

Eastern Tip of the Castle Town

Embankment Ruins

From here on the west bank of the Tamachi River - 1.2km from the tower of Matsue Castle - part of an embankment was discovered. The remains of residences have been confirmed on the west side of the embankment, but not on the east side. This fact suggests that this area was the easternmost tip of the castle town, which matches embankment records drawn on the early Edo-period Horio Castle Town illustration.

The embankment that was discovered consists of approximately 74cm of piled-up sediment, with no adjoining stone wall. However, the building technique “shikiba kōhō” was utilized, involving leaves and branches to be spread under the embankment. This technique made for a solid embankment and prevented crumbling or slipping. Because the top of the embankment is flat and has a width of 2.0m, it is thought that it may have been used as a roadway.