

Transporting a Scottish Mansion House from Scotland to Japan

Masahiko Tsugawa, a well-known Japanese film actor and chain of toy shops owner heard of the story of Gretna Green and the Smithy marriages there and decided that he wanted to recreate a similar place in his native Japan. He set out to identify and purchase a building in Scotland that could be systematically demolished, transported and rebuilt in Japan. After some chasing Abacus personnel were awarded the job of cataloguing, palletising or packing and containerising the individual stones and other parts of the building. Some four years later the house was rebuilt in North Kanto in Japan as part of a wonderland that includes a blue Rolls Royce once used by Princess Diana when she visited Japan, the World Santa Museum with over 1100 examples and "Lover's Sacred Ground" where marriages are performed in similar fashion to Gretna Green.

For more info check <http://www.jrs-w.com/lock-heart/english/museum/index.html>

Lockheart Castle, North Kanto, Japan

