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The Adachi Museum of Art 足立美術館

The Adachi Museum of Art was founded in 1970 by Adachi Zenko, who already counted 71 years at this time.

When asked why he chose a small village near Yonago in Shimane prefecture as the location for the Museum, he said that he wanted to give something back to his hometown. He saw it as "good deed", originating in the new name, which he chose after consulting a fortune-teller- about an unsuccessful business he set up in his youth. Building the Museum in this rural area was a long-cherished desire he had fulfilled himself.

Adachi Zenko

The founder of the Adachi Museum of Art was born in a small rural town in 1899 as the son of an ordinary agricultural family. His birthplace actually stood on the present-day Museum's ground where the Pond garden is now located.

Usual at that time, Adachi started work after primary school. First, he helped on his family's farm but soon decided to follow a different path. He started to carry charcoal at the age of fourteen from a nearby village to the port of Yasugi and realized that he can also sell coal to the people living along the way. This is often seen as the beginning of his success story.

Adachi Zenko

足立全康
1899-1990

The name he was given at his birth was Adachi Yoshimoto. In 1923 he changed it to Zenko.