

Shibusawa Family *Hina* Dolls

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The Shibusawa Memorial Museum (in Asukayama Park, Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo) will exhibit dolls from the collection of the Shibusawa family including Girls' Festival dolls, or *hina* dolls, with their accoutrements; and Boys' Festival dolls.

The dolls were donated to the Museum and shown to the public for the first time in 2009. The first exhibition was well received and attracted 41% more visitors than the special exhibition the previous year.

The dolls date from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries and include Emperor and Empress dolls by the famous doll maker Eitokusai and three ladies-in-waiting dolls. A set of three game boards will be exhibited and a pair of paper *hina* dolls will be exhibited in connection with the special exhibition "The Story of the Law Scholar Hozumi Nobushige and his Wife Utako" being held at the same time.

A special discount is available to female visitors in celebration of the Girls' Festival.



Emperor and Empress dolls by Eitokusai

*Kocho-no-mai* dolls*Kumadaki* doll (1926)

Dates: Saturday, February 19 – Sunday, May 8, 2011

Closed: March 22, May 6, and Mondays except for March 21

60 objects to be exhibited including:

Emperor and Empress dolls by Eitokusai,

Three ladies-in-waiting dolls,

Set of three game boards, and

*Kumadaki* doll (the *Kumadaki* and other Boys' Festival dolls will be exhibited from April 12).

Admission: Individuals 300 yen (Elementary, junior high school, and high school students 100 yen)

Special offer: 20% discount for female visitors



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