Asakura-chōso-kan

Asakura Fumio, a famous sculptor, let this building and the garden built as a residence and studio from 1907. At first it was only a small residence, but after he could buy the land around, he started to built his school as it can now be seen in Tokyo-Yanaka.

About Asakura Fumio

He was born in 1883 in Ōita Prefecture at Kyūshū as the 5th of 11 children. He moved to Tokyo in 1902 where he lived with his 9 year older brother and the sculptor Watanabe Osao (渡辺 長男). Asakura Fumio then entered Tokyo Art School (today’s Tokyo University of the Arts) and graduated in 1907. He won several prices for his sculptures and soon became a leading figure for Japanese sculpture and art.