

Hello! This is Akemi Nakabori
I got a question from Mr./Mrs. T. That is 'what is the thing like a label on the chest of body in armour? Is that an ornament? I would like to know about it in detail.' I am going to explain them, Sendanno-ita and Kyubino-ita.

The story about
Yamatodamashii
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The characteristics of big armour

In the battles of Heian period, horses were mainly used. Since samurai warriors were able to protect almost all of bodies with big armour, it was most suitable to a cavalry battle.



For what?

Right-Sendanno-ita **Left-Kyubino-ita**

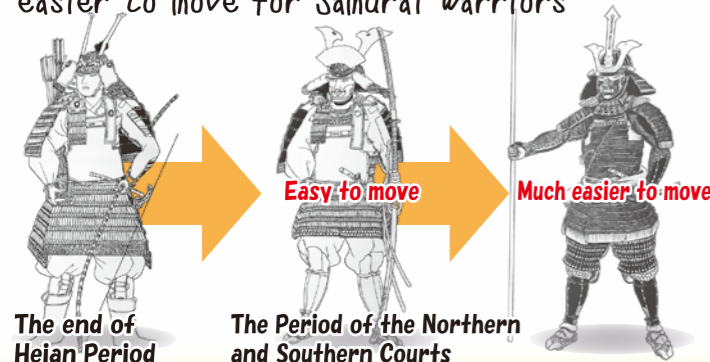


When Samurai warriors moved swords to the top, they had some gaps at the top of right armpit. Sendanno-ita filled up the gap and protected this space. It was consisted of a couple of pieces like Kozane and Odoshi, armour platelet, not one piece, because Samurai warriors did not felt them an obstacle by being bendable when raising swords or drawing bows by their right hands.

There are a couple of uncovered spaces by both sides of front body. These two parts were added in order to protect vitals spots.

When Samurai warriors moved forward their right hands which supported bows, huge gaps were appeared. So, they got Kyubino-ita in order to cover and protect the gaps. It was made of iron.

Afterwards, the main style of battles had changed from cavalry battles to close combats in group. According to this trend, these two parts had also changed to parts easier to move for Samurai warriors



I recognized that the two parts were designated and produced in order to be easy to battle and to protect the bodies. I did not imagine that they were not the essentials so far. However, I suppose many solders might be saved by Sendanno-ita and Kyubino-ita. They were indispensable. What do you feel about it, Mr./Mrs.T? They were important parts to protect lives, not decorations. I am likely to talk about Gyoyo which is similar to Sendanno-ita and Kyubino-ita in the next article.



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

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The Philosophy of Daimyou Ltd.

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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.

Feedbacks from our customers

From Sasaki's comment

I received a letter from my client. So, I am going to introduce it.

I am Sasaki who made a successful bid for 'Kaneshige-saku', a short sword. Though I am 31 years old which means I am young, I am now studying swords. When I travelled Aizu, Fukushima Prefecture, in my elementary school days with my family, I knew the story of 'Byakkotai'. That made me a fan of Japanese history. Then, my grandfather who had worked in Old Japanese Imperial Navy and loved swords taught me the beauty, manner and attitude for swords. If I could, I wish I would like to receive his beloved sword. But, I had no legal right of succeeding it. I do not know where it is, now.

Actually, before I bought swords from Mr. Hanamoto, I purchased some other swords. But, most of them did not have enough value as an exhibitor had estimated. They were far from calling as favourite swords. (although I value them.....) When I searched for swords, my grandfather told me strictly as below: 'If you treasure Japanese swords, you should study how to take care of them with short swords and pay attention to one stroke of swords.' Then, when I was searching for a short sword, 'a Kaneshige-saku' caught my eyes. Honestly, there are over 30 sword smiths called Kaneshige. But I bought this Kaneshige without considering whether it was a real sword produced in Muromachi Period or not. But when I got it in my hands actually, I found the feature of Kaneshige made in Muromachi Era. It fascinated me soon. At the same time, I felt historical **roman** in the favourite sword with my hands. And I was aware of building the strong relationship with Mr. Hanamoto, an exhibitor. I am going to obey what my grandfather told and appreciate this favourite sword, 'Kaneshige-saku'. Even if it is a sword of national treasure, even if it is expensive, even if it is cheap, this sword is the most important sword for me. My grandfather advised me; 'when you sit upright, your face showing on the blade of sword expresses what you are thinking honestly.' I felt my father seemed to appear in front of me with looking at his sword.

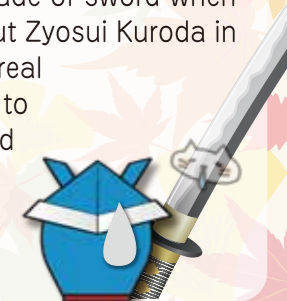
Currently, I have three family members: my wife, five-year daughter and three-year son. When my children learn social studies and Japanese history at schools in the future, the Kaneshige will play an important role in my children feeling some **interests and/or roman** as teaching materials from ancestors. I will use it correctly and treat it as a live work of art. It will become what supports me mentally. By the way, my favourite military commander is Zyosui Kuroda (Kanbee) because Nobunaga Oda, Hidesyohi Toyotomi and other various military commanders had trained him by letting him solve difficult problems. As a result, he became famous all over Japan. This way of his life is similar to the process of making swords. I would like to respond Mr. Hanamoto's passion and wrote this mail. I ask for your continued cooperation. Please excuse my poor English.



