

I will succeed our heritage Yamatodamashii to the future generation

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A relative of client passed away. He succeeded his relative's heritage and found many antique works of art. He wanted to give what he inherited to a person who would treat them valued. Then, he requested me to buy his heritage and I went to his certain residence.



1 Wow, a shrine in his site!!



2 I was able to find a warehouse just beside the shrine!!



3 When I opened a door,



4 I detected tons of treasures sleeping for long time.....



In these treasures, I got 'Kagero Makie Gomai Gusoku'. I brought it carefully and built Gusoku, armour. This armour was **very powerful** and Kagero Makie, gold lacquer of dragonfly, was also drawn in detail. I felt **something sophisticated** in it as well. And the state of preservation was so excellent. That meant client's ancestors had treated them with sufficient care. That fact moved me. This armour also told me the emotion that the client had respected his forefather very well. I had to succeed this feeling and send the Japanese heritage to the next generation in the future. I confirmed again that this was my occupation it was very important.



Is there anyone who wants, decorates beautifully and handles this armour with care? I will send some pictures of them. Please contact Nakabori.

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 FAX:+81 (0)848 29 3937 I am looking forward to your contact.

I have found a Samurai in an overseas country!!

The Second Edition!!

~What? The SAMURAI gym in a house?~

From Y's comment

Comment

Dear Takako Shimatani
 Thank you for sending newsletter.
 I read your newsletter.
 I have also samurai gym. Arigato

I received a reply as above. Mr. Y is now living in Russia! Wow!! He is said to build 'the Samurai gym!!', not an ordinary gym, in his house! He always has training in this gym with his son who plays Karate. Please take care of yourself from now on and train your body well



And I am looking forward to Y's pictures again. Thank you, Mr.Y.

How about this Yamatodamashii? We need your opinions and feedbacks more. We are waiting for them!

Please write as 'Sub: reply to the newsletter' and send it to us



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The Philosophy of Daimyo Company Limited. Under our slogan of 'We deliver the YAMATODAMASHII', the Daimyo Ltd offers information about the Japanese history and antique goods and aims at guiding our customers to the old Japanese world by fulfilling our customers demands to antique gears.

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Long-cherished fishing sillago!

The annual fishing event by boat!! The president was previously unable to wait for summer and we used to go fishing only for black rockfish. But, at last, we were finally capable of fishing sillago this year. As 13 years had been passed since the foundation of firm in this year, Hanaemon, the president, said to us that he would give 'the Hanaemon Prize' to a person who would caught the 13th fish. Absolutely, I thought I had to catch the 13th fish by any means.



A small battle to get a good fishing point

I did it!!



Shimatani shouted, 'I got it!!!' immediately after starting fishing. And I also felt some fish was biting after that soon. The moment I took a fish, I had shouted, 'I got it!' without even thinking as well. Since then, I and Shimatani took fishes again and again. This scene that we got many fishes frustrated him.

President: 'It is very unfair! Absolutely, this fishing point is not good! Please swap your position to me!' He robbed my position and got a hit shortly!

← 'Now, the cause of no getting is a fishing point!' He seemed to be satisfied.

After that, his momentum did not stop. He got it, got it and got it in again and again!

Nakabori's shout in her mind: 'Oh no! The reason of getting so many fishes is the point?'

With some luck bought by the God, the president finally caught the 13th fish, too. When he looked at me, he said, 'I got the Hanaemon Prize!' with full of joy. So, I said a small sarcastic comment, 'Great for you, Boss! The man who has excellent abilities is different from others!', to him.

How disappointing!

Skipper's ideal

A skipper cooked our lunch, which was ordinary meals for fishermen. The meals he cooked with fresh ingredients were so tasty. The moment I was eating them with feeling sea breeze was very luxurious. I took Miso soup. But, it was so tasty that I had forgotten to taken a photo of it.

He saw the scene that we were eating his served foods very happily and said to us, 'I never permit guests who have unpleasant faces without getting any fishes. I am not a fisherman. This boat is a pleasure boat. Even if guests can catch no fish, I would like them to enjoy riding my boat and going back to home in high spirits. The sight my guests enjoy very much pleases me very much'. He showed what he thought in his hot heart. By the way, he took us to the Dash Island when I went fishing for black rockfish for the first time and did not catch so many fishes. I called back this memory. His causal kindness made me happy. Since that time, I became a fanatic fan of the skipper who had a faithful mind 'to make my customers joyful'. I wanted to make efforts everyday to let my clients pleased and smile. I will definitely get the 'Hanaemon Prize' next year.



