



## Kyū-Asakurake House (旧朝倉家住宅)

The former Asakura House is situated in the area of Daikanyama. Next to all the hip stores and architectural interesting buildings, this Taisho era house is a forgotten jewel, which invites you to explore Japan's living style from only hundred years ago.

### History

During the Edo period in the 1700's, the ancestors of the Asakura family settled down in Shibuya hamlet in the Musashi province and became landlords of rice farmers.

Later the family expanded and did the rice milling as well.

In 1919, family head Asakura Torajir built this house on the grounds how we can visit it still today, 100 years later.

Later, Torajir became chairperson of the Tokyo and Shibuya Council.

After his death in 1944, part of the property was sold and to prevent further sales, his successors founded the Asakura real estate company in 1967 and started to build the Hillside terrace behind the family house.

From 1995 to 2000 repairs were done inside and outside the house. It is listed as an Important Cultural Property since 2004 and in 2006 the Shibuya ward took care over the property.



### Edo Period

江戸時代  
1603 - 1868

### Asakura Torajirō

朝倉虎治郎  
Former name: Sugiura Torajirō.

杉浦虎治郎  
Was adopted into the Asakura family when he married the granddaughter of the former family head Kinzō (金蔵).