

Shotoen Museums and Gardens

Commemorative Museum of Korean Missions

◆ **Exhibition Title** The arriving of the Korean Missions

Event Period: April 9th, 2025 to June 23th.

◆ **What is Chosen Tsushinshi / Joseon Missions to Japan**

The Korean Missions were diplomatic missions that came to Japan during the Edo period (1603-1868) as Missions for the King of Korea. At the time, diplomatic relations were restricted in Japan, so the Korean Envoys were the missions that told valuable information and culture from foreign countries, and are said to have had a major impact on Japanese society. The Korean Missions traveling back and forth between Japan and the Joseon Dynasty enabled the two countries to maintain peaceful relations for over 200 years.

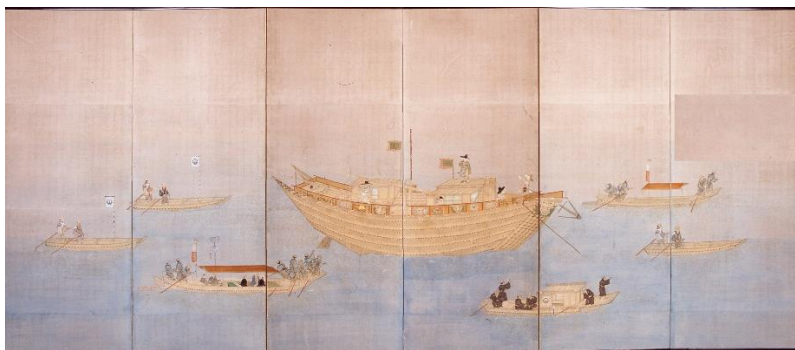
◆ **Exhibition Overview**

The first Korean Missions to arrive in Japan was in 1607. They departed from Busan in the south of the Korean Peninsula, passing through the Seto Inland Sea and on to Osaka. From Osaka they transferred to the Kawagozabune, a type of river boat used by feudal lords when traveling to Edo. From Kyoto they continued their journey on foot in a procession overland. Throughout the Edo period, they stopped off at Shimokamagari Island 11 times. This exhibition will introduce the historical sites remaining on Shimokamagari Island and the Missions' journey, focusing on the documents from Shotoen collection.

◆ **View Point**

You can see various documents about the journey of the Korean Missions. You can also learn about the ruins that remain on Shimokamagari Island.

◆ **Recommended works**



「**Document's Title :** Folding Screen of Osaka Estuary」

When the Korean Missions arrived at Osaka Bay, they transferred to smaller river boats called Kawagozabune. This is a valuable document that shows the Korean Missions transferring to river barges in Osaka Bay in 1711.