prefectural Government, January 2016

Present

Plan

R.C. Embankment

Maintenance road

Sea
Scenery of the coast
Scenery of the coast

Private embankment
Traditional buildings in risk
Bad examples of bad repair or rehabilitation
Bad examples of bad repair and rehabilitation works
The Japanese Association for Machi-nami Conservation and Regeneration was founded in 1974 as a nationwide liaison organization to support citizen movements promoting conservation of historic towns, and have since 1978 held annual National General Meetings for Historic Towns.

We continue to focus on conservation of historic towns as an effective method and solution for “machizukuri” community building, encouraging and supporting actions led by local residents.

Today, the association is comprised of members from all over Japan, including 67 organizations and over 200 individuals.
Arimatsu, Nagoya City, Aichi Pref.
Merchant Town