

The Shibusawa Memorial Museum is celebrating thirty years of sharing the life of Shibusawa Eiichi, the man who built the foundations of a modern economic society in Japan.



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This fall the Shibusawa Memorial Museum (in Asukayama Park, Nishigahara, Kita City, Tokyo) will hold a special exhibition, “Rediscover Shibusawa Eiichi: The History of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum and Masterpieces from the Collections” to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the Museum. The Shibusawa Memorial Museum was opened in 1982 to share the achievements and ideals of Shibusawa Eiichi to a wide audience. The special exhibit will showcase records and other items from past exhibits and outreach activities as well as masterpieces from the Museum’s collections chosen in response to visitors’ questions such as “Who did Eiichi look up to?” “Who were Eiichi’s friends and acquaintances?” “What types of connections did Eiichi have with which companies?” “What were Eiichi’s favorite items?” We hope the exhibition will both provide the opportunity to “re-discover” Shibusawa Eiichi and create interest in the future of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum.

30th Anniversary of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum

Rediscover Shibusawa Eiichi!

The History of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum and Masterpieces from the Collections

- Organized by: Shibusawa Memorial Museum, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Foundation
- Dates: Saturday, September 29 – Sunday, November 25, 2012
(The Museum is closed: October 1, 9, 15, 22, 29 & November 5, 6, 12, 19)
- Hours: 10:00 – 17:00 (last entry by 16:30)
- Venue: Shibusawa Memorial Museum and Seien Bunko
(in Asukayama Park, 2-16-1 Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo)
- Admission: Adults 300 yen, children (up to 18 years) 100 yen
Free admission on Sunday, November 11, the anniversary of Shibusawa Eiichi’s death

Exhibition Highlights:

1) Thirty Years of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum

Documents and photographs recording the history of the Museum from before it opened until now, past exhibition catalogues, the *Shibusawa Eiichi denki shiryō*, documents related to plans for the Museum of Japanese Business History, etc.

2) Eiichi’s Favorite Things

Eiichi’s top hat, walking stick, and pocket watch; letters; calligraphy by Eiichi’s lord, the last shogun Tokugawa Yoshinobu; Japanese paintings from the Shibusawa Family Collection; paintings by Hashimoto Gaho; etc.

Events:

Museum Concert and Architectural Lecture in the Seien Bunko Saturday, October 20, 2 p.m.
Plezi-Quartet (students from the Department of Music, Tokyo University of the Arts),
Lecture by curators of the Shibusawa Memorial Museum

Lectures:

- Saturday, October 13 **Shibusawa Eiichi’s Documents Lost in the Great Kanto Earthquake**
Speaker: Hiroshi Sekine, Curator, Shibusawa Eiichi Memorial Museum
- Saturday, November 10 **“Kuo Tzu-I under a Pine Tree with Plum Trees, Bamboo, and Cranes” by Hashimoto Gaho, from the Shibusawa Family Collection**
Speaker: Takae Orii, Curator, Kawagoe City Art Museum
- Saturday, November 17 **Recording Memories of Shibusawa Eiichi: Learning from Oral History”**
Speakers: Takashi Mikuriya, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo; Professor, The Open University of Japan
Yuichiro Shimizu, Associate Professor, Faculty of Policy Management, Keio University

All lectures start at 1:30 pm and are in Japanese only. Attendance limited to 40 (reservations required).