

### **Bridge to Buy Miso** *misokai-bashi*

Long ago, there was a pious and honest man. One night when he was having a nap in front of a charcoal kiln, a white haired old man appeared in his dream, said “Stand on the bridge to buy miso, and you will hear some lucky information.”

The honest man started to search the bridge leads to the miso shop, but no one knew such bridge. As it was getting dark, he got into a tofu (soybean curd) shop. The owner of the tofu shop pointed the shabby bridge and told him that is the bridge leads to the miso shop.

From the next day, the honest man stood beside the miso bridge, but nothing happened. On the fifth day, the owner of the tofu shop asked him why he kept on standing beside the miso bridge. When he told the owner about the message in his dream, the owner said, “Forget about the message. I also had similar dream before. Someone told me that there is a pine tree beside the house of an honest man, and there is treasure under the pine tree.”

The honest man went quickly back his home and dig under the pine tree, and found the treasure. He became a wealthy man after all, and the people took good care of the bridge to buy miso from then on.