

Focus Exhibition

Koichiro Yoshikawa and The Otani Expedition: A Portrait of Curiosity and Endurance

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RYUKOKU MUSEUM, RYUKOKU UNIVERSITY

Notes

- The list numbers correspond to the exhibition labels.
- Not all the works of this list will be exhibited at the same time because of the exhibition rotations.

First half: 4/19 – 5/18, Second half: 5/20 – 6/22

Part 1: Yoshikawa Koichirō and Nishi Hongwanji

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (May 1911, Kobe)	1911	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
2	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (24 November 1913)	1913	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
3	<i>Service Bureau Diary</i> , Entry of 26 July 1903	1903	Honganji Shiryō Kenkyūsho	○	
4	<i>Service Bureau Diary</i> , Entry of 7 January 1904	1904	Honganji Shiryō Kenkyūsho		○
5	Passport (19 January 1905)	1905	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
6	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to UEHARA Yoshitarō (14 July 1931)	1931	Honganji Shiryō Kenkyūsho	With page changes	
7	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (12 June 1905)	1905	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
8	Group Photograph (1905, Mukden) from Ōtani Family Photo Album	1905	Yoshikawa Family	○	○

Part 2: The Ōtani Family's Villa Architecture

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Postcard of Suma Tsukimiyama Villa	Circa 1904	Myōkakuji Temple (Kyoto), Private Collection	○	○
2	Group Photograph (5 September 1903, Kobe) from Ōtani Family Photo Album	1903	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
3	Letter from ŌTANI Kazuko to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō	Circa 1909	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
4	Letter from ŌTANI Takeko to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō	Circa 1909	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
5	Group Photograph (ŌTANI Kazuko and ŌTANI Takeko)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Myōkakuji Temple (Kyoto)	○	○
6	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to UEHARA Yoshitarō (24 January, year unknown)	Estimated 1932	Honganji Shiryō Kenkyūsho	With page changes	
7	Gardening at Nirakusō from Hashimoto Zuishun Photo Album	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Myōkakuji Temple (Kyoto)	○	○
8	Simplified Floor Plan of Nirakusō Main Building (Drawn by YOSHIKAWA Koichirō)	Estimated 1932	Honganji Shiryō Kenkyūsho	With page changes	

Part 3: The Departure of the Third Ōtani Expedition (Yoshikawa Team)

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Silk Image of Fuxi and Nuwa (Photographic Reproduction)	7th century	Tenri University Sankokan Museum	○	○
2	Fuxi and Nuwa A	7th–8th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	
3	Fuxi and Nuwa B	7th–8th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	
4	Fuxi and Nuwa C	7th–8th century	Ryukoku University Library		○
5	Fuxi and Nuwa D	7th–8th century	Ryukoku University Library		○
6	List of funerary goods	Gaochang, Yan-shou 9 (632)	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
7	Silk textile with diaper pattern	5th–7th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	
8	Brocade with winged horse in pearl-rounde	7th century	Ryukoku University Library		○
9	Paper Shoes for the Deceased	7th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
10	Brocade with crescents and Arabic characters	9th–10th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	
11	Fragment of Floral and Bird Patterned Brocade	8th century	Ryukoku University Library		○
12	Bark Manuscript of a Buddhist Sutra in Sanskrit	Tang dynasty	Ryukoku University Library	○	○

13	Brocade with birds in pearl-roundel and Brocade with fighting sheep in pearl-roundel	7th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	
14	Brocade with eight-petal flower pattern	8th century	Ryukoku University Library		○
15	Diamond Sutra (<i>Vajracchedikā Prajñāpāramitā Sūtra</i>)	Tang dynasty	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
16	Silk textile with gradation patterns	7th–8th century	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
17	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (27 May 1911)	1911	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
18	<i>Iri kikō</i> (Itinerary of the survey of Ili region, by YOSHIKAWA Koichiro) and Attached Map	1909	Private Collection	○	○
19	Horse permit	China, Xuantong 4 (1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
20	Guide for archaeological survey (by ŌTANI Kozui)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	
21	Advance directive to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (by ŌTANI Kozui)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library		○
22	<i>General Translation of Asian Languages</i>	1892	Private Collection	○	○
23	<i>The Cambridge Modern History Atlas</i>	1911	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
24	<i>Amateur Diagnostics</i>	1906	Private Collection	○	○
25	<i>Amateur Pharmacology</i>	1906	Private Collection	○	○
26	<i>Mahometto</i> (Biography of Muhammad)	1899	Private Collection	○	○
27	<i>Ōtani Expedition Photo Album</i> (Compiled by YOSHIKAWA Koichirō)	Taishō period (1912–1926)	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
28	Rubbing of the Jion-ji Great Wild Goose Pagoda Inscription	8th century (original source)	Asaoka Toshio	○	○
29	Photography Equipment	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
30	Photographic glass plate	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
31	Fur coat (Cold-Weather Garment)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	
32	Saddlebag (Horqin)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	
33	Chantou Belt (Shantou Embroidery)	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library	○	
34	Level, Altimeter, and Pocket Watch	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library		○
35	Thermal socks and winter boots	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library		○
36	Fur cap	Meiji period (1868–1912)	Ryukoku University Library		○
37	<i>New Western Regions Chronicles</i> and Sample Pages	1937	Private Collection	○	○
38	Herbarium, Field Notes, and Memorandum	1912	Ryukoku University Library	○	○
39	Herbarium	1912	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
40	<i>Tianshan Mountains</i> , Issues 1 and 3	1912	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
41	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (21 April 1912)	1912	Yoshikawa Family	○	
42	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (25 April 1913)	1913	Yoshikawa Family		○
43	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (19 January 1913)	1913	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
44	Letter from ŌTANI Kozui to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (Red-Ruled Paper with Sagari Fuji Motif)	1912	Ryukoku University Library	○	
45	Letter from ŌTANI Kozui to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (Blue-Ruled Paper, Nirakusō Stationery)	1912	Ryukoku University Library		○
46	YOSHIKAWA Koichirō's Notes (Excavation Instructions)	1912	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
47	YOSHIKAWA Koichirō's Notes (Budget)	1911	Yoshikawa Family	○	
48	YOSHIKAWA Koichirō's Notes (Transport of Goods)	1912	Yoshikawa Family		○
49	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (29 September 1913)	1913	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
50	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (2 December 1913)	1913	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
51	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (16 May 1914)	1914	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
52	Letter from the Yoshikawa Family to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (8 February 1914)	1914	Yoshikawa Family	○	
53	Letter from YOSHIKAWA Koichirō to the Yoshikawa Family (2 July 1914)	1914	Yoshikawa Family		○

