

Akemi Nakabori profile

●Name	Akemi NAKABORI
●Date of Birth	12/10/1985(28 years old)
●Horoscope	Libra
●My family	Husband-proud of his firm muscle / Son(4 years old)-mischievous / Daughter(10 months old)-always smiley / We often go to spa facilities near my home with family. Our children are excited with spacious bath tubs in the hot spring complex. I and my husband bath in the Sauna After that, we drink beer. This is the happiest moments in my daily life.
●Strong points	I can recover quickly from something unpleasant and go forward to the next. I can get over soon even if I experienced what I was annoyed.
●Weak points	I have a trend to have some delusion and megalomaniac dreams.
●Place of Birth	Onomichi-City, Hiroshima
●Hobby	Watching movies by rental video. The best movie I recognized is 'The Green Mile', starring Tom Hanks. In this movie, a big man found guilty of crime made many miracles in a prison with magical powers and eased everyone around him. However...Woops, I can't tell you about the rest of story. Please go to a rental video shop and have a look of this followed story .This footage reminds me of kindness to think about other persons.



●My best antique goods

I generally like china-the Shino and Oribe ware. As for the Oribe ware, I like a handled bowl the most in them. When I find pretty ones, I want to display them very much at my entrance hall. Concerning with the Shino ware, I love uneven surfaces of Onishino ware. The Oribe ware's design is so cute that I feel much tastier when I eat grilled fish with the Oribe square dishes. If I discover some pretty dishes, handled bowls and so on, I will coax the president of my firm into giving them .



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Daimyo Company Limited's goal is to become a time machine that can provide customers with an authentic account of Japanese history under the name of Yamatodamashii.

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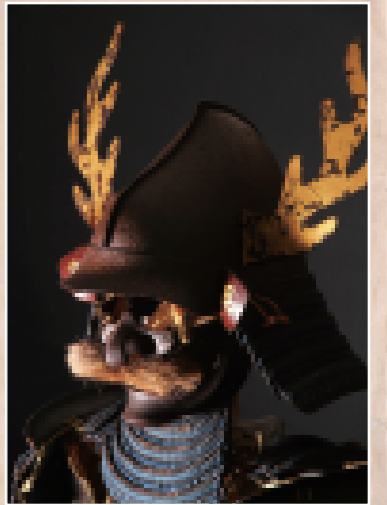
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In Japan, autumn is around the corner. It is recognized as 'an appetiteseason' in Japan. Many tasty foods are at peak in this season-autumn. Let's eat them a lot and charge energy in your body in order to be ready for 'chilly' winter.

I am going to tell you about 大和魂

I am Akemi NAKABORI—the writer of this column. I will address the armor (Hishiodoshi-ouhaku-nimai-dougusoku), which I think it is the coolest one in our company. When I take it at a glance, the most outstanding point is 'the helmet'. This metallic helmet and the atmosphere of antler's horn decorations are marvellous. I love this point very much.

The reason why these antler's-horn decorations were used is that a deer was considered to be a messenger of God, the vehicle of 'Kichizyouuten'. This God was believed to be defended from enemy's arrows. 'Kichizyouuten' was one of tutelary deities in Buddhism and a goddess. Now, the only goddess is the 'Benzaiten' in the Seven Gods of Good Fortune in Japan. At first, however, it was said the 'Kichizyouuten' had been in an original position. Because, though the 'Kichizyouuten' was worshipped by noble people, the 'Benzaiten' was admired by ordinary people and this goddess became more common.

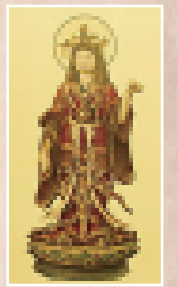


◆Shikakaku-Wakidatetsuki-Momonari-Kabuto

I will outline Tadakatsu HONDA and Nobushige SANADA (afterwards, he changed his given name to 'Yukimura'), as famous military commanders who wore the helmets with antler's-horn decorations. Both of them were known as brave generals. We can find an episode about Tadakatsu HONDA and deer. After one year of the battle at Okehazama where Nobunaga ODA attacked Yoshimoto IMAGAWA. Motoyasu MATSUOAIRA who changed his name to Ieyasu TOKUGAWA later ordered Tadakatsu to investigate next targeted places in advance. On his way returning to home, he failed to wade across a swollen river. Then, a deer appeared in front of him. This deer began to go cross that flooded river while he looked at it. At that moment, he noticed that there was a shallow to ford the river. He, finally, was able to pass through the river with safe. It is said that he believed the deer, a messenger from God, had rescued him and made this helmet with antler's-horn decorations. Tadakatsu HONDA had had no injuries at all during all of his combats. I guess he would be a really strong warrior. Nevertheless, in my opinion, he might have special bless from God.



