

“The beginning of sabo works in Nikko”

It started from the Inari River. Sabo works in Nikko started in 1918 as a project controlled by the national government. Let's review the history through to the formation of the first Inarigawa Sabo Dams.



■ The phantom Sabo Dam No. 1

The Sabo Dam No. 1 was the first to be constructed as part of the Inari River sabo works directly-controlled by the national government. Although the dam was made by piling large rocks without concrete and utilizing masonry techniques from Nikko, directly following its completion, there was outflow due to a debris flood accompanying a storm in September 1929. This provided the impetus for the major change from stones to concrete for sabo dam construction.

■ Unique roundness known as "Kabashiki"

The Inarigawa Sabo Dams have a unique design with a round drainage area. It is known as "Kabushiki," named after the designer Makoto Kaba. A major characteristic of the Inarigawa Sabo Dams are their beautiful appearance unlike any other sabo facility, which was made using masonry techniques from Nikko and harmonizes with the surrounding mountain range.