

## Origin of Tendo Shogi pieces

It is presumed that the production of shogi pieces in Tendo began in 1831 when the Oda clan moved there from Takahata, bringing along their technique for making shogi pieces. It is not known when the Oda clan exactly started making shogi pieces, but it seems to have been sometime during their stay in Takahata (1767-1831). It continued after their move to Tendo, and Daihachi Yoshida (1832-1868), a chief retainer at the end of the Edo period, actively encouraged making shogi pieces as a side job for the samurai. This is said to have laid the foundation for today's shogi industry in Tendo.