

- 1903** He was born on December 12 in Kamezumi, Fukagawa-ku, Tokyo (Now: Fukagawa 1-chome). He was the second son. His father, Toranosuke was a master of Fertilizer "Yuasa-ya". His mother was Asae. Both of them came from Mie Prefecture.
- 1910** He entered Meiji Jinjo Elementary School (Now: Meiji Elementary School in Koto Ward).
- 1913** His family moved to 785, Kaibana, Kanbe Village, Iinan District (Now: 2-chome, Atago-machi, Matsusaka). He joined the 4th year of Matsusaka Municipal Daini Jinjo Elementary School.
- 1916** He entered Mie Prefectural Daiyon Junior High School (Renamed Ujiyamada Junior High School, Now: Ujiyamada High School). He resided in a dormitory.
- 1920** "Chigo Incident" occurred in July. Yasujiro was involved in it and got suspended from the dormitory. Free from the surveillance of school, he got inclined to making movies.
- 1921** He graduated from Ujiyamada Junior High School. He took examinations of Kobe Commercial High School (Now: Kobe University) and Nagoya Commercial High School (Now: Nagoya University), and failed. While he was preparing for exams, he watched many movies.
- 1922** He worked as a substitute teacher of Mie Prefectural Iinan Miyamae Jinjo Higher Elementary School. He took charge of the 5th-year boys' class.
- 1923** He quit the substitute teacher, went back to Fukagawa Wagura-cho (Now: Fukagawa 2-chome). In August, he was hired by the Shochiku Film Company, as an assistant in the cinematography department.
- 1932** "I Was Born, But..." was received by movie critics as the first notable work of social criticism in Japanese cinema, winning Ozu wide acclaim.
- 1937** He was conscripted into the Imperial Japanese Army in September. Moving from one place to another in China, he participated in several battles.
- 1953** He produced "Tokyo Story".
- 1959** He became the first movie director that won the Japan Art Academy Award. He filmed "Floating weeds" in Shima
- 1962** He was chosen as a member of the Japan Art Academy (First in the motion-picture world).
- 1963** He died of throat cancer on December 12, his 60th birthday in Tokyo Medical and Dental University Hospital.

Filmography

I Was Born, But.. 1932	A Story of Floating Weeds 1934
There Was a Father 1942	Early Summer 1951
The Flavor of Green Tea over Rice 1952	Tokyo Story 1953
Early Spring 1956	Equinox Flower 1958
Good Morning/Ohayo 1959	An Autumn Afternoon 1962

Ozu Yasujiro Memorial Museum of Matsusaka

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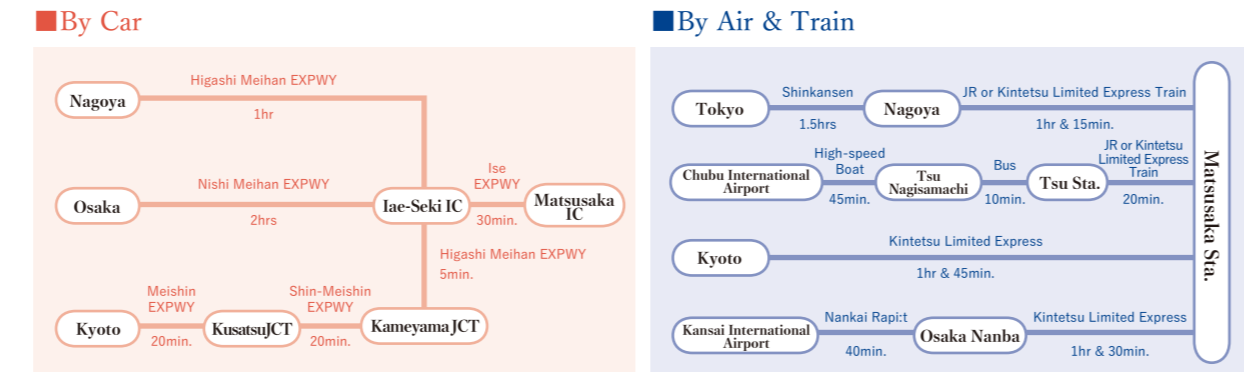


A variety of exhibits and photos show the history and roots of Yasujiro.

Ozu Yasujiro is famous as a movie director not only in Japan but also all over the world. He was born in Fukagawa District of Tokyo in 1903. Later he moved to Matsusaka because his father wanted him to grow up in the countryside in a good environment. He spent his youth (9-19 years old) in Matsusaka. During the Taisho period (1912-1926), Matsusaka was busy with brilliant culture and art. Although it was forbidden by the school rules, Yasujiro went to Kagura-za Theater and watched a lot of movies, which greatly influenced his later life as a movie director. In those days, he often visited Iinan District Library (Now: Matsusaka City Museum of History and Folklore). Therefore the exhibition room on the 2nd floor is called "Ozu Yasujiro Memorial Museum of Matsusaka".

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Get in touch with the history and memories in Matsusaka, where Yasujiro spent his youth. Introduction to "21 Spots"



About OZU YASUJIRO
 World-renowned
 Movie Director and Screenwriter

Ozu Yasujiro is a Japanese movie director and screenwriter. He is famous not only in Japan but also all over the world. He created masterpieces such as "Late Spring", "Early Summer" and "Tokyo Story". He depicted the subtle of parent-child relationships and life on the stage of a middle-class family, using a unique low-angle method. So-called "Ozu-style" has had a strong influence on movie directors around the world. In 1903, Yasujiro was born in the Fukagawa district of Tokyo (Now: Fukagawa, Koto ward, Tokyo). In 1913, he moved to his father's hometown of Kanbe village, Iinan district of Matsusaka in Mie Prefecture, where he spent his adolescence. Ozu Yasujiro Memorial Museum of Matsusaka has various materials about him. Why don't you visit it and get in touch with the history and memories of him?