Mr. Sasaki, thank you for your polite mail. I really appreciate it. I can feel Mr. Sasaki's affection towards Japanese swords. The story you have treasured your grandfather's lesson moved me. So, actually, I also had a look at 'the face showing on the blade of sword when sitting upright'. I might see it dimly a little bit. Is it my imagination...? I will mention about Zyosui Kuroda in the article of 'Hanaemon' 'Teaching materials from ancestors', 'As mirrors showing your real appearance', 'As things to be able to feel the roman of history' From now on, I would like to devote my life to the pursuit of my faith so that Mr. Sasaki who values Japanese sword favours me. The mail makes my appearance as well as my mind organized and neat. I am very grateful of you.

I kindly ask for your continued relationship from now on.

Hanamoto



I travelled in the four prefectures in Tohoku Region!

Hello! This is Takako Shimatani.

The hot summer is still going on. How is your daily life? At the end of August, when the summer vacation is almost near to the end, I went back to my mother's hometown with my president who was my younger brother and my family!

Day 1... Akita prefecture

We arrived at Odate-shi, the town of Hinai chicken, in Akita prefecture without accident.

The air was so clean and the sound of river made me pleasant. It is a calm place, here. I had tasty hot pot with rice sticks, chicken and vegetables and grilled chicken at night. The Tsukune (meatballs) made of Hinai Chicken was so marvellous. And I drank 'Hinaidori', a local Japanese sake produced in this area deliciously.



Day 2... Aomori prefecture

We headed to Owani hot spring (Aomori) by train



By train, about 30 minutes

In front of the train station, we found a footbath. Since the temperature of water in the footbath was so high, our children failed to soak their feet in it :-). We visited Wanicome Hot Spring near this station. I was



Hot!

Hot!

so surprised at the water temperature of this hot spring. In my place, Onomichi where I live in, the temperature is between 38 and 40 degrees in Celsius. But this hot spring was 42 or 43 degrees in Celsius, which meant a little bit higher and slightly hot because the area this hot spring was settled was a chilly place. I dipped into it and relaxed myself.

'Owani hot spring's bean sprouts' which are grown by the natural hot water in Owani Onsen are well-known. I ate ramen noodles which contained them. The crunchy texture was really excellent. I am likely to be an addict of them.



This crunchy texture is absolutely wonderful!

About 30cm in length



Day 3... Returning to Akita prefecture

I tried a rail bike.

The rail bike is a vehicle like a bicycle. It runs on disused rail tracks and a person pedals like a bicycle. Occasional rainfall stopped as well when our children rode it. It was not hot and very pleasant. As far as the eye could see, the green trees were spread. It was like one scene of movie 'Princess Mononoke'. While we passed on rail tracks, the most astonished situation was on a bridge. We could see there was nothing under the bridge. I shouted a couple of words like 'almost going down!', 'my heart's beating!!.' But the third daughter had a big smile. Our children were very enjoyable.



'Yeah! Good!'



Tonburi
Eating with mixing Chinese yam.



Boiled rice with fish and vegetables mixed in advance. The broth of Hinai chicken was contained. Black beans and chips of apples were included.

Day 4... From Iwate to Miyagi prefectures

We visited 'Yabuya', a noodle restaurant serving Wanko Soba. The restaurant was established in 1923 in Iwate prefecture.



Yabuya main restaurant



I was so surprised the fact that there were various kinds of spices for Soba noodles.



'Yes, I am going to eat!' Without using a variety of spices, I kept on eating...



President's serious face!
'I will eat 100 cups!'



The third daughter, Fuka
'I am going to eat a lot.'



The second daughter, Haruka
'This calm face'



The first daughter, Honoka
'It is enough!'

The results

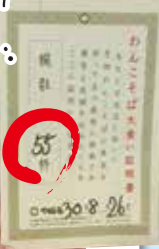
The first daughter... 18 cups
The third daughter... 17 cups
The second daughter... What? 32 cups

I, her mother, was so stunned because such a small body of 8-year-old daughter was able to get a large amount of soba noodles!

As for me.....

By the way, ten cups of Wanko soba noodles are equal to one cup of ordinary Soba noodles. The historical record of 'All Japan Wanko Soba Contest' which competes how many cups of Wanko soba noodles each participant can eat in five minutes is allegedly '258 cups'.

The president who had been eager to eat more than one hundred cups ate... 67 cups (unfortunately). How about the taste? As I paid attention to eat it, I did not remember it :-).



Beef tongue in Miyagi



In spite of eating full, I went to Miyagi in order to eat beef tongue in Miyagi. That was the best because it was very thick!

The tower of burdock



The president's first son, Mutusta 'Isn't it so cool?'

Tasting local Japanese Sake



'Raw sea squirt' is said to be unavailable at Onomich and allegedly called as 'a pineapple at sea!'

Sea squirt Sashimi



The best for Sake

Day 5... Returning home

I was able to see Mt. Fuji.



You should not put your face from the window of airplane!

We arrived at Hiroshima safely. That was fast 5 days. We enjoyed eating rather than sightseeing. We had the summer vacation with eating many tasty foods this year. Where will we go the next summer holiday?

'This place is very precious and tasty' 'My place is so excellent. So, how about heading there?' etc... If you have some recommendation for travel destinations, please tell me away! I am looking forward to them.

