The Gaiety of Kyoto Kimono Design Books in the Meiji Period



Autumn Exhibition The Beauty of Japan Recognized by the World By International Exposition / Koson / Kacho-ga

■ Open: 2018 9. 22 (Sat.) — 11.11 (Sun.) ■ Hours: 10:00 ~ 17:00 (※10/27 10:00~16:30)

Close: Every Monday, Tuesday (Open in Holiday)

Admission : Adults 500ven (400ven)

Others Free

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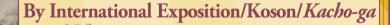




Meiji 150th Year Memorial **Autumn Exhibition**



The Beauty of Japan Recognized by the World





the works by the artists or luxurious art collection books introduced in the world expositions, kacho-ga (prints or paintings of flowers, birds or living things except human being) or English version of Nihon Mukashibanashi (the ancient tales of Japan) created for overseas and kimono design books created in Kyoto. In the forgotten traditional woodblock prints in the Meiji or artists being reevaluated now, please enjoy one part of the Beauty of Japan where the modern Japan arrived.



Ohara Koson the World of *Kacho-ga* Loved in the West

In the latter part of the Meiji period, Japanese painter Ohara Koson created woodblock print <code>kacho-ga</code> for overseas with the advice of Ernest Fenollosa who led Japanese art. Supported by traditional woodblock techniques that had undergone modern development, his attractive world of <code>kacho-ga</code> had gained high popularity in Europe and the United States as an aesthetic expression peculiar to Japan. Later on, he changed his title as Shōson and played an active part as one of the representatives of <code>Shin-hanga</code> (means, new print) movement which flourished in the Taisho / Showa period. Currently, many art museums in Europe and the United States hold his works and evaluated highly so that his collection books have published.







The Traditional Woodblock Print Techniques that the World Admired!



The multicolor woodblock prints in Asian art magazine "Kokka" were created by the top *bori-shi* (who carve woodblock) and *suri-shi* (who print) in the middle of the Meiji period. These prints were highly evaluated as art works and in the late Meiji period, luxury art collection books such as the first art history book created by Japanese government for Paris Exposition, were created in the same style. These works which show the tremendous qualitie of Japanese *washi* paper or woodblock print techniques, had sent and won prizes at the Chicago, Columbus Exposition, Paris Exposition or so on.



Japanese Representative *E-shi* who Introduce the Beauty of Japan to the World

In the latter half of 19th century, world exposition became a big event to appeal culture or technology to the world. Since the Meiji government officially participated in the Expo at Vienna in 1873 for the first time, it sent many paintings along with crafts such as ceramics. Among those creators, despite being the representatives of Japan at that time, there are a lot of e-shi (paint artist) who had been forgotten at a later time and being re-evaluated at the present time. Among them, Watanabe Sētei was the first Japanese painter stayed in Paris in 1878 and interacted with Impressionist painters and art historians. We also introduce e-shi who represented Kyoto art circles as well as Shibata Zeshin, Ogata Gekkō and so on.





All images are traditional woodblock print works from the Meiji to the early Showa period, which are exhibited in the autumn exhibition.

"Hokusai Manga" and a Paint Monster Kawanabe Kyōsai



By International Exposition/Koson/Kacho-ga





"Hokusai Manga" which gave a great influence on Japonism was completed with the publication of the 15th volume in Meiji 11th. As a result of this, re-prints and re-publication had repeated in Japan and the popularity of Hokusai had rekindled and on the other hand, in the West, Kawanabe Kyōsai attracted attention as an object to realize Hokusai and *ukiyo-e* in real time.

