

Jo Nijima Memorial Landmark

Jo Nijima (1843-1890), founder of Doshisha University, is considered a revolutionary educator of the Meiji Era alongside Yukichi Fukuzawa of Keio University and Shigenobu Okuma of Waseda University. He passed away at the age of 47 at an inn called Mukade-ya in Oiso. The monument to the great man, written by an editor and a historian, Soho Tokutomi (1863-1957) stands alone in a narrow space.



The former house of Toson Shimazaki



Toson Shimazaki (1872-1943) is one of Japan's venerable writers, novelists and poets. He was taken by this Oiso village while travelling and lived there for the last two years of his life with his wife, Shizuko. This house in a grove of trees is not big, but he liked his den and the small Japanese-style garden. In autumn especially, beautiful white bush flowers bloom.

You can visit their tombs and sit quietly in Jifukuji Temple, about 5 minutes' walk from Oiso station. This temple is also famous for its beautiful plum trees from late January through February.