

## Shigeru Yoshida Residence

The house of Shigeru Yoshida (1878-1967), former prime minister of Japan, burnt down in 2009. As of 2013, a solid plan to restore the house is ongoing, thanks to financial support from the government and donations from citizens across the country.

The vast field occupying 33,000 sq meters was laid out well with traditional Japanese houses made entirely of Japanese cypress and a refined Japanese garden.

He signed the San Francisco Peace Treaty in 1951. He contributed to the reconstruction of post-war Japan.

His place served as a political focal center where so many celebrities were invited. It should be noted that the Japanese-U.S. Summit (Ohira-Carter) was held there in 1979.

That's why it was referred to as called "Yoshida Palace", and the meetings taking place there were called "Oiso Moude (Oiso Visit)"



## Oiso Joyama Park



Castle Koiso once stood on this side in the medieval period. Later, the Mitsui Financial Group used it as a country house until 1990, when it was opened for public use by Kanagawa prefecture under the name of "Oiso Joyama Park" .

Its observatory commands a view of Hakone Mountains and Mt.Fuji in front and also Izu Peninsula and Sagami Bay.

You can find many cultural artifacts and documents concerning the regional history of Shonan Area in the Provincial Library, "Oiso Municipal Museum" . And the traditional tea house "Joyama An" , a copy of Mitsui tea house "Jo-an" and two old storehouses are open to the public for ceremonies, exhibitions and events.

Future plans for expanding and developing the park as a new attractive spot include addition of "Yoshida Palace" after restoration has been completed.