

Excavation of Tenshudai (Stone Foundation of the Main Donjon):



■Excavated Dug-standing Pillars



■Basement Floor of the Tenshudai [stone foundation of the main donjon]



■Scene from the Archaeological Excavation

The stone foundation of the Takamatsu Castle's Tenshu (main donjon) had deteriorated and damaged extensively over time. From 2006 to 2012, the stone walls of the foundation were dismantled and repaired on one of the largest scales in Japan at that time. Excavations conducted in conjunction with the dismantling and repair work revealed that the first basement floor of the Tenshu remained almost completely intact, and provided information on the structure of the main donjon, which had been completely unknown until then, including that the foundation stones were arranged in the shape of the character “田” (a square divided into four equal parts) and that dug-standing pillars were used.