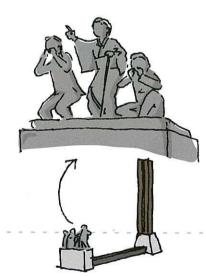


The square shaped sun

The morning sun which looks square due to the refraction of the light. It is a mysterious sight, only to be seen during the freezing winter, and moreover only several times a year.



Road to the four Islands, the statue of "Sakebi (Crying)"

For the campaign of the return of the Northern Territories, the late Mr. Denroku Suzuki, a Yamagata businessman, made and donated the statue which expressed the continues crying for "Return the Island!" in 1982. The distance from the four pillars, representing the "Four Islands", to the statue is 16 meters (53ft.) This number is associated with 16km (53000ft.), the distance from Notsuke peninsula to Kunashiri Island.