◆Hishiodoshi-ouhaku-nimai-dougusoku

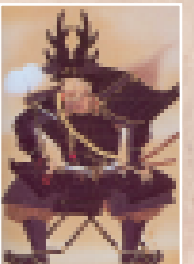


◆Kichizyouuten

The helmet with antler's-horn decorations Nobushige SANADA put on was thought to be inherited from Masayuki SANADA, his father. While it is my original assumption, wearing the helmets taking over from his father may enable him to be conscious of fighting together with his father. As for the SANADA family, the Rokumonsen(six one-mon coins), which was used as the designs of family crest, is well-known very much. This Rokumonsen is equal to the Rokudousen in Buddhism—six coins placed in a casket (said to be to pay the fare to cross the River Sanzu). These six coins were buried with dead bodies in a funeral. By using this design of family crest, Mr. SANADA would probably show the idea of 'Hushakushinmyou', his resolution that he was never afraid of the death in his daily life and war. Samurai warriors in the Sengoku period had high possibilities to be dead. Thus, they would like to wear clothes and other items to bring luckiness like creatures of the deer as above. The soldier who ordered this 'Hishiodoshi-ouhaku-nimai-dougusoku' armor and helmet would prayed for long-lasting good luck in battle and use the design of antler's-horn shape.



◆Yukimura SANADA



◆Tadakatsu HONDA

Customer's comments.

I like the newsletter and it's always interesting to see the people who you are dealing with also a face to a name. (Y -san)

Thank you send message. We glad to let you a face, and good deal now. Please enjoy our auction. (Mrs.Takako Shimatani)

Thank you for newsletter. I really respect that you are preserving history, and I enjoyed reading the stories. We hope to purchase from you again soon. The very best to you and your family. (O-san)

Thank you send message. I'm glad to read happily. The history which can be read pleasantly from now on is told. (Mr.Takashi Hanamoto)

We are very pleased, you and we talk about history at the newsletter. (Mrs.Takako Shimatani)

Newsletter very eye catching. I always look forward to reading it. Akemi, you took a great photograph! Please don't clean items too hard. 'The Hamon' is great photograph. I made a knife last week. I hope for good 'The Hamon'. (A san)

Thank you send message. I'm very pleased! Yes of course, I send an actual condition to you with a photograph. (Mrs.Akemi Nakabori)

Thank you send message. Please enjoy newsletter. We will be offer good newsletter always. (Mrs.Takako Shimatani)



The report of fireworks display at Onomich-my home town



How was this summer vacation? Fireworks are one of the Japanese summer traditions. Have you been to a fireworks display in this summer? Same as the last year, I went to the Sumiyoshi fireworks display in Onomichi, Hiroshima. In this fireworks display, various kind of fireworks(over 13,000)-submerged fireworks, a rapid-fire series of bursts called 'star-mines', rapid-fire fireworks, music fireworks, etc.-are spread all over the night sky every year. The total number of fireworks is not the most in Japan. But, when limited in the Chugoku region, it is the biggest same as the fireworks display of Kanmon Strait in Yamaguchi.

The history of this 'Sumiyoshi fireworks display in Onomichi' was very old. It was said that the beginning of it was since 1735, the middle of Edo era in Japan. This fireworks festival has had huge tradition.

