

Shotoen Museums and Gardens Commemorative Museum of Korean Missions

◆Exhibition Title

History of the Korean Envoys to Japan.

Period: July 1st

◆Exhibition Overview

Beginning in the Edo period (1603-1868), the Korean envoys made 12 visits to Japan throughout the 260 years of the Edo period. Shimo-Kamagari Island was designated as a reception center for Korean envoys to Japan by the Hiroshima clan, and Korean envoys have stopped by this island 11 times. This exhibition provides an overview of the history of the Korean envoys to Japan through a variety of documents.

◆View Point:

The Korean envoys traveled on foot overland from Kyoto to Edo.

The procession of the Korean envoys is depicted by painters from the shogunate and feudal lords' retainers to town painters.

◆Recommended works



[Illustrated Scroll of the Korean Diplomatic Mission Procession] Mid-Edo period

This work is a document depicting the march of the Korean envoys to Edo on their way to Japan. The 400 Korean envoys were accompanied by 1,000 to 2,000 Japanese officials, so they marched in a large procession. The entire length of this illustrated scroll is about 17 meters, and the artist's painstaking efforts to depict the length of the Korean envoys' procession can be felt in this work.