

Special Exhibition

## The Story of the Law Scholar Hozumi Nobushige and his Wife Utako: Based on an Oral History Project with Shibusawa Eiichi's Great-Grandson Hozumi Shigeyuki

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Hozumi Nobushige (1855-1926) was a law scholar originally from Uwajima in Ehime prefecture. He contributed greatly to the development of the Japanese legal system in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He married Utako (1863-1923), the oldest daughter of the industrialist Shibusawa Eiichi, and the couple had four sons and three daughters.

The Shibusawa Memorial Museum (in Asukayama Park, Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo) conducted an oral history project with Hozumi Shigeyuki, the great-grandson of Eiichi and grandson of Nobushige. Shigeyuki talked about the lives of his parents and their interactions with Eiichi. In this special exhibition, the stories of Nobushige and Utako will be introduced through anecdotes known only by their families and documents and materials borrowed from the Hozumi family.



List of wedding gifts given to Nobushige by Utako's family



Utako's writing box



Nobushige's motto, handwritten by himself

Dates: Saturday, March 5 – Sunday, May 8, 2011

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

70 objects to be exhibited including:

List of wedding gifts given to Nobushige by Utako's family (1882),

*Ancestor-worship and Japanese Law* by Nobushige,

Utako's writing box,

Hanging scroll for the 25th anniversary of the legal theory study group (1920), and

Paper *hina* dolls

Also exhibited in the "Broad Circle of Acquaintances" section of the Permanent Exhibition Hall (until November 27, 2011) are Nobushige and Utako's letters to Shibusawa Eiichi.

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

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