

Q. Who is Seiroku Honda?

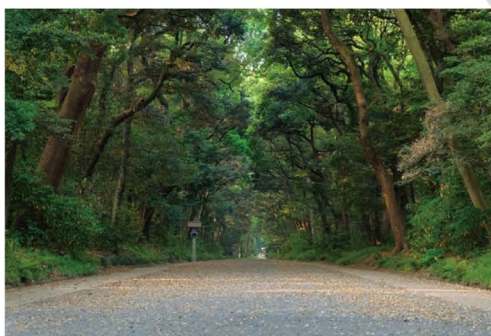
Honda was involved in designing hundreds of parks across Japan.

He is often called the **“Father of Japanese Parks.”**

Seiroku Honda was born on July 2, 1866 (Keiō 2) to the Orihara family in what is now present day Kuki City, Shobu in Saitama Prefecture (known as Musashino-kuni, Saitama-gun, Kawarai-mura in the Edo era)

He was the first person in Japan to hold a Ph.D. in forestry and helped lay the foundation for landscaping and forestry for the nation. Honda also played active roles in various fields such as industrial promotion.

Honda was involved in designing hundreds of parks across Japan including Hibiya Park, the Meiji Shrine forest in Tokyo and Omiya Park in Saitama.



Meiji Shrine Forest



Hibiya Park



Father of Japanese Parks.

Dr. Seiroku Honda



Seiroku Honda Memorial (Exhibit)

Hours : Sunday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed : Saturdays, National Holidays, New Years holidays

Location: Saitama Prefecture, Kuki, Shobuchō, Niibori 38

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Seiroku Honda Memorial

Birthplace: Kuki City, Saitama Prefecture

Located in the eastern part of Saitama Prefecture, Kuki City is rich in natural scenery.

Every July, a lively festival scene filled with taiko drums, flutes and various music fills the air as four sided floats covered with 500 lit paper lanterns are pushed down the streets. This colorful, grand summer event is called the Tennōsama but is more commonly known as the Kuki City Lantern Festival.

