



# Daimyo Feudal Lord,

When it comes to autumn, it is the best season for reading books!

## the name of my firm, goes bankruptcy!?

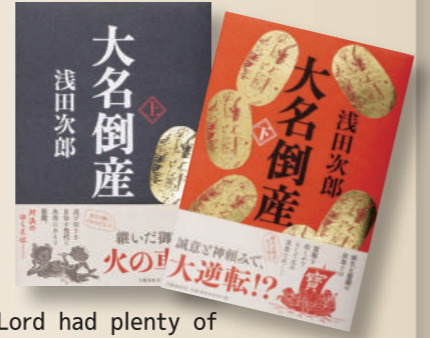
The books Hanaemon recommends

### Oh No!



During the period of staying indoors voluntarily because of the outbreak of COVID-19, I had enough time to read novels like the winners of Reader's Award. The book I am going to introduce is not a prize-winning work. But when I saw its title, I felt 'though it is unlucky, I will read it' and took it.

'The bankruptcy of Feudal Lord (Vol1&2)'  
Author: Jiro Asada



### Story outline

In the long and peaceful times of Edo Era, a family of Feudal Lord (Daimyo) had an accumulated debt. The total amount of debt was too much to clear it steadily. The successor whose family of Feudal Lord had plenty of deficit was the fourth son whose father had flirted a certain woman and made her give birth. There was a battle between Matsudaira Izuminokami Nobufusa who was ridiculously serious and his father who was going to aim at intentional bankruptcy with forcing this son to take responsibility. In this battle, followers of this family and Seven Gods of Good Fortune joined this story. They were in uproar ....

This book is a historical comedy with nice tempo. Some social customs at that time are written in it. I can easily imagine the scenes from the detailed description. Those who like Japanese history may like this book. When I read the book, I got some small laugh and sometimes I got tears. I really enjoyed this book. Though it is a thick book, I had finished reading it in the blink of an eye. I hope you to read this book as well without fail.



### Feedbacks from our customers

I read the article about Kosanji Temple nostalgically. I was born in 1970 and named from Kosanji Temple. So, I have visited the temple twice by myself. Before that, I went to the temple with my family. No Hill of Mirai Shin was built at that time in my memory. Since it is very easy to access the temple by car now, I will make a trip there after ending the outbreak of COVID-19.  
From M, at Tokushima

The cheerful appearance of three persons gave me powerful energy. Whenever I read your articles about the blade patterns, I always say, 'I see....' and admire them. I am looking forward to your next newsletter as well. Thank you!  
From S, at Hyogo



Thank you! You said, 'the cheerful appearance of three persons gave you powerful energy'. But what you said also encouraged me. From now on, we will show our cheerful scenes and deliver useful information about Japanese antique to our customers. We will do our best!

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 Daimyou Ltd.

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.

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, it was very difficult to go traveling.

First of all, getting a fire

I used a fire starter which was almost same as a flint of modern society, not a lighter and try to stir the fire. My son tried to rub the fire stater again and again with ticking sounds. He failed to ignite successfully and kept on trying it for 15 minutes. ...Finally, he was able to light.

## So, We went Camping.

Hello! This is Akemi Nakabori.

Now, we can feel that autumn is around the corner little by little. What do you do this autumn?



Very difficult to get a fire....



Wow, I got it! I got it!



My son was using a bamboo blow-pipe in order to protect the fire.

I have cooked beer can chicken as a main dish.

- The recipe of beer can chicken is as below:
- 1.Remove organs of chicken
  - 2.Put a beer can which contains a half quantity of beer into the empty space
  - 3.Make it stand and roast it in a covered grill



It so huge! Surprised!

The dish is quite wild BBQ cuisine. My children began to ignite with a fire starter and cooked the beer can chicken from the scratch. Because of them, they recognized the lives and greatness of ingredients again. They enjoyed the meals.



Completed!



I ate some fresh steamed fishes I had just caught by fishing.

Here, it is a small episode about the Japanese history

It was very difficult and needed a lot of time for solders to strike a light with flint and steel to a matchlock in combat. During their ignition, solders might get attack from the enemies. So, solders used the equipment of 'Doubi' which made solders available to use a fire whenever they wanted. Solders added heat to Japanese papers, vegetable fibre, etc. With steam, made them carbonised and put them into copper pipes. When it was lit, it was said that this 'Doubi' burned slowly, spending a lot of time. Solders used this equipment when they fired matchlocks. The equipment was allegedly used as a portable body warmer as well when it was cold.



