

This well is said to have been dug by Kato Kiyomasa (1562–1611), a great feudal lord whose lands were in Kumamoto in Kyushu. During the Edo period (1603–1867), the clan had a residence near here. The steady flow of water is a constant 15 °C year round. Water from the well irrigates the iris field, then passes through the *Nanbi* south pond, exiting through a sluice gate and passing the *Minami sando* below the bridge, before emptying into the Shibuya River. The crystal-clear waters of this well are considered a sacred spot with great positive spiritual powers.