

役夫死者の碑

Memorial Monument for Workers Who Died during the Construction of Sasebo Naval Station

明治20年(1887)1月、佐世保鎮守府の建設工事が開始 された。工事は山を切り崩し、海を埋め立てる大規模な もので当時流行した「軍港草分け数え唄」にも「四つとせ 横島はじめ潮入崎、こんびら山までみな掘りくずす…」、

「五つとせ 岩にかけたる地雷火で、怪我人死人が数知れぬ…」 と明われており、その規模を同い知ることができる。この数え 歌にもあるように、鎮守府庁 現海上自衛隊佐世保地方総監部) の場所にあった金毘羅山の切り加しては41名もの作業員が 亡くなった。役夫死者の碑は、殉職した41名の慰霊・顕彰の ため、明治21年(1888)6月に建立された。

In January 1887, the construction work for the Imperial Japanese Navy Sasebo Naval Station was started. It was a large-scale project which tore down a mountain and reclaimed the nearby coastal areas. The scale and the difficulty of the construction were described in 'Naval Port Construction Counting Song' popular in those days. As many as 41 workers lost their lives in the leveling construction of Mt. Konpira, which was located on the place where the Sasebo Naval Station Headquarters office was built later. (current Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Sasebo District Headquarters) The monument was erected in June 1888 to honor the spirits of 41 workers who had lost their lives during the construction.





金界羅山の切り崩し風景

