

## Foundations of a Samurai Residence

This multicolored pavement shows the layout of a samurai residence that once stood here. The earthen embankment to the left was the outer boundary of the third bailey (*sannomaru*), where only samurai were permitted to live. The residence was built extremely close to the embankment, suggesting that space inside the castle compound was precious.

According to a household census of Matsumoto Castle from 1728, two samurai named Kimura Buhē and Tamagawa Sukenojō lived near this section of the embankment. Both men held middle-ranking positions, and their houses were likely similar in size. Judging by the location and dimensions of the foundations, researchers believe it was likely Kimura Buhē's residence that once stood here.

The residence's lot measured roughly 25 meters from east to west and 31 meters from north to south. The house's main entrance faced east, and a smaller secondary entrance led to the dirt-floored scullery. The building was supported by wooden pillars set on foundation stones.

The residence had a man-made pond (shown in blue), which was fed by two springs. Large jars found on the southern side of the residence may also have been used for storing water. Such jugs were frequently used in privies (simple toilets) to collect waste, but soil samples indicated these jugs never held human fecal matter.