Mr Kakuzaemon HIRAYMA, appointed the Machi-Bgyou(town magistrate) of Onomichi in the Edo era, built Sumiyoshihama after one year of his arrival at his post. He transferred Sumiyoshi shrine which had been previously placed in Onomichi Zyoudo temple to this Sumiyoshihama and made it a guardian of the port. The one of the purposes to hold the fireworks display was to praise his massive efforts. And gentlemen whose jobs were whole sellers of marine products in Onomich, known as a commercial town since long ago, wanted to pray for safety of sea traffic and prosperity of business. That was said to be another reason to hold this display. Therefore, the official name of fireworks display is named as 'Sumiyoshi Jinzya Taisai(Sumiyoshi Shrine Annual Big Festival). This festival is to dedicate fireworks to Sumiyoshi Shrine and invite the God.

Setting off fireworks is executed on boats. These ships are put almost perpendicularly toward Sumiyoshi Shrine. It targets that God will be able to get the best view of fireworks. I suppose the God at Sumiyoshi Shrine will probably enjoy it very much.

In the Edo period, this fireworks display was called as 'the Ryogoku fireworks display of West Japan' (Ryogoku fireworks display has been very famous in the Tokyo region, the East side of Japan) and was very brilliant. Now, we host this event and launch fireworks in order to wish not only safety of sea traffic and prosperity of business in Onomichi, the marine and commercial town, but also secured transportation of ground and air.

Since I studied the history of Onomichi and looked at fireworks, I prayed for the flourishes of Onomich and Japan and peace in the world with enjoying fireworks.

Then, I anticipate the chance our firm can keep in touch with our customers will continue forever . Shimatani



The Quiz Room of Takako

Thank you so much for reading this newsletter. I am going to give a quiz about 'Toshimichi OKUBO'. I got many feedbacks from readers about him. The CEO of our company was very delighted because he found that there were so many fans who were interested in the Japanese history. Now, this is the question:

Toshimichi OKUBO' is said to have built the base of () Japan. Do you remember it?

Please fill in the blank with an appropriate word. We are looking for your answer from my heart. You can send it by fax, e-mail and telephone. We are waiting for you!

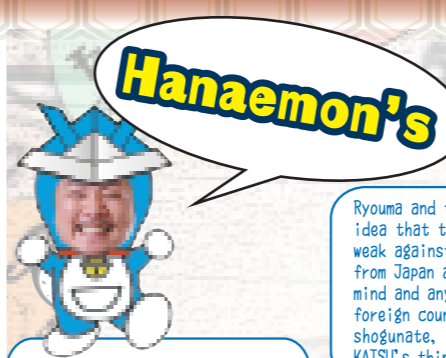
We will present rewards to three persons who get correct answers in all of applicants. The contents of rewards are as below

- *A small tea ceremony kit (you can get Maccha green tea easily)
- *Our company's Original teacup (we can print your name on the surface of it if you want)

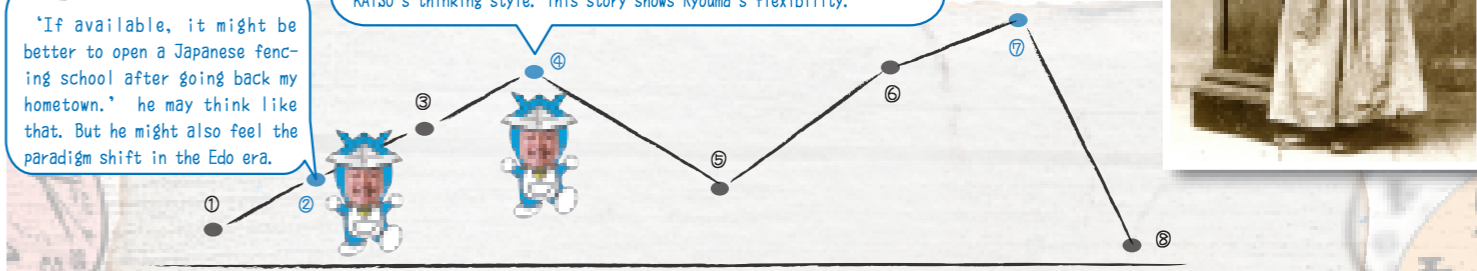
I am the man who has constructed the base of () Japan! You should answer this quiz! That is a must!



