

The 71st Shosoin Exhibition - Treasures loved by Emperor Shomu



The 71st "Shosoin Exhibition" was held in Nara from 26th October to 14th November, 2019. Only around this period of time, they exhibit some treasures which are not open to public.

Hundreds of treasures loved by Emperor Shomu were offered to *Todayji Temple* by the Empress

after he was deceased in the 8th century. Those treasures have been preserved in the storehouse over 1,200 years. Since 1884, the Imperial Agency has been responsible for their care and long-term preservation.

One of the treasures is a piece of an incense wood below. Several pieces were cut off by renowned historical figures as it was a status symbol for them to have it. The tags show their names.

According to the historical records, this wood was washed ashore at "Awaji Island" from southeast Asia in 595.



Ko-do (Incense Ceremony)



During the period from 794 to 1185, aristocrats competed their own kneaded incense balls made of aromatic wood powder and honey and tried to tell the names of the aromatic woods used and their origin.

Then during the period from 1336 to 1573, such incense aroma play was developed and codified into "Ko-do", Incense Ceremony.

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