

# “Dainichi-do and Kanman Gorge”

Conveying the history of sediment-related disasters to the present



■ The history of sediment-related disasters in Nikko

The sediment discharged by the Ashio Typhoon in 1902 washed away *Dainichi-do*, a famous place in Nikko. Since then, there was nothing but the Matsuo Basho haiku stone and other objects to remember the past within the “Dainichi-do Ruins.”

However, the downstream part become narrow and posed the risk of overflowing during floods, so revetment work was conducted in 2005 to reproduce its old form.



Kanman Gorge is down along the Daiya River from Dainichi-do. It is famous for its beautiful spots formed by Arasawa lava flowing from the eruption of Mt. Nantai and its 74 Jizo statues lined up in a row popularly known as “*Bake Jizo*.”

The *Bake Jizo* were also washed away during the disaster in 1902, but were placed here by thoughtful people.



(Ghost Jizo) because the number of statues seems to change when you count them