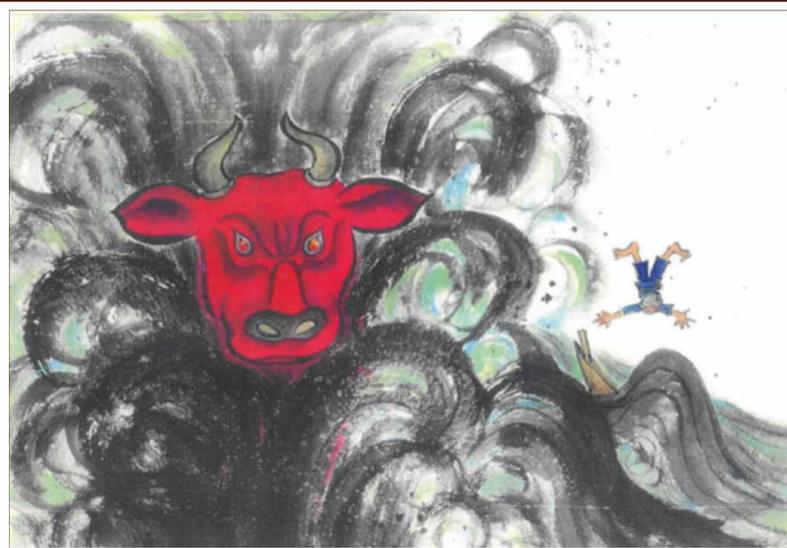


「伊豆の瞳」と呼ばれる一碧湖（大池）は、約 10 万年前におきた噴火でできた直径 600m ほどの火口湖です。約 4000 年前には、ここから約 2.5km 南にある大室山から流れ出した溶岩が湖の一部に流れ込み、正面に見える「十二連島」ができました。

美しく静かに水をたたえる湖の湖畔では、春には桜、秋には紅葉を楽しむことができます。一碧湖には「大池の赤牛」という民話が伝えられています。

Lake Ippekiko, fondly referred to as the pupil of Izu, is a crater lake about 600 meters in diameter, a result of an explosive eruption dating back approximately 100,000 years. Approximately 4,000 years ago, large amounts of lava flowed down from Omuroyama Volcano, located about 2.5 kilometers to the south, poured into the lake forming the Junirento Islands, literally meaning “twelve islands” in Japanese, at the front.

In addition to the beauty and quietness of the lake, cherry blossom trees bloom in spring and colored leaves can be enjoyed during autumn.



一碧湖の主による災い  
**大池の赤牛**  
Red Bull Legend of Lake Ippekiko

大池（現在の一碧湖）にいた赤牛が、舟で通る住民たちをわずらわしく思い、たびたび襲っていた。人々の苦しみを知った上人が自らの命と引き換えに赤牛を封じ込めるといふ話。そのため現在も一碧湖には赤い鳥居が立っています。

Once upon a time, a monster "Red Bull" living in Lake Ippekiko often attacked boats that crossed over his head because they were a nuisance to the red bull. One day, a high priest saw the people's misery and sealed off the Red Bull in exchange for his own life. Even now, a red torii gate stands at the lake, representative of the folk tale.

