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# The Sado Complex of Heritage Mines, Primarily Gold Mines World Heritage Tentative List

## The Value of the Sado Gold and Silver Mine aiming for World Cultural Heritage Inscription

- Remains of mining and towns for over 400 years are well preserved, and the history of the progress of gold production can be seen in a compact area, which is quite exceptional in the world.
- The gold produced in Sado supported the finances of Japan for many years.
- Plenty of historical documents including picture scrolls depicting gold production are rare resources in the world.

Niigata Prefecture and Sado City are aiming for World Heritage Inscription of the Sado Gold and Silver Mine, working on various activities such as scientific research, lecture events, special classes prepared for elementary schools, and publicity through newspapers and magazines.

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