

I find the Samurai in overseas!!



The 4th Edition!!

~such a near place~

Hi Takako

From A's comment

I got my wooden statue of Kwan-yin and found a nice place for her in my home. She is very very damage but I like her very much. I hope the insects don't continue to eat the wood or one day she may disappear (ha ha)!!!! I read the newsletter you sent this week. I liked the Eco person of Edo story. We can learn a lot from them.

Thank you - A-san



The best position to place this statue!

This room seems to have an oriental atmosphere. But, Mr. A is living, wow, in Japan. Mr. A's English mails are always easy to understand. I appreciate his sending them. I am thankful that he likes my article about the Eco persons. I hope I can offer interesting information rapidly through the newsletters from now on. I am waiting for your feedbacks. And, anyway, I expect your statue will not have disappeared due to insects which eat it. I am looking forward to seeing you some day

Shimatani



Feedbacks from our customers

From H's comment (Fukui Prefecture)

I happily read the article about the Soma Nomaioi wild horse chase festival in the last newsletter. I always have some questions about the purpose of using a hairpin. Was it an ear pick? Was a separated hairpin used as a pair of chopsticks? If you have some information about it, please write it as an article.

~Thank you~ To be sure, I am interested in the detailed use of a hairpin and a knife attached to the sheath of sword as well. Shimatani is going to write about it in the next article of 'the story about YAMATODAMASHII'. Nakabori I will do my best to give you something informative. Shimatani

Replies to this feedback

From I's comment (Fukushima Prefecture)

Thank you for your sending me the newsletter. I gave you my comments because your article about the Soma Nomaioi wild horse chase festival was very good. Please visit this festival next year, too. I am a Samurai who has been attending this event for 22 years. I am looking forward to your following this event which has continued for over 1000 years.

~Thank you~ Since I will go there next year, I expect your support.

I have heard an opinion from Hanamoto, which is that understanding the meaning of family crest on hata-sashi-mono (battle flags) makes you easy to understand who a horseman is. So, please tell me about it. I am looking forward to meeting you very much!! Nakabori

Replies to this feedback

From Mr.K's comment (Oita Prefecture)

I received a newsletter and was very surprised at the article of grinder in a foreign country. I have never imagined such a thing. I recognized that I should study English conversation as well as training for grinding skills

~Thank you~ A lot of Japanese antiques, tradition and spirits are delivered to foreign countries. That makes me very happy! I will offer the merits of Japan to overseas countries from now on!! Shimatani

Replies to this feedback

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

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Greetings

I really appreciate your continued favour to 'the Daimyo Company Limited' constantly. Time flies and there is only a few remaining in 2016. How are you doing? This year has only a little time left. But, let's enjoy our daily life together uninterruptedly. We pray for your best year in 2017, the next year as well.

Making it thin and long.....

While it was a little bit early as an event of year-end, my family made Toshikoshi-soba (buckwheat noodles eaten on New Year's Eve). It is said that a custom to make it became established in Japanese people around 1814 (Edo period).

Other origins of Toshikoshi-soba

○Many people believed that buckwheat noodles had an effect to detoxify internal organs.

- A goldsmith used buckwheat flour in order to collect gold dust and silver powder and extend gold foil and silver film. So, buckwheat noodles were treated as lucky charm to get money.
- Japanese people prayed that family relationship would continue for long periods.
- Buckwheat noodles were easy to cut. So, Japanese people expected that disasters in this year would not repeat next year.
- Buckwheat noodles were thin and long. Thus, they wished for long and extended lives

*Because of same shapes, buckwheat noodles given to one's new neighbours after moving in has same meaning as saying best regards to neighbours forever.

Opinions are divided. I eat these noodles every year in order to pray for my long life. By the way, about the 50% of Japanese households eat Toshikoshi-soba in New Year Eve.



Mixing flour and buckwheat flour with water



My four-year-old son was also mixing with full power.



