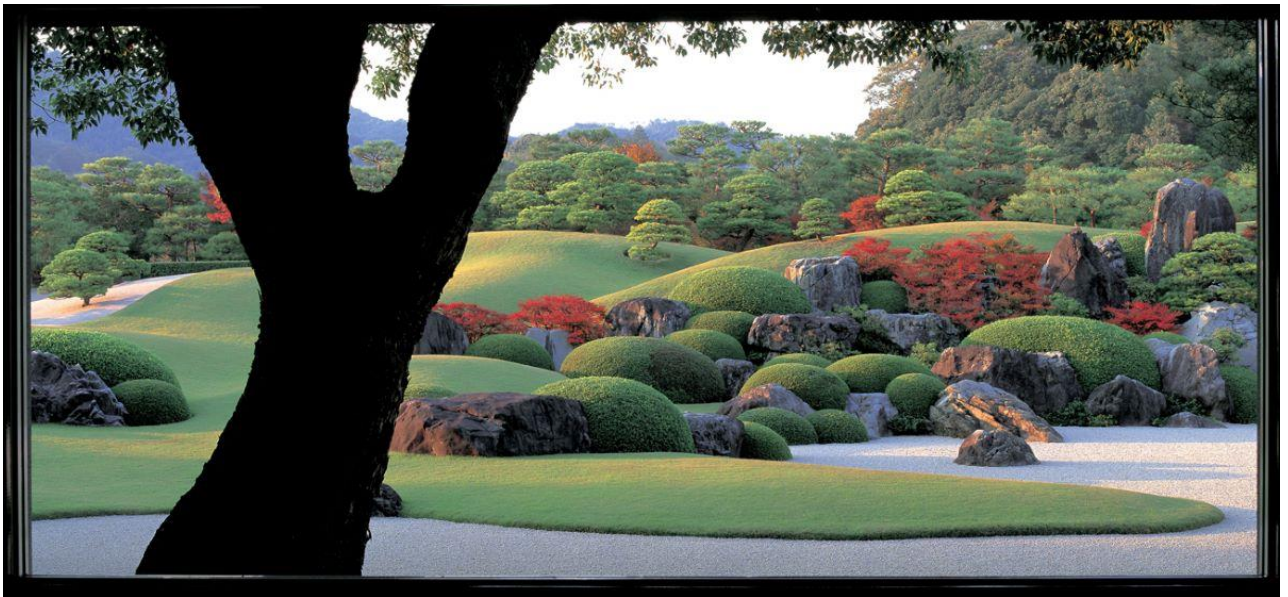


# Adachi Museum's Japanese Garden Ranks First, Katsura Imperial Villa Second

横山大観など近代日本画コレクションで知られる、島根県安来市にある足立美術館。米国の日本庭園専門誌による2024年の日本庭園ランキングで1位に選ばれました。当ランキング開始以降、22年連続の快挙です。あなたは、美しい庭園に必要な要素はどのようなものだと思いますか？そして、この記事を読みかけに日本と他の国の庭園の違いについても考えを巡らせてみませんか？



## 1. Article

Read the following article aloud.

The Adachi Museum of Art, located in Yasugi City, Shimane Prefecture, is celebrated for its collection of modern Japanese paintings. On January 8, the museum announced its first-place ranking in the Journal of Japanese Gardening's 2024 Japanese garden rankings. The magazine is a United States-based publication.

Known for its collection of artistic masterpieces by artists like Yokoyama Taikan, the museum's gardens also [draw](#) frequent international [attention](#). This marks the 22nd [consecutive](#) year its gardens have claimed the top spot since the rankings were established in 2003.

The museum's gardens include the main karesansui (dry landscape) garden and the Hakusha Seishotei garden (white [gravel](#) and pine). Taikan's art inspired both.

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Each morning before the museum opens its doors, staff members **meticulously** clean the gardens, removing fallen leaves and sweeping pathways. "We will continue working as a team to preserve these gardens and share their beauty with the world," says Museum Director Takanori Adachi.

A panel of landscape researchers determines the annual rankings. They **evaluate** elements such as design quality, harmony with surrounding architecture, and overall visitor experience. Katsura Imperial Villa in Kyoto secured second place, while Yamamoto-tei in Tokyo's Katsushika Ward ranked third.

# 2. Key phrases and vocabulary

First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

**1. draw attention** 注目を集める、注目される

The news about the event **drew attention** from people all over the city.

**2. consecutive** 連続した、連続的な

The team achieved three **consecutive** victories in the tournament.

**3. gravel** 砂利、小石

Trucks delivered tons of **gravel** for the construction site.

**4. meticulously** 細心の注意を払って、慎重に

The chef **meticulously** prepared every dish for the special dinner.

**5. evaluate** 評価する、審査する、査定する

It's important to **evaluate** both the strengths and weaknesses of your plan.

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## 3. Questions

Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. How many consecutive years has the Adachi Museum's garden been ranked first?
2. What tasks do the staff perform every morning before the museum opens?
3. What elements are evaluated by the panel of landscape researchers for the rankings?
4. What do you think makes a garden beautiful? Is it the design, the plants, or something else?
5. Do you think Japanese gardens are different from gardens in other countries? How?



## 4. 日本語関連記事：米誌の日本庭園ランキングで足立美術館が1位 22年連続、2位は桂離宮

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横山大観など近代日本画コレクションで知られる足立美術館（島根県安来市）は1月8日、米国の日本庭園専門誌「ジャーナル・オブ・ジャパニーズ・ガーデニング」による2024年の日本庭園ランキングで1位になったと発表した。ランキングが始まった03年以降、22年連続。

同館の庭園は主庭「枯山水庭」の他、大観の作品をモチーフにした「白砂青松庭」などで構成。開館前には、職員総出で落ち葉拾いや掃き掃除に取り組む。足立隆則館長は「今後も職員全員が維持管理にあたり、庭園の魅力を世界に発信したい」とコメントを出した。

ランキングは造園の研究者らが質、建物との調和、利用者への対応などを評価したとしている。2位は桂離宮（京都市）、3位は山本亭（東京都葛飾区）。

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