

(C) Shizutani-School

Do you know Shizutani-school? The school has a long history and is one of the oldest schools in Japan. The school is in Bizen, in Okayama Prefecture. It was built by Ikeda Mitsumasa at the start of the Edo period, 1670. When he visited Shizutani for the first time, he said “This place has wonderful, peaceful nature and therefore is a great place for reading and studying.” He decided to make a school for leadership training there. It was chosen as a Japan Heritage Site in 2015. Even now, in the valley, you can hear the voice of students reading Confucius. You can also enjoy the light-up of the school in the fall. You should visit it the next time you are near Bizen!

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