It became bigger



My cutting skills were so poor. Noodles became thick and short. I was afraid my life might be also short like these noodles.....



My son spread



What I cut.....



We enjoyed our Soba

My son made it by his own hands. So he also ate these noodles in high speed powerfully. Some regions eat them in New Year's Day and/or cook them in various ways. There are allegedly different customs in Japan about Toshikoshi-soba 'In our area, we eat it like this'. If you have unique styles in your regions, please tell me about them. I am waiting for your reports (^◇^).

Like Buckwheat noodles, I appreciate long relationship with my customers from now on. Then, have a good New Year! Handamoto

'We win against cold winter!'

Hello! I am Akemi Nakabori. Terribly cold winter season still continue. How is your health condition? How did the people who did not have electricity live in such chilly winter?

The story about Yamatodamashii

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The history of heater

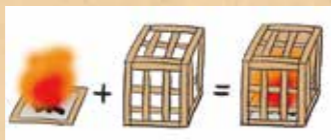
1. A hearth



The origin of heater

2. Kotatsu

Since the Muromachi period, the people at that time set up a scaffold over a hearth, covered with a futon and got warm.



3. A wooden brazier



A heater which was most commonly used as an equipment to keep off the cold was a wooden brazier. In the Edo period, all of the earth was in the small glacier period. So, this was naturally used as a heater, a kettle, a toaster for rice cakes and a stove to cook hotpot for one person. It is very useful equipment

4. Onzyaku



Stones were heated with fire or/and hot water, etc. The people at that time wrapped them with clothes, etc. and attached them to their bodies. They were portable like hand warmers when going out. So, they were very convenient. Except Onzyaku, red pepper was generally used as a portable heater. The people at that time put it on their bodies and/or socks in order to keep off the cold. Red pepper had some warm effects like a hot water bottle when the people went to bed.

5. Extra edition



The best way to get warm without using heaters and money was, after all, layered wearing. Wearing a lot of clothes and piling up many Futons—these methods had no possibility of causing fire.

These pictures are only sample images

I am going to make you back on the table of Edo period!!

In the Edo period, one of popular menu in cold winter season was 'Negima hotpot', whose ingredients were **tuna** and **leeks**. Tradition has it as follows: 'Eating leeks enables you to cure a cold.' 'If you take leeks, you won't catch a cold.' The people at that time thought whether they were able to eat the fatty cut of tuna which was easily perishable and treated as ineligible in some ways. Then they cogitated and created this dish.



I tried to cook it, 'Negima hotpot by a wooden brazier'



In spite of simple seasoning, fat of tuna soaked in to leeks. The more I bit, the more the taste of ingredients spread in my mouth. This hotpot was very delicious. When I almost had finished eating, I got as warm as I had put off my jacket. I felt men of other days saved well and spent their eco-friendly lives. They were very eco-people. I will make my body warm by eating hot foods and by doing exercise, without depending on electric heaters too much. And I am going to overcome this cold winter.

- Ingredients (for 2 persons)**
 Tuna(toro), Leeks, Soybean Cakes
 Bonito stock-500ml
 Soy Sauce-100ml
 Japanese Sake-100ml



Why don't you make yourself back on the table of Edo Period and take Negima hotpot?

Wooden braziers like Daimyo hibachi (hibachi made for feudal lords) and ordinal braziers are available in our shop for customers who want to enjoy winter with using braziers. Please contact us at any cost.

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We also provide the detailed recipe of Negima hotpot if you want. We are waiting for your contacts:-).
 By Nakabori



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Bon Festival Gifts
 For special regular customers only

With our mind of 'thank you always!', we sent some Bon Festival gifts to domestic and overseas customers. I received some feedbacks from them. So, I will introduce them to readers.

For customers in abroad, we dispatched Japanese calligraphy pens.



Mr. Jean from France.

Wow, I got it in the morning yesterday. I was so surprised! I am very happy to get a Japanese calligraphy pen. What I wrote is Yoshi and Tada(CHU).

