



The feedback from our client

Thank you for many comments from our customer!
Shimatani

From a person who needs a Roomba

I read your newsletters after buying your gears in Yahoo Auction. I purchase your goods through the Internet. So, I am very happy to know staff's faces, personality and activities in their local communities. At first, I thought your newsletters were only flyers. But I enjoyed reading the stories about 'the helmets in Edo Period', the experience of Battou(抜刀-unsheathing) and so on. The illustration of Mr. Date Masamune next to the title of newsletter is excellent.

Thank you for your feedback! 'I need to let many people know about 'Daimyo' more' - I have had such a feeling and created the newsletters. I am going to produce the contents to ease what you are worrying as much as possible and make you feel interesting continually. I expect you will enjoy our newsletters from now on.

From Gonta

I feel the attempt your company lectured on the Japanese history was good. It is very useful for the students to learn social studies by touching real helmets and armour. Since the armour and weapons like swords are so heavy, the students can understand Samurai warriors wearing these items used to fight with huge difficulties. The fine decoration and ways to connect armour platelets tell the students the high skills of craft men. After studying commander's motive to add the helmet decoration to his helmet created in Azuchi-Momoyama Period, the students grasp the emotions of Daimyo to battles. I think it was surely very interesting and joyful for the students to take part in your trial. I hope the lesson like this will be spread all over Japan. I expect you are going on the activities from now on.

I really appreciate your precious comment, Mr Gonta! Yes, I can imagine my happy memories the students looked very happy even now. By touching the actual gears, the students had a chance to know about the Japanese history more. I hope I can inform many children about the excellent Japanese culture and history in the future.

From Rintaro

I am looking forward to the columns of 'I am going to talk about YAMATODAMASHII' written by Mrs. Shimatani every time. Though you might feel uncomfortable, I am always finding faults in your description with the feeling- 'are there anything wrong?' But I cannot find them at all. You said this story about helmets was the last part. I am in expectation of what you will write about in the next story.

Thank you, Rintaro! The fact you made a thorough study of my articles makes me very happy. And I am very pleasant because my columns satisfied you. I will create my contents to make you pleased next time as well. Please wait and see 😊

The story about the change of helmet were very interesting. Could you tell me how to get the previous articles?



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

I have!!
<https://daimyou.com/ymato.html>
You can get all back issues from this link. Please enjoy them.

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.

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.

This is Shimatani Takako.

When it comes to say spring, it is a season for saying 'good-bye' to someone and for new departure in a life. My second daughter graduated an elementary school and will enter a junior high school in this March. She asked me, 'for God's sake, please lose your weight not to be outstanding.' Unfortunately, I failed to do that. I wish I had a couple of months to complete that.....



Do you know the reason why Japanese students graduate in March and enter schools in April?

The origin of graduation ceremony was that certificates for graduation were given to examinees who passed graduation examinations. And the graduation ceremony is said to be established as a ceremony from the beginning of Meiji Period. After universities started to be founded in Japan, they made a custom of 'entering in August- graduation in September' became common, applying the system of foreign education. In 1886, 'the term of fiscal year' in Japanese National Government was changed to the term between April and next March. In accordance with that, the term of Japanese school was also changed to 'entering in April- graduation in March'. In the graduation ceremony, teaching staff authorizes students to have completed all of the education curriculum in a school and wishes them good luck after their graduation by giving them diplomas. Another purpose is that the graduates show their gratitude to the teaching staff and mark the stages of their school lives. By the way, the graduation ceremony implemented when the students finish their curricula in every school is allegedly a Japanese custom.

When she enrolled in her elementary school, my second daughter, at the beginning, used to weep every day with saying 'I do not want to go to school!'. It was so hard for me. But she has looked for what she can do, thought about herself and grown up during her six-year elementary school days. She is now quite ready for be a junior high school student. As her mother, I am going to support what she wants to try with my full effort and cheer her up. Then, I will attend the graduation ceremony of my third daughter next year. I DO reduce my weight next year.....

Graduation Ceremony



The graduation ceremony of kindergarten



The enrolment of elementary school



The graduation from elementary school

Hello! This is Nakabori Akemi. I am going to talk about 'Do(cuirass)' from this column.



I am going to talk about Yamatodamashii

大和魂

The change of cuirass

The Do is a protector to guard the body from the chest to the waist. The origin of it began from Yayoi Period.

Yayoi, and Kofun (Tumulus) Periods

Tanko (short metal body armour) and Keiko

↑ written about them in this article

Heian ~ Muromachi Periods

Domaru armour, Haramaki (the armour to protect the chest and stomach) and Haraate (the armour worn around the stomach)

Sengoku Period ~

Tosei-gusoku no Do



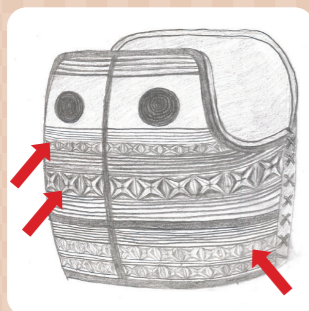
Tanko

A short armour to protect the body, which is called as 'Mijika Yoroï', too. It has a Japanese original form. Metal plates which beat iron flat thinly are used as materials. Tanko was mainly worn in actual combats. But it was used as an amulet to avoid the evil when the dead was buried and was interred near the bodies of dead.

Yayoi Period

The oldest armour was Tanko made of wood.

It had some lacquered painting and geometric patterns were engraved characteristically on it.



Kofun Period

Some iron Tanko came to be produced. Tanko consists of triangular, vertical and horizontal plates whose materials were iron. Each metal plate was connected by rivets or bound with leather strings. In this period, the iron was very precious. So, it was thought that only a person of high rank was able to get it.



