

Historic Site Designated by Gosen City

## Okura Site

Location Okura, Gosen City

Date of Designation March 5, 1958

The Okura Site are the remains of a settlement from the Middle Jomon Period (approximately 4,000 to 5,000 years ago).

As a result of the excavation survey, two man-made pit dwellings and the remains of stone structures such as dolmen-like structures, stone row structures, and stacked structure remains were discovered. The Okura Site are the most complete and rich in artifacts of any Jomon Period site in the city.

In addition, stone tools such as Jomon earthenware, hammered stone axes, polished stone axes, and stone arrowheads, as well as clay figurines, earrings, and other earth products have been found. Based on the chronology of the excavated pottery, it has been determined that the settlement was inhabited by Jomon people during the entire Middle Jomon Period and the beginning of the Late Jomon Period. Some of the earthenware patterns were influenced by the Shinano River basin, the Tohoku region, and the Hokuriku region.

The excavated area is only 250 m<sup>2</sup> and most parts of the site have not yet been surveyed, but the total area is estimated to be about 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

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