After we had enough foods, we looked up the night sky. My daughter was so excited at a shooting star she saw for the first time.' 'What did you pray for?' I asked. She answered, 'I prayed for ending the outbreak of COVID-19'. Before she repeated her request three times, she said that the meteor had gone. Even a child who is in the first grade of elementary school understands the tough and difficult situation in the world. I really hope that this pandemic will end soon. By the way, my son prayed 'my mon will get slim'. He is a really gentle boy. We had a wonderful sweet memory. If you have a chance, why don't you go camping this autumn? If you have any good suggestions and/or advices that I know some nice tips for camping' and so on, please give me your opinions!





Hello! This is Takako Shimatani. Now, it is the season we can get tasty foods. My weight gradually tends to increase. If you have any recommendable foods, please tell me.

I am going to describe 'Hyotanba' and Sudareba in this newsletter.

The story about Yamatodamashii

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## Main styles of Midareba

It is said that some of these blade patterns were mixed and reached to as much as 20 or 30 kinds.

- Notareba (see Vol.33)
- Gunomeba (see Vol.34)
- Chojiba (see Vol.35)
- Hitatsuraba (see Vol.36)
- Yahazuba (see Vol.37)
- Hakomideraba
- Sudareba
- Hyotanba (I am going to talk about it)
- Jyuzuba
- Touranba
- Kikusuba



## Who did begin it?

It is said that Nagasone Okisato (Chosone Kotetsu) originated at the beginning of Edo Period.

## Hyotanba the beginning of Edo Era

It is similar to a cross section that a gourd was cut in half on the blade pattern of Notareba with a constant pitch



## Jyuzuba the beginning of Edo Era

The shapes of Yakigashira were equal and looked stood in a line like beads.



## Was he an ex-armourer??

Okisato had worked as an armourer in Echizen Province. But no war was occurred and no need for armour and helmets had been gone. So, Okisato went to Edo (Tokyo) to create swords which were still in high demands. Okisato was 50 years old at that time! Because the average life span in Edo Period was allegedly between 32 and 44 years old, the decision to go to Edo was crucial for Okisato, wasn't it? After that, Okisato continued to produce swords till 72 years old.

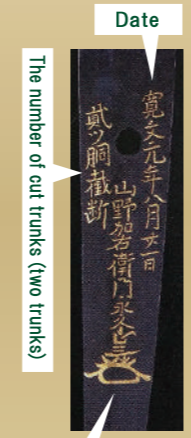
## The first class as a sharp sword

A fashionable sword at Edo (Tokyo) at that time was practical and sharp one. Okisato was originally an armourer who was good at forging iron and making steel. No swordsmith was able to beat Okisato about the strength of metal underneath. The evidence how his sword was very sharp was shown in \* 'Saidanmei' engraved in a tang.

\*An expert of trying out a new sword did it to accumulated bodies of criminals whose death penalties had been executed. The result of try-out was written on it. The sword created by Okisato cut 'four trunks' !! Wow! Because of it, the sword Okisato produced was evaluated the sharpest sword and became very popular as the super first-class.

## The leader of Shinsengumi as well?

The leader of Shinsengumi who had tremendously strong preference for sword and liked them unprecedentedly allegedly had a sword created by Okisato. His sword was unsigned. But he believed that his sword must have produced by Okisato. Looking at his favourite sword, he said it was what Okisato made and marvellous. He was a fanatic sword lover as he used to talked about them. The people around him had some doubts if his sword might be fake or not. When the Ikedaya Incident was occurred, Shinsengumi attacked against the enemy of 40 Samurai with 4 persons. Though the swords of other members had a lot of chips in their blades, his sword was undamaged, and he was unharmed, too. He wrote a letter described like this with showing his gratitude to the father of Okisato. I suppose, perhaps, his sword might be an unsigned sword by Okisato's hands. Don't you think so?



Date  
The number of cut trunks (two trunks)

The name of person who tried out a sword

## The inscription had been changed gradually

At first, Okisato melted old iron and created swords. Therefore, Okisato introduced himself as Kotetsu Nyudo (古鉄入道). After that, Okisato changed his name as Kotetsu Nyudo (虎徹入道). Finally, Okisato's name was Kotetsu Nyudo (希徹入道). But the swords created by Okisato was categorised as the first class and had huge popularity. Due to his high popularity, a lot of fake swords came to made. So, Okisato changed his inscription and form of character again and again in a short while. It was unique to Okisato's sword which was so popular.

興			
About 52 years old	About 58 years old	About 72 years old	
虎			
About 56 years old	About 61 years old	About 66 years old	

Okisato changed his job when he was 50 years old. It was very tough for him to decide it from the viewpoint of average lifespan at that time. Okisato became a super popular swordsmith in a short period of time even though he was aged. Okisato had a skill to make forged iron show like soft, bright and clear. Because he was an ex-armourer, I guess such blade patterns like these might be made. I need to enjoy the super first-classed sword which was very fashionable in such Edo Period with taking in my hand. Though a sword looks very beautiful, it is also excellent for you to imagine what a swordsmith looked for and what thought he had in the sword he completed and to make you back in the times when the sword was created. The next article will be the final of this blade pattern series. I am looking forward to your expectation!