Part 4: Yoshikawa Koichirō and Ōtani Sonjū (Kōmyō): Photography and Mountaineering

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	<i>Geographical Compendium of Foreign Lands</i> , Volume II	1912	Private Collection	○	○
2	Tour of Suwa Region (Nagano Prefecture) from <i>Ōtani Family Photo Album</i>	1910	Yoshikawa Family	○	○

Part 5: The Closure of the Villas and Exhibitions

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	<i>Suburban Life</i> , Vol. 1, Issues 8 and 11	1914	Nishinomiya Municipal Folk Museum	○	○
2	“Exhibition at Nirakusō” from <i>Osaka Mainichi Newspaper</i> , 2 August 1914, Page 3	1914	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
3	Inventory of Nirakusō Plans (13 January 1916)	1916	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
4	Letter from ŌTANI Kozui to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō, TACHIBANA Zuichō, and ŌTA Yaichirō (29 November 1915)	1915	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
5	Sale Records of Nirakusō's Auxiliary Facilities	Estimated 1915	Yoshikawa Family	○	○

Part 6: Yoshikawa Koichirō and the Hongwanji Images Studio

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Postcard from MISHIMA Kaiun to YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (February 5)	Estimated 1918	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
2	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (1 March 1917, Kyoto)	1917	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
3	Price list of holy images for temples and lay believers	1918	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
4	Jade Cup, Pipe, Netsuke, and Nephrite Raw Stone	Taishō period (1912–1926)	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
5	Decorative Badge	Shōwa period	Yoshikawa Family	○	○
6	Violin (Stradivarius) (Belonging of KUJŌ Takeko)	Shōwa period	Yoshikawa Family	○	○

Bonus Section: Special Display – The 2022 Special Exhibition “Exhibiting Collections in Modern Kyoto” and Its Aftermath

	Title / Artist	Date	Location and Owner	1st Half	2nd Half
1	Oil Image "Zabon" by INOUE Saburō	1933	Private Collection	○	○
2	Oil Image "Self-Portrait" by INOUE Saburō	1935	Private Collection	○	○
3	Diary of INOUE Saburō <i>My Collected Writings</i> , Entry of 28 March 1937	1937	Private Collection	○	○
4	Kyoto Heian Middle School Student Handbook (INOUE Saburō)	1936	Private Collection	○	○
5	<i>Illustrations of a Thousand Shells</i> , Issues 2 and 4	1915, 1925	Tada Akira	○	○
6	Woodblock for <i>Illustrations of a Thousand Shells</i> , Issue 4	Taishō period (1912–1926)	Unsōdō	○	○
7	Original Drawing for <i>Illustrations of a Thousand Shells</i> , Issue 2	Taishō period (1912–1926)	Unsōdō	○	○

Tapestries, photo panels, etc.

	Title / Artist	Holding Storage Provided Source
1	Camel Caravan Crossing the Desert (March 1914)	Ryukoku University Library
2	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (May 1911, Kobe)	Yoshikawa Family
3	Group Photograph of the Fourth Division's Induction (1905)	Yoshikawa Family
4	Group Photograph (1905, Mukden)	Shōonji Temple (Fukui)
5	Tent at Suma Tsukimiyama Villa (Circa 1903, Kobe)	Ryukoku University Library
6	Panoramic View of Nirakusō (1912) from <i>Nirakusō Photo Album</i>	Private collection
7	Group Photograph (15 August 1909, Nirakusō)	Chishima Real Estate Co., Ltd.
8	Mummy Excavated from the Astana Tombs	Yoshikawa Family

9	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (June 1911, Shanghai)	Yoshikawa Family
10	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (June 1912, Guchengzi)	Ryukoku University Library
11	YOSHIKAWA Koichirō and LI Yuqing (July 1911, Xi'an)	Ryukoku University Library
12	Group Photograph (18 February 1912, Anxi)	Ryukoku University Library
13	YOSHIKAWA Koichirō and TACHIBANA Zuichō (January–February 1912)	Yoshikawa Family
14	Distant View of the Tianshan Mountains (1912)	Ryukoku University Library
15	Camp Scene of the Yoshikawa Expedition (1912)	Ryukoku University Library
16	Group Photograph (February 1910, Lake Suwa)	Yoshikawa Family
17	Exhibit Scene in Nirakusō Main Hall (1913) from <i>Architectural and Craft Journal</i>	Ryukoku University Library
18	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (Circa 1916, Nirakusō)	Yoshikawa Family
19	Portrait Photograph of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (Shōwa Era)	Yoshikawa Family
20	Audio Recording of YOSHIKAWA Koichirō (Edited and Screened at the Museum Theater)	Private collection