Thank you always, Jean-san! (^-^)
 Your drawing SUMIE is very beautiful, so we decorated on the wall. Please drawing some good SUMIE.



Mr. Karsten from Germany.

Since I was on vacation, it took a lot of time to get it. This excellent present surprised me. I really appreciate the Daimyo's special kindness from my heart. Thank you!

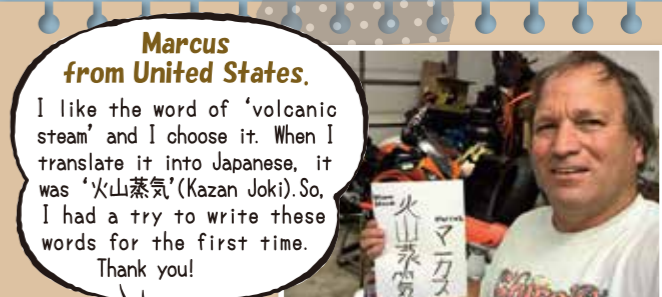
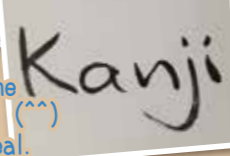
Thank you always!
 How about your vacation? You wrote [友情] that very well. I'm looking forward to continue deal.



Mr. H from Netherland.

Thank you so much for your amazing gift. I am a painter for a water-colour painting and also like a black-and-white painting very much. I wrote a KANJI. I am really happy. Thank you!

Thanks writing [Kanji] and send me I would like to see your painting. (^-^)
 I'm looking forward to continue deal.



Marcus from United States.

I like the word of 'volcanic steam' and I choose it. When I translate it into Japanese, it was '火山蒸気'(Kazan Joki). So, I had a try to write these words for the first time. Thank you!

Thank you always!
 [火山蒸気]. Very hard Kanji. But you wrote it very well. Please be carefully drive a track.

Other comments:

- I got a nice present. Thank you! That makes me happy. (Mr. A from Italy)
- I received a Japanese calligraphy pen. I will try it with my girlfriend at once. (Mr. A from Austria.)
- Thank you for your great pen. I expect a nice deal with your company at any cost again. (Mr. R from the United States)
- I got a Japanese calligraphy pen. This is very interesting. (Mr. D from Switzerland)
- I accepted your gift. My children were interested in a black-and white painting and so on. So, they were very happy. Thank you! (Mr. J from France)
- Thank you for your marvellous present. Since I will have a travel in Japan next year, I am going to make it sure to visit your office to meet you. (Mr. A from France)
- We got a post mail of 'thank you' (Mr. A from Germany)

For customers in Japan, we shipped Daimyo's original chopsticks, adding our hopes to eat a lot of rice and to be able to win against hot summer with energy.



It is not a picture I am eating. But my mind to show the thankfulness to your company makes this image. I am looking forward to the long-term relationship with you.
 Mr. J. T. from Okayama Prefecture

I surely received 'chopsticks', what you sent as a Bon Festival gift. I still keep 'the chopsticks' with great care, now. Ten years have been already passed since my mandatory retirement. My wife strongly forces me to begin to sort out my swords and general armours which I have been collecting for long years and I start to do it gradually. But, I am unable to stop buying swords and/or general armours in Yahoo Auctions (e-bay). I have nowadays checked other gears except swords and/or general armours, tendered, made successful a bid and bought them. I happily take a look at every article of 'the story about 'YAMATODAMASHII' sent by your company. I pray that Mrs. Nakabori will take care of herself and spend a healthy life.
 Mr. M. K. from Chiba Prefecture.



While I am now taking some intervals, I play a game with wearing a great helm. (I think you can get it by searching with the words of SGA, Avalon and Tintagel in the YouTube.)

Since I like Japanese armour as well, I collect them for reference to create them.
 From pen-name Jail



I had a lot of comments and feedbacks. But due to the limited spaces of this newsletter, I have failed to publish all of them. Thank you very much to all of our readers.