

The MAN who
TRANSMITTED ZEN
to the WORLD

ZEN MASTER
SOYEN SHAKU



ZEN TOUR of TAKAHAMA.
HOMETOWN of a PIONEER
of MODERN JAPAN.

2018
9/15 sat 16 sun 17 mon
DAYtrip

Participants : 20 ppl

Fee : ¥5,000 (Lunch Included)



ZEN MASTER SOYEN SHAKU

(1859 ~ 1919)

Born in the beach town of Takahama (Fukui) in 1859, Master Soyen Shaku was an exceptional Zen monk of the Rinzai School.

Well known for mentoring Natsume Soseki in Zen meditation, he would also become the first Zen master to introduce Japanese "ZEN" to the world at the first World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893. Translated into English by his disciple D.T. Suzuki, Soyen's teachings were the first Zen texts aimed at an American audience, and would come to bridge a cultural gap between the Eastern and Western worlds.

A pioneer of modern Japan, this year marks both 150 years since the Meiji Restoration, as well as being the year of the Buddhist centennial memorial for Soyen Shaku.



