

Application Requirements

Invited to Nickname 3 Dinosaur Models

Iida City is located in Nagano Prefecture and overlooks the Japanese Southern Alps. It is an ancient castle town famous for its “Ringo Namiki” (apple tree-lined street). In 2027, a new high-speed ‘maglev’ train line will connect Tokyo and Nagoya with Iida City, chosen as one of three intermediate stations.

Iida City Museum is built on the site of the former ‘Iida Castle’ and has 3 dinosaur models that were first exhibited at Makuhari Messe in 2009. In summer 2015, these models will be exhibited in Yamaguchi and Shimane Prefecture.

The museum is now inviting members of the public to suggest three ‘nicknames’ for our dinosaur models. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II and we extend this invitation in the hope that such human and cultural destruction is never repeated.

Iida City is the birthplace of Yoshio Tanaka, who established Ueno Park in Tokyo – a ‘sanctuary’ of museums, galleries and zoos. Tanaka is regarded in Japan as “The Father of Museums”.

Background Information on the three dinosaur exhibits.

1. Spinosaurus (*Latin: Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*) meaning ‘spine lizard’ – one of the largest carnivorous dinosaurs.

The first complete skeleton at the Munich museum in Germany was destroyed following bomb destruction during World War II. Reconstruction of the skeleton using detailed papers published before the war was undertaken at Iida City Museum by Iida-born Yoshikazu Hasegawa, Professor Emeritus of Yokohama National University, and his team of colleagues. The exhibit is 17 meters long and is the only model of this dinosaur in Japan.

Length: 17m

Period: Late Cretaceous, 95 million years ago

Location of original skeleton: Egypt



2. Guanlong (*Latin: Guanlong wucaii*) meaning ‘crowned dragon’ – the oldest tyrannosauroid. It was named for the crest running from its forehead to nose. Its original discovery in China helped establish Asia as the birthplace of tyrannosauroids.

Length: 1.4m

Period: Later Jurassic, 160 million years ago

Location of original skeleton: Xinjiang-Uygur, China



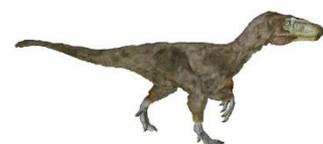
3. Dilong (*Latin: Dilong paradoxus*) meaning ‘emperor dragon’ – one of the smallest tyrannosauroid dinosaurs.

The discovery of Dilong established that tyrannosauroids had ‘hair-like’ primitive feathers.

Length: 0.8m

Period: Early Cretaceous, 130 million years ago

Location of original skeleton: Liaoning, China



Terms and Conditions	
Application	Please write your 'nickname' suggestions on the form provided. Include your name, age (if under 18), address and telephone number. Please mail, fax or bring to lida City Museum.
Conditions	1. Do not use a recognized name or specific person, group or commercial product. 2. 'nicknames' already used elsewhere are not acceptable – they must be original. 3. Do not infringe on intellectual property rights.
Announcement of winner	A press release will be issued at the end of May 2015 on the lida City website. Winners will be notified and receive prizes.
Notes	All rights of the chosen 'nicknames' will belong to lida City. The chosen 'nicknames' may be used with a partial change in writing or wording. The nicknamed dinosaurs will be active as guides for the museum and used as symbols of peace on the official website.
Invitation Period	March 10 – May 10, 2015 (postmark deadline)

Application Form

1. Spinosaurus, One of the largest Carnivorous Dinosaurs

Nickname	Comment

2. Guanlong, the Oldest Tyrannosauroid

Nickname	Comment

3. Dilong, One of the Smallest Tyrannosauroids

Nickname	Comment

Name	Age (if under 18)
Address	E-mai Address

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