

Enjoy foods and hospitality  
from the old city of Edo.

# 鬼平 江戸 廻

Onihei  
Edo Dokoro

TOHOKU EXPRESSWAY  
WESTBOUND HANYU PARKING AREA

東北自動車道 羽生PA 上り線



池袋正太郎 画

Search for the shop signs and secret spy signals  
which appear in Onihei Hankacho.

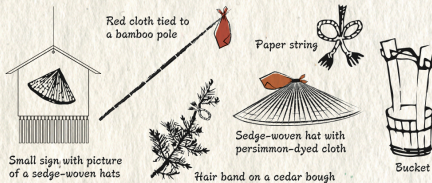
### Burglarized Nihonbashi shops



### The Miroku Temple neighborhood frequented by Onihei



### Small items used in the Onihei stories as secret signals by policemen and spies



The locations of the spy signals can be revealed  
on the iPad in the Kawaraban Corner.



The pattern on the front cover is a type of riddle that was  
popular during the Edo Period. This one is an original  
riddle that was created for Onihei Edo Dokoro. The answer  
(Japanese only) can be found at the Kawaraban Corner.

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ようこそ、江戸へ。

Welcome to Edo.

During the Edo Period, the town neighboring Hanyu was  
the site of the Kurihashi barrier, a strategic station of the  
Edo government. This Kurihashi barrier was located on the  
Nikko Kaido, one of the five major routes of that time. For  
approximately 250 years, this barrier played an important  
role in enforcing rules against illegal imports of guns and  
unauthorized departure of family members from Edo.  
Onihei Edo Dokoro is a modern "entrance to Edo,"  
resurrected from times long past in the same site as this  
former gateway to the city. Here you can experience the  
classic world of old Edo brought to life.

Take a journey by car through space and time, and relax  
yourself in Onihei Edo Dokoro Presented by NEXCO-East.





## Explore the streets

Once through the entrance at Kurihashi barrier, you will find yourself in old Edo. Enjoy fine reproductions of the large Nihonbashi shops that symbolize the prosperity of Edo, the downtown streets of Honjo Fukagawa, the rows of food sellers in Edo's busiest district on Ryogoku Street, and the neighborhood streets where Onihei strolled. Here and there you can see the names of shops from Onihei Hankacho.

The indoor streets rotate regularly through morning, evening, and night scenes that are brought to life with the calls of vendors and seasonal sounds. Enjoy an authentic time travel experience to the deeply nostalgic world of Edo and the Onihei stories.



## Enjoy delicious foods

The author of Onihei Hankacho, Shotaro Ikenami, was also well known as a gourmet. Onihei Edo Dokoro brings together venerable long-standing shops and popular eateries that preserve traditional Edo flavors and techniques, offering an abundant and varied selection of Edo foods and gifts.



## Enjoy Edo hospitality

Because Edo attracted a great diversity of persons from all parts of Japan, the residents needed to make special efforts so that so many different people could live together in comfort and peace. This was the Edo merchant philosophy of "Edo Shigusa" (Edo manners). Onihei Edo Dokoro offers a generous hospitality that incorporates the thinking and behavior of Edo Shigusa. Come experience the warm and friendly Edo culture that so surprised overseas visitors during the last days of the shogunate at the end of the Edo Period.



## Edo and Onihei

The Edo Period was a time of exciting and uplifting everyday lives and a bountiful spirit of compassion and cooperation. One of the most famous of the Edo people is the novel character Heizo Hasegawa, known as "Onihei." Based on the historical head of a police unit that investigated arsons and robberies, Onihei is the main character in the period novel *Onihei Hankacho* by Shotaro Ikenami, and remains highly popular today.

Onihei Edo Dokoro faithfully reproduces the streets and personalities of Edo in the late 18th and early 19th centuries based on historical evidence. This is the period depicted in *Onihei Hankacho* and the period when the common people of Edo were at their industrious peak. Many of the origins of the modern Japanese character can be traced back to the streets of old Edo.



## Shotaro Ikenami (1923 - 1990)

One of the most popular post-war writers of period novels and historical fiction, Shotaro Ikenami was also well known as a gourmet and film critic. Major works including *Onihei Hankacho*, *Kenkaku Shobai*, *Master Assassin Fujitada Baian*, and *Samurai Taibei* have been adapted for television and film, sometimes many times over, and continue to be broadly popular among audiences of every generation.