

## Rokusho Shrine

It's said that in about around 600AD, the people who immigrated from Izumo (Shimane Prefecture) to Oiso built the shrine of Yanagida Daimyoujin dedicated to Kushiinada-Himemiko.

There were another five shrines in Sagami district besides Yanagida Daimyoujin. They were Samukawa Shrine, Kawawa Shrine, Hibita Shrine, Sakitori Shrine and Hiratsuka Hachiman Shrine.



In 718AD, the shrine of Yanagida Daimyoujin was nominated as the major shrine in Sagami district by the order of the Emperors and, as a result, the five other shrines were also dedicated to Yanagida Daimyoujin. Since then Yanagida Daimyoujin has been called Rokusho Shrine — the six-Location-Shrine — where the spirits of the six shrines are all dedicated together.

Rokusho Shrine was protected and supported by the government in each period until the Meiji Era.

Now on the 5th of May, the festival of Kouno Machi is held in Oiso to hand on the history of Rokusho Shrine as a symbolic event.

## Oiso fishing port



The port of Oiso is about a ten-minute's walk from Oiso station. The tiny fishing port is blessed with a wide variety of fish and provides locals and visitors with the beautiful scenery of a wide open ocean at the front, and a long stretch of hills called "Shonandaira" behind.

Nowadays, a new attraction has opened up there. Every weekend morning, weather permitting, a market is opened on the ground floor of Oiso Fishery Co-op, selling not only fresh fish but also vegetables, flowers, tasty breads and daily dishes.