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~How It was Depicted by Hiroshige~

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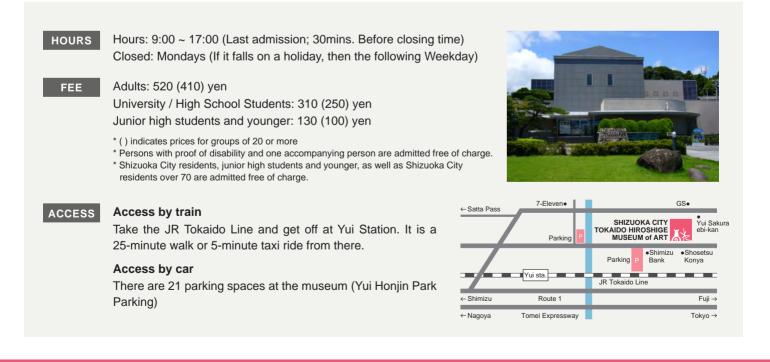
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Outline

Tokugawa leyasu gained power with the victory in the Battle of Sekigahara, and in order to keep this power, the first thing he worked on was the maintenance of the "Tokaido Road" that connects his castle in Edo with Kyoto/Osaka. Each post-town was enacted by leyasu and as the roads developed, travelers increased, which resulted in a travel boom in the late Edo era. During the travel boom, the *"Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido"* Ukiyo-e series including Utagawa Hiroshige's *"Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido"* (Hoeido Edition) was born.

This exhibition will introduce leyasu's footsteps that remain in the "Tokaido Road" with particular focus on the series pieces of Hiroshige's *"Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido"*.



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In the New Years of 1601, Tokugawa leyasu set post towns as the top priority of "Go-kaido Road maintenance" and established the transportation system, which led to the beginning of modern-day "Tokaido." As maintenance of the roads progressed, and circumstances for travel improved, a travel boom amongst common people emerged in the late Edo era and long sellers with Tokaido as the theme such as Hiroshige's Ukiyo-e, *"Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido"* (Hoeido Edition) was published. The "Tokaido" became one of Hiroshige's signature concepts and it is said that he created more than 20 varieties of the *"Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido"* series during his lifetime. This exhibition will pick up Gyosho Tokaido and Reisho Tokaido from Hiroshige's *"Fifty-three Stations of the Tokaido"* and exhibit all pieces from Nihonbashi to Kyoto in separate sessions. How did Hiroshige depict the Tokaido which

was maintained and greatly developed by leyasu? Let's look at scenes of the Tokaido by Hiroshige, along with stories of leyasu that continue to be told in the post-towns of each region.

Part1: Fifty-three Stations of Tokaido (Gyosho Tokaido) 55 pieces

Published during 1841 and 1843 - this is a series of work called "Gyosho Tokaido" as the title is written in semi-cursive script (Gyosho script).



Part1:Utagawa Hiroshige Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido "Okazaki: Yahagi Bridge" Collection of Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art



Part1:Utagawa Hiroshige Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido "Yoshida: Toyo River and Yoshida Bridge" Collection of Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art

Part1: Tokaido Road (Reisho Tokaido) 55 pieces

Published during 1849 and 1852 - this is a series of work called "Reisho Tokaido" as the title is written in Clerical script (Reisho script).



Part2:Utagawa Hiroshige Tokaido Road "Nihonbashi" Collection of Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art



Part2:Utagawa Hiroshige Tokaido Road "Kuwana: Ferryboat at Shichiri Crossing" Collection of Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art

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Exhibition room

leyasu' s Footsteps that Remain in Shizuoka

Including the years that leyasu was a hostage of the Imagawa, leyasu spent 1/3 of his life in Shizuoka; therefore, there are many historical sites related to leyasu in the area. This exhibition will introduce documents related to leyasu that remain in temples and shrines of Shizuoka along with his footsteps.



Taiso Yoshitoshi (Tsukioka Yoshitoshi) Mirror of wisdom and humanity of heroes of Japan "Tokugawa leyasu" Collection of Shizuoka Prefecture Central Library



Kunozan Toshogu Shrine



Shizuoka Sengen Shrine



Seikenji Temple



Rinkoji Temple

Related Event

Lecture: Tokugawa leyasu and Sunpu

PRESENTER	Honda Takashige (Professor of the Shizuoka University)
∎ DATE	March 11 (Sat.) 13:30 ~ 15:00
	Free *museum entrance fee is required
REGISTRATION	Applications accepted by telephone (054-375-4454)
	or through our website.
	Space are limited to the first 20 people
	(pre-registration recommended)



Gallery Talks by a Museum Curator

DATE February 5 (Sun.) , March 12 (Sun.) 13:00 ~ 13:30

ADMISSION Free *museum entrance fee is required

*Language: Japanese

*The maximum number of entries will be limited to 10 to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

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