Keiko

It was developed in China and handed down to Japan. Its appearance was from the middle of Kofun to Nara Periods. It consisted of 'Kozane' (small slender scales made of iron and leather) sewed together. It had more flexibility than Tanko. That made those who wore it easy to move as well. Kusazuri(plate skirt) was also created, and the lower half of body was protected as well.

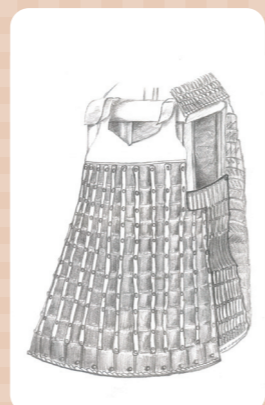
Domaru-style Keiko

The length of it was long. A man who was going to wear it wrapped his whole body in it and stopped it in front of the body. 'Koshizane', slender scales protecting the waist, were longer other parts and the central parts of Koshizane were bended to the inside. The man used to wear a belt there, tighten and cohere to the body. That enabled him to catch the armour's weight with the waist as well, which lightened the burden of shoulders.



Uchikake-style Keiko

The style of armour that the front and back parts of Do were connected on both sides under the arms. It covered around the body. So, it had no narrow part. Since Kozane was combined with strings and the Do was composed, it was easy to move and suitable for riding a horse.



After Heian Period, Japanese Do had been its original improvement. The do which covered the large part of armour is the part to play a role of protecting the internal organs. What change would happen about the Do? I am going to tell you about 'Domaru' (Domaru armour).



Hanaemon's

I am going to make you back in times!



In this column, I am going to make you back in the times with this man, one of the three major military generals skilled at strategy in the Chugoku Region.

One of the three major military generals skilled at strategy in the Chugoku Region-the great strategist.

Tsunehisa Amago

(1458 -1541)



From the downfall to Sengoku Daimyo

Tsunehisa was born in Izumo Province (current the east of Shimane Prefecture) as the eldest son of Amago Kiyosada, Shugodai (deputy military governor) of Izumo Province. When he was 16 years old, Tsunehisa was taken as a hostage and sent to the houses in Kyoto owned by Kyogoku Masatsune, the lord of Amago Kiyosada. Tsunehisa cultivated high education, grew up there and returned to Izumo Province five years later. After his returning, Tsunehisa refused the Ashikaga Shogunate paying tax to be given to the Shogunate. Tsunehisa gradually showed his atmosphere to be independent from the Shogunate seriously. But the Shogunate was against what Tsunehisa did and Tsunehisa had his position as Shugodai lost. Tsunehisa got back the foundation of his power shortly and was ready for the battle against Misawa Clan who robbed Tsunehisa's previous position.

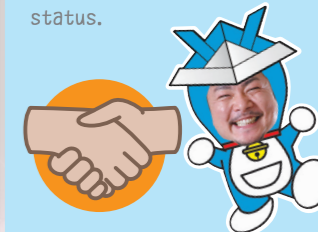
In the description of War Chronicles later, Samurai who were appointed as Shugodai ignored the welfare of its people and founded a bad government. That made Tsunehisa very angry. So, Tsunehisa opposed the Shogunate and was going to create the independent government system for the people.



The plot needed two years by the great strategist

In order to get the territory of Izumo province, the enemy for Tsunehisa to ruin was Misawa Clan. There was no difference about military power between Tsunehisa and Misawa Armies. Tsunehisa thought it would be a tough battle and made a strategy to send a secret agent to Misawa Clan. Tsunehisa made Yamanaka Kanbee, his right-hand man, go to Misawa Clan. Yamanaka Kanbee said his complaints against Tsunehisa to Misawa Clan and had gained the trust from Misawa for over two years. After getting it, Yamanaka Kanbee proposed his military operation to open the gate of Tsunehisa's Castle and make a raid to Misawa Clan. Yamanaka Kanbee was successful in decoying Misawa Forces out. After opening the gate, Amago Army consisting of massive soldiers wearing armour with weapons were standing. This sudden appearance of Amago Army confused Misawa Forces. Amago Army had completely attacked Misawa Forces. By weakening Misawa force, Tsunehisa was able to bring down Misawa Clan.

The absolute trust between Tsunehisa and Kanbee. By the way, Kanbee's grandchild was Yamanaka Shikanosuke who laid his life on the line for restoring the Amago Clan to its former status.



The death of sons and betrayal

Afterwards, Tsunehisa expanded his territories to all of Iwami(the west of Shimane Prefecture) and Hoki Provinces (the middle and west of Shimane Prefecture) and the parts of Bingo (the east of Hiroshima Prefecture),Bicchu(the west of Okayama Prefecture) and Mimasaka Provinces (the northeast of Okayama Prefecture) in his lifetime. Things seemed to go smoothly. However, at that time, Tsunehisa experienced a tragedy that Masahisa, Tsunehisa's eldest son who was well known as a brave general to unite elegance with utility and enough to lead the next generation of Amago Clan, was killed in battle. In addition, Okihisa, the third son of Tsunehisa who had been adopted by the Enya Clan having a huge power at the west of Izumo Province, rebelled against Tsunehisa on a large scale. Its scale was so huge as four years were needed to suppress the uprising. Defeated Okihisa killed himself and Tsunehisa had lost even his third son.



Taking advantage of this battle, Haruhisa, a grandchild of Tsunehisa who was a successor of Amago Clan, thought that concentrating all political powers and authority to the head family of Amago Clan was essential in order to strengthen the weak power base of Amago Clan. Haruhisa was so smart as he spread his territories to 11 Provinces. Haruhisa, however, died suddenly when he was 47 years old. Haruhisa's death started the downfall of Amago Clan. Wait and see the next article as well!