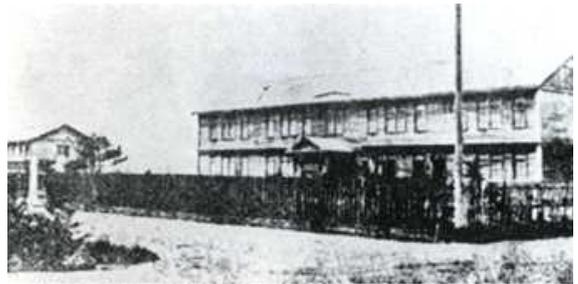


Sasamori Gisuke - The founder of our school -

1 Aomori Commercial High School

Our school has a long tradition and it will have been about 120 years since its foundation. During that time, the school name has changed several times. Since 1948, We have used "Aomori Commercial High School" (Japanese name "Aomori Shougyou Koukou") .

The place has also changed several times. In April 2017, we moved from Tsukurimichi to Toyama.



The Namiuchi School Building



The Tsukurimichi School Building



The Toyama School Building

2 About Sasamori Gisuke

There is a bronze statue on the first floor hall in our school. The Model is Sasamori Gisuke, the founder.

In May 1902, he became the second Aomori Mayor. He founded "Aomori Commercial Supplementary Night School" to educate hopeful people in Aomori City. He became the principal and did his duties as the mayor.

In December 1903, he resigned the mayor. In September 1915, he died at the age of 71. His grave is in Hirosaki Saikoji.



Sasamori Gisuke (1845-1915)

3 Kuril Islands exploration

Sasamori Gisuke was born in Hirosaki as a child of samurai family. At the age of 15, he entered the Hirosaki clan school and was admired by many people. In 1871, he became the official of Aomori Prefecture.

After that, he went to Tokyo and traveled western Japan for looking at societies, people life, industries, and transportations.

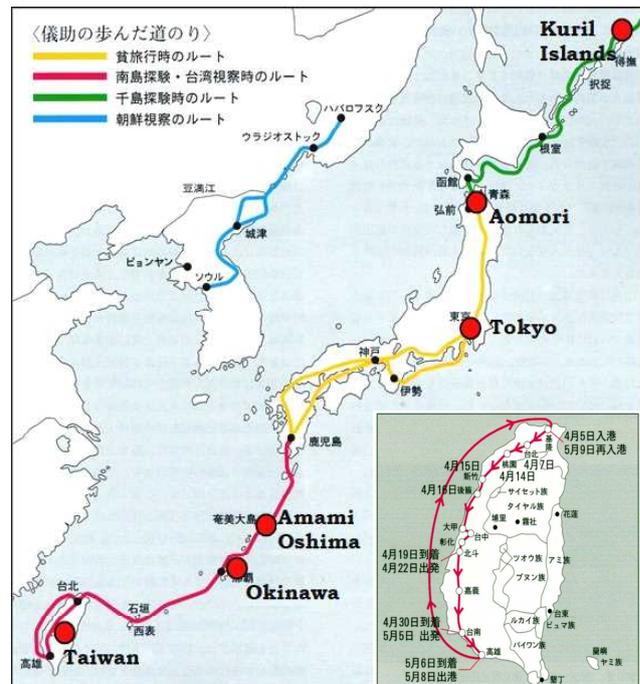
In addition, a very famous journalist Kuga Katsunan told Sasamori Gisuke about a governmental plan of exploration to northern Islands. In July 1892, he traveled to Kuril Islands. The summary of exploration was written in his report book "Chishima Tanken".

4 South Islands exploration

"Chishima Tanken" was admired by the Minister of Internal Affairs Inoue Kaoru. He told Sasamori Gisuke to investigate people life in Amami Oshima and Okinawa Islands.

In 1893, he traveled there from June to September. After that, he wrote the report book "Nantou Tanken" to introduce Okinawa's people life in detail. The government asked him to do governmental working in Amami Oshima. He lived there for 4 years as an official chief and supported people. During his staying at Amami Oshima, he did a tour of inspection to Taiwan Island and Korean Peninsula.

In 2018, our school supports association established a fund "Sasamori Gisuke Kikin" named after him and made a plan for sending our students to Taiwan.



The Route of Sasamori Gisuke Explorations