Fatty Amberjack Sashimi



Tai-Meshi



The Dash island

Shimatani was frolicking on the boat!



I and the president were exhausted by fishing and had sleeps, casting side glances at her.



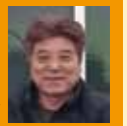
So many sillago like these

In this sailing, we used the Kazumaru Tourism as well

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 Kazumaru Tourism

The skipper, Mr. Shimatani. →



Eco-person.

Hello! I am Takako SHIMATANI.

Best wishes for the summer season. How are you getting along with this hot weather in summer? I always stay in an air-conditioned room and spend my time in the well-cooled space. How did the Japanese people who lived in the Edo period 400 years ago keep off the summer heat?

Anti-heat measure #1 Warm white rice

The time before 30 minutes from sunrise was called 'Ake Muttu'. Since the slightly dark time, people in the Edo Period began to be ready for breakfast. They cooked rice only once in the morning in a day. They were able to eat warm rice only when they took breakfast. I feel it is a pity.

Different from now, controlling fire for cooking rice near kitchen stoves with a lot of heat and smoke was a tough job. For the people at that time, it seems to be natural to finish doing it before the time the sun and temperature was so high.

Anti-heat measure #4 A Japanese summer tradition in Edo.

After coming back home, the people in Edo ran a bath outside and bathed in the open air. They washed their bodies with cold water. It is now called cold bath. They made a line of tubs in front of their houses and took a quick bath in washtubs in summer. It was tradition in Edo.

I need to soak a warm bath and get relaxed. But, there were frequent fires at that time. So, they were said to be prohibited to have a warm bath at home.



Anti-heat measure #2 It is getting bright

They 'sprinkled water' on streets and/or garden. In order to get good ventilation, 'bamboo blinds' and 'mosquito nets' were spread and all windows were left open.



Anti-heat measure #5 Natural BGM

The people in Edo got out of hot rooms and heard sounds of 'cicadas' and 'bell crickets' in the cool of evening. Then, when they got winds, they also heard the sound of 'wind bells', which made them feel cool.

'A wind bell' born in China was not for hearing a tone. It was not made of glasses before. Piping pockets were allegedly hung in a bamboo forest and told fortune tellers by wind directions and colours of sounds. This was an origin of wind bell. The wind bell was exported to Japan with the Buddhism. Then, it came to be used as 'a charm'. Since 1700s, the wind bell made of glass was appeared. In addition, ordinary people began to hung it under the eaves and enjoyed it easily in the last days of the Tokugawa regime. By the way, The first 'wind bell' made of glass was said to cost 3,000,000 in current Japanese Yen! Then, it is said that the name of wind bell is 'Fukin', not 'Furin'



Anti-heat measure #3 Anti heat-stroke

Till sunset, the people at that time ended their works and had some drinks at caf. They were said to drink 'amazake', 'ameyu'-a drink containing thick malt syrup and 'mugiyu'- a hot drink brewed from



parched barley, not 'beer'. Since ice was very expensive in the Edo period, it was said that they took these hot drinks without cooling them down. This custom seemed to be hot. But, strangely, they allegedly were capable of extinguished summer heat immediately by drinking hot water in summer.

Because of this, 'amazake' and 'ameyu'-a drink containing thick malt syrup' were very popular, not cold drinks. The people in the Edo period understood at that time that it was not good for their health to cool internal organs in summer and taking 'salt' and 'sugar' without forgetting was vital. I recognized this fact again.

Anti-heat measure #6 Sunset is approaching.

The people at that time sprinkled water in front of houses. They lined chairs up, had a chat and enjoyed the cool of the evening. They had a cool time in the evening with fanning. I guess they seemed to be very relaxed.

