Welcome to the Hanaoka Seishu Honoring Facility Seishu-no-Sato! (Kinokawa City, Wakayama, Japan)

Notice from the Seishu-no-Sato.

Notice of resumption of buffet
We will resume the buffet on September nineteen (Saturday).

In addition, we are implementing measures to prevent the spread of new coronavirus infections, and we will change the contents to the following to ensure the safety of our customers.

*Wearing a mask other than when eating and drinking, temperature measurement when entering the store, etc.
*Mealtimes are 60 minutes.
*Reservations are not accepted.

Michi-no-Eki ticket
Kintetsu Michi-no-Eki stamp tin badge
Michi-no-Eki Ticket Holder

Popular goods now available!

Information on Shiunkou, Shunrinken
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About Seishu-no-Sato

Hanaoka Seishu is the world's first person to succeed in removing breast cancer using general anesthesia. Seishu-no-Sato was built as a facility for honouring and to enjoyably learn his great achievement. It has the home and clinic, which was made by Seishu, and also has Flower Hill Museum, which was designed with a motif of Datura flowers by the late architect Kisho Kurokawa. The museum has an exhibition room that exhibits the records of Hanaoka Seishu. Also the restaurant serves as a base for food education recommended by Kinokawa City, where you can enjoy dishes made with local seasonal ingredients in a buffet style.

Shunrinken (home and clinic) / Time to visit: 10:00~16:00 (March~October 10:00~17:00 (last admission at 16:30)

Seishu Festival
Seishu Festival has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.

Nanakusa Gayu Festival
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Seishu Hanaoka's Disciple (Student)

Seishu established "Shunrinken" (his residence and clinic) as his clinic and medical school where he taught many students. The clinic was located in Nakaokashina, Osaka, which was managed by Rokujo Hanaoka, Seishu's younger brother (the fourth son in his family). The total number of students in Hanaoka's schools including those from Goseido was 1,861, including big names like Sakan Haraoka and Genda Kamada.

Seishu Hanaoka's Later Years

Seishu's reputation reached Harutomi Tokugawa, the domain lord of Kishu. When Harutomi invited Seishu to his domain, he immediately accepted the offer for he knew it was his chance for fame and fortune. In 1828, Seishu moved to Kishu, where he was appointed as "Kiranishiki" (literally "general physician""). In 1833 (Tenpou 4), Seishu was promoted to "Okuishikaku". He was a great physician and the Duke of Kishu had the highest regard for him, which was due to his success in treating patients suffering from various illnesses.

Seishu Hanaoka's Treatments

Unfortunately, we do not have detailed records about Seishu's anesthetics research. It's believed that Seishu first did animal tests to confirm the usage and safety of his medicines before clinical tests on human body. Seishu's mother and wife, "Kae", both volunteered to be the subject in anesthetics human tests. It's said that Seishu did actually conduct the first successful mastectomy surgery with general anesthesia in the world.

Seishu was born in 1760 on 23 October to Otsugi and Naomichi Hanaoka. Naomichi Hanaoka, Seishu's father, was also a doctor so Seishu grew up watching him devote to cure patients, develop new treatments, and collect medical herbs like his father. All are for his research on anesthetics.

Seishu was granted "Kobushinishikaku (literally "general physician certificate")" in 1813 (Bunka 10). Seishu was approved to wear a sword with him in 1813 (Bunka 10). Seishu's reputation reached Harutomi Tokugawa, the domain lord of Kishu. They met each other in 1802 (Kyowa 2), in the castle for 15 days a month only so he could keep the doors of his clinic opened to commoners on the other 15 days, and his clinic became famous.

Seishu Hanaoka's portrait (The picture of "Ryukei") Seishu in 1826 (Bunsei 9)
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Facility Information
- Flower Hill Museum
- Relics related to Seishu Hanaoka
- Exhibition room/multipurpose hall
- Fureai Park
- Shunrinken Old Residence & Clinic
- Restaurant Hana

Pricing Information

Access to Seishu-no-Sato

Holiday may change.
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Distribution and Functions of Shunrinken and other buildings

Shunrinken Tutorial is the residence, hospital, and medical school of Seishu Hanaoka, the great physician conducted the first successful mastectomy surgery using general anesthesia in the world. The success of the anesthesia surgery made Seishu nationwide famous and brought him as many as 1,033 disciples. It is now a group of buildings with the main hall surrounded by the tutorial block/pharmacy, administration room, sickroom block, food stock, nurse hostel, storeroom, and warehouse.

A full view of Shunrinken (a bird’s-eye view)

Main functions of the buildings

1. Dirt floor
2. Manufacturing room
3. Horse hut
4. Three-sickroom
5. Granary
6. Nurse hostel (Second floor)
7. Firewood storage shed
8. Information office
9. Warehouse