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Make you back in time



- ① The childhood- A dropout boy
- ② 18 years old-training Japanese fencing&the Perry' Expedition
- ③ 27 years old-becoming a lordless Samurai
- ④ 27 years old-encountering Kaishuu KATSU
- ⑤ 28-29 years old-abolishing the Marine's training school at Kobe
- ⑥ 30-31 years old-Satchou Alliance, Kameyama Shachu (company)
- ⑦ 32 years old-Taisei Houkan, the restoration of government to the emperor
- ⑧ 33 years old-assassinated

⑦ Taisei Houkan, the restoration of government to the crown-32 years old-

Ryouma wanted to avoid a civil war. So, he asked the Edo shogunate through Tosa Domain to submit Joso (memorial to the throne) of returning political power to the emperor. Yoshinobu TOKUGAWA, the 15th Shogun, accepted this offer and the administrative power were transferred from the Edo shogunate to the emperor.

※Tosa Domain, which needed to get momentum, had meeting with Ryouma who had had close relationship with Satsuma and Choushu Domain. Tosa Domain did not accuse Ryouma of the crime to become a lordless Samurai. Tosa Domain also acquired the Kameyama Shachu and changed into the organization of Tosa Domains. Its name was renamed as the Kaientai.

Tosa Domain killed many members of Tosa Kinnou party. Among Killed persons, Hanpeita TAKEICHI, the lower Samurai who had intimate ties with Ryouma, was included. Ryouma made himself calm down and joined hands together for the Japanese future. I believe he was a man of great capacity. He is the coolest Samurai!

※Ryouma thought not overthrowing the Edo shogunate by force but also toppling it by economical power was more effective and it made the Edo shogunate weaken naturally.

He had acquainted with bureaucrats of the Edo shogunate. That was the reason why he had the idea of collapsing the Edo shogunate by economic power.

After returning political power to the emperor, Ryouma wrote the candidate list of new government ministers and proposed it to the leaders of Satsuma Domain, Takamori SAIGOU, Toshimichi OKUBO, Tatewaki KOMATSU and so on. In this name list, the name of Ryouma was not described. SAIGOU felt it strange and asked him about it. Ryouma answered, 'Well, I am going to deploy the Kaientai to the world'.

I am convinced that this was the most attractive scene in Ryouma's life-not for private but for national interests. Ryouma combined forces with Tosa Domain, And Ryouma forced to complete the transition of political power from the Edo shogunate to the emperor in order to prevent from an intrenal war. But it was for the sake of 'Nation-Japan'. At that time, Ryouma had thrown away the concept of Domain and shogunate and strictly sought for the best for Japan. This story shows the political principles in his lifetime.

※Munemitsu MUTSU (the member of Kaientai), who made efforts to revise unequal treaties as the Foreign Minister (nicknamed as 'the sharp Minister'), got together with Ryouma at that moment and mentioned about this situation.

⑧ Assassinated-33 years old-

Ryouma was killed on 15/11/1867 at Omiya, Kyoto. This day was strangely his birthday. Both Ryouma and Shintaro NAKAOKA, a sworn friend, were attacked when they were talking together.

※they have no swords at that time because they tended to be about to use swords when their arguments heated-up.

※Even in this fight which had finished in a couple of minutes, Ryouma called NAKAOKA as an assumed name.

※The anti-Edo shogunate group did their activities with using false names.

※Ryouma was killed instantly. On the other hand, NAKAOKA told the circumstances of this battle before he passed away two days after.

*1868 was the beggning of Meiji period.

If not assassinated...

It is meaningless to imagine 'if.....' in history. But, if Ryouma had not killed and been alive till the Meiji era, he would have succeeded as a businessman who had founded a company existed until now, not a politician-I convince. Yotarou IWASAKI, the father of Mitsubishi Zaibatsu, was from Tosa Domain. He had lived in the same period of Ryouma and got huge influence from Ryouma. The company's rules of Mitsubishi Shoukai, the previous position of Mitsubishi Zaibatsu, were same as the ones of Kameyama Shachu made by Ryouma. The first business field of Mitsubishi Shoukai was same as Kameyama Shachu-agent business about trade and transportation. If Ryouma had been alive till the Meiji era, Sakamoto bank might have existed. Ryouma might have been a first-class politician and a superb merchant.