In this article, I took you back in the Edo period from the viewpoint which was different from ordinary articles. What do you feel about it? The average temperature at that time was cooler than now by five degrees in Celsius. But I think feeling of hot was not so different from now. The people at that time took a strong step to cope with heat in summer. I recognized the greatness of ancient people again. They enjoyed summer by the sounds as well as cool winds and foods. On this point, I feel they were superb. Then, above all, they were very good at using time efficiently. They spent eco-lives-I have such an opinion. I will travels back to the Edo era and be an ecology person this summer as well. I am going to describe about the result of my eco-life in the next article. I hope your expectation.



Hanaemon's

I am going to Make you Back in time

Hello! It is now in the peak of summer heat. How have you been doing? I am going to make you back in time of HOT MAN in hot summer! The name of 'HOT MAN' reminds me of Mr. Shoin Yoshida(1830-1859).



'Shoin Yoshida'



A genius at Matsumoto Village

Shoin Yoshida was born in Matsumoto village, Hagi Castle town, Choshu (currently, Hagi-shi, Yamaguchi prefecture) as the second son of Yurinosuke Sugi, a feudal retainer of Choshu Domain. After that, he became an adopted child of Uncle Taisuke Yoshida, a teacher of military school in Choshu Domain. But Taisuke passed away suddenly. So, he took over the head of the family when he was six years old. Since same Uncle Bunnoshin Tanaki also gave him a strict education, he delivered his lecture to a feudal lord. There was a genius in Matsumoto village-it was widely known.



Bunnoshin who taught Shoin instructed Maresuke Nogi, his relative and an army general, as well.

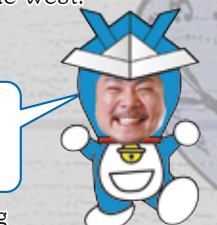


He did very well in the Russo-Japanese War and was called 'General Nogi'.

An extreme hard worker and man of action

He got information that the Qing dynasty, a country who had governed China and Mongolia, was invaded by the West. He thought it was impossible to protect Japan from Europe and America by Japanese knowledge only. He went to Kyushu region and Edo in order to study about the West. He would go to Tohoku area for studying. He made a departure without a pass from his feudal domain in order to keep a due day of arrival promising to his friends.

His act was 'Dappan', 'becoming a lordless samurai'. It was a serious crime. It meant that a retainer gave up his lord and abandoned his feudal clan..... 'I want to study! I want to Keep a promise! I want to protect Japan!' - His emotion was too strong.



Moreover, he thought that studying abroad was quicker and better than studying in Japan and was going to ride a Russian warship. But, he failed. He made a good success in ride an US Navy's warship. But the US navy rejected his boarding and he was unsuccessful.



'A Japanese man has curiosity and a desire to learn and get knowledge even though he bleached rigorous rules. This Japanese character shows that the future of this country will be fulfilled with dreams and hopes.' I can find this description in the voyage in arrival at Japan by Commodore Perry, too.



Hot and straight to the end

The incident that the Tokugawa shogunate concluded a treaty with a foreign country without any permission by the Emperor had enraged Shoin. He planned to assassinate men in important posts. But he was unable to carry it out. He came to receive a criminal investigation about the relationship with Unpin Umeda who criticized the Edo shogunate and was arrested. He spoke about the plan of assassination which was not questioned. He was put in a jail and killed by decapitation.



It is said that the reason why he talked about the plan of assassination was that he thought he was able to speak directly his opinion to important persons of Edo shogunate about their politics. There is Shoin's famous words: 'Shiseinishite UgoKazarumonoha Imada Kore Narazarunari' It means 'If you do your best faithfully, everyone always support you' He expected that those who were in a high position in Tokugawa shogunate would have understood what he said if he had done his best and speak frankly. While there might be another different way to tell his opinion to them, his death caused resolutions of Shoin's pupils as a result. In 1867, eight years later, the Edo shogunate was collapsed and the Meiji era began since 1868.

Genzui Kusaka, one of Shoin's pupils, remained one episode. Takamori Saigo, one of Ishin (the Restoration) Sanketsu, who led to the Meiji Restoration, said: 'Some people say I have a slight achievement of the Meiji Restoration. But, without Genzui Kusaka, other seniors and feudal lords, even I could not sit at the foot of the table.' Takamori Saigo who said he was inferior to Shoin's disciple. If Shoin had not been existed, the Edo shogunate would not have broken down and the modernization of Japan would not have stepped forward.

