

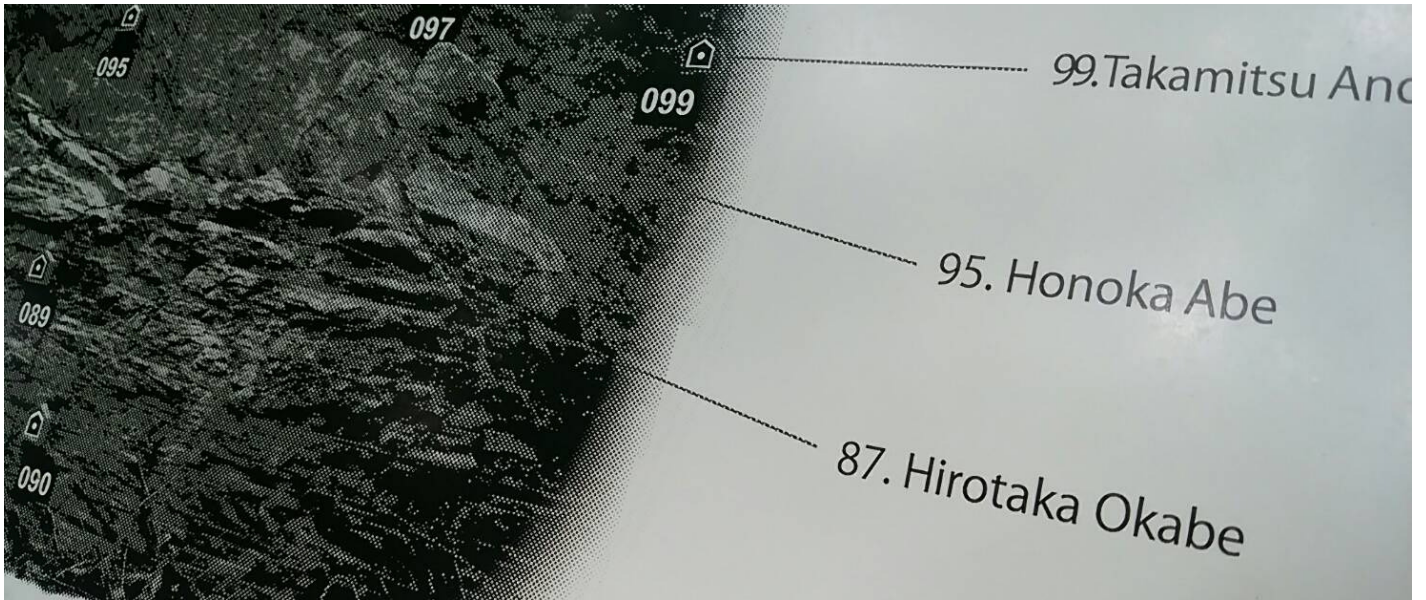


FEEL
MODERN BUDDHA
AND
ANCIENT DEMON

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HUNDRED LIFE HOUSES BY TATSUO MIYAJIMA

Modern Stone Curved Buddha



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**30m height,
16m width
and 8m depth**

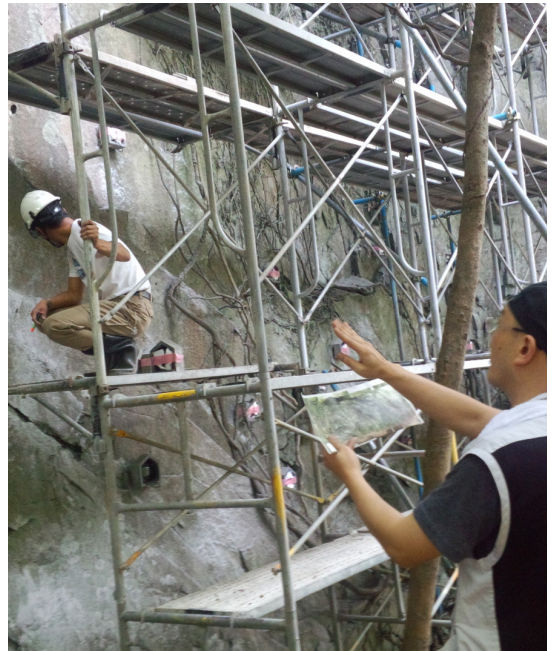


This modern art Buddha consists of 100 different houses with flashing LED lights, called "life counter" and real names which were assembled locally and internationally. Each person sets the speed of the counter.

This place was formerly designated by Kunisaki City as the rock shelter ruin of B.C 12,000 Years old. Human and animal bones, stone tools and earthenware were excavated.

Mr. Miyajima, Japanese contemporary artist, was inspired by the place where people live generations to generations. He wanted to make a modern stone curved Buddha when this place was introduced by the art festival staff.

The Art festival was held in 2014 to revitalize Kunisaki Peninsula by the power of art. Kunisaki City has two other public arts that were selected considering the feelings and intentions of the producer and artists, the maintenance cost and stability.





Jobutsu-ji Temple presents

DEMON-BUDDHA SPRING FIRE FESTIVAL

Carried on more than 1,000 years in Kunisaki Peninsula

**RECOGNIZED AS A NATIONALLY DESIGNATED
IMPORTANT INTANGIBLE FOLK CULTURAL
PROPERTY**

**DEMON RECOGNIZED AS A JAPAN HERITAGE IN
2018**

Come and see very traditional festival!

LOCAL DEMON IDENTIFIES WITH A BUDDHA

Your guide to understand the unique Kunisaki Culture.



ANCESTOR DEMON, "KUNISAKI ONI"

Japan has different legends of demons, so called Oni in Japanese. Generally a demon has two horns and big mouth, and causes a person to worry and makes people unhappy. Kunisaki Demon (Kunisaki Oni), however, is different, which brings wealth and happiness. The Demon living in this area seems to be generous and humorous.

On the Lunar New Year, the festival starts by standing 2m tall torch. Monks wearing demon masks, Suzu Oni, welcomes other demons, Ara Oni, also played by monks. They bless rich harvest and health. Audiences are also included in the festival and Ara Oni visits each house in the community to bless them.

According to the folklore of Kunisaki, the Demon is the ancestors' spirit and visits descendants on the new year to bring happiness. The custom is merged with Buddhism ritual and becomes this distinctive festival.