# Hanaemon's I am going to make you back in times!



Next to Hideyo Noguchi whose face is used as the current design of Japanese 1,000 JPY banknote, I am going to make you back in time of this man whose face will be printed as the design of new Japanese 1,000 JPY banknote in the fiscal year of 2024.

This man succeeded in developing the remedy of tetanus. This man was very famous all over the world. But this man was, unexpectedly, not so well-known in Japan. As his face was designed as the design of new 1,000 JPY banknote, this man was a great person as I thought.



The farther of bacteriology in Japan

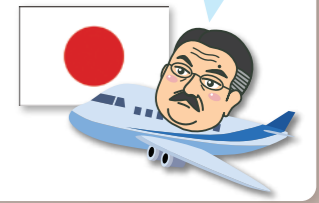
## Shibasaburo Kitazato

(1853 -1931)

## Though it is a precious offer, I would like to decline it!!

Shibasaburo was born in the house of village headman, Aso County, Kumamoto Prefecture. After he had graduated the Tokyo Medicine School (the Medical Faculty of Tokyo University at present), Shibasaburo studied abroad in Berlin at government expense when he was 33 years old (1885). After five years, Shibasaburo had found the tetanus antitoxin. In addition, Shibasaburo developed its \*serum therapy and published a paper on it with Berling, his colleague. Shibasaburo was nominated as a candidate for the first Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Unfortunately, Shibasaburo failed to be a winner. However, Shibasaburo received a large number of offers from universities and medical research institutes all over the world. But, Shibasaburo did not accept them and returned Japan.

The purpose of studying abroad sponsored by government is to improve the poor medical care system in Japan and to save Japan and the lives of Japanese people from the threats of infectious diseases.



\*The method to inject detoxicated or attenuated toxin into animals like horses and so on and to create antibody against the toxin.

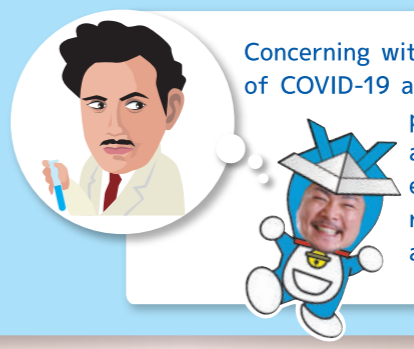
## The relationship with Yukichi Fukuzawa; his face was used as the design of Japanese banknote of 10,000 JPY

Shibasaburo objected to the theory of professor in his graduated school during his staying at Berlin. So, Shibasaburo made an enemy of Medical Faculty of Tokyo University. Shibasaburo's life as a scholar fell into crisis. Yukichi Fukuzawa heard the will of man called Shibasaburo who had achieved a global and brilliant feat. Yukichi spent his private funds and founded the Private Institute of Infectious Diseases. Moreover, Yukichi supported research costs of it. Afterwards, the Japanese government made some donations to the Institute and this institute became the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (Inst. of Medical Sci., The Univ. of Tokyo, now). Shibasaburo found the bacillus of Plague, a disease with the highest mortality in the history of human beings. Nevertheless, the battle against the Medical Faculty of Tokyo University continued. Shibasaburo finally had stepped down the head of Institute. Then, Shibasaburo used his private assets and established Kitazato Inst.



Shibasaburo was good at researching but he was not good at savings. So, Yukichi Fukuzawa had dispatched Shigeaki Tabata as a manager to supervise budgets. Due to this man, Shibasaburo was said to be able to save money. Great Yukichi Fukuzawa! He was worthy of being used as the design of Japanese banknote of 10,000 JPY. The Kitazato Inst had made remarkable detection like finding a dysentery bacillus, the serotherapy of cholera and so on.

After the death of Yukichi Fukuzawa, in order to repay his deep obligation, Shibasaburo founded Keio University School of Medicine. Shibasaburo also sent well-known professors from Kitazato Inst and made massive efforts to the development of School. And Shibasaburo also said to the president of Keio University, 'if Keio University is in a financial crisis, the Kitazato Group will support you with all of our abilities. Please ask me whenever you want.' By the way, Hideyo Noguchi, whose face is used as the design of current Japanese banknote of 1,000 JPY, was one of researcher in the Kitazato Inst.



Concerning with the present infectious disease of COVID-19 as well, I really recognise medical personnel and researchers who are fighting on the front line enable us to spend lives without restricting the freedom of action so early. Thank you!