

The Toba Kadoya Museum

This museum is the former residence of the Hirono family, whose head long served as Toba's representative to the regional government. Donated to the city in 2004, the restored building is a beautiful example of a mid- to late-nineteenth-century home of an affluent family. The grounds feature sturdy storehouses and a traditional Japanese garden. Inside, the furnishings of the very well-to-do family include tinted glass, parlor rooms decorated with carved ocean and animal motifs, and even a toilet made of hand-painted Seto porcelain. Exhibits include folk art, antique housewares, and a collection of rare foot-powered keyboard organs.