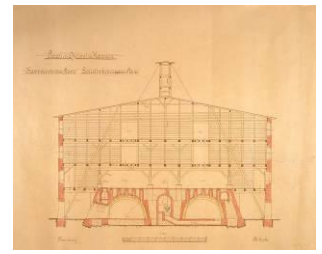


Saitama Prefectural Archives



日本煉瓦深谷上敷免工場ホフマン窯断面図：

Cross Section of the Japan Brick Manufacturing Company Hoffman Kiln in Joshikimen, Fukaya City
(Nihon Renga Seizou Kabushiki Kaisha Archive 136 - Designated as a Saitama Prefecture Cultural Property)

Saitama Prefectural Archives collects, organizes, and preserves a wide range of documents related to Saitama, including maps, ancient texts, and administrative documents with cultural and historical value. The Archives has been fulfilling this important role since 1969 with the aim of serving as the source of Saitama's residents' shared knowledge and resources for future generations to come. In April 2019, the Archives underwent a large-scale reform and reopened in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the facility's establishment.



文書館外観： Outside View of the Archives

収集・整理・保存： Collection, Organization, Preservation

The facility collects valuable documents and organizes them for viewing and use by visitors. The correct storage and preservation of these materials forms the base of operations at the Prefectural Archives, ensuring that the materials can properly serve as a source of information for the residents of Saitama for years to come.



保存庫集密書架： Compact Storage Bookshelves

閲覧： Viewing

In viewing areas you can browse a huge variety of materials related to regional history and culture. Search methods, such as a catalog system and the online search system, are available to help visitors effectively use the information stored in the Archives.



地図閲覧室： Map Viewing Room

展示： Exhibitions

The Archives features various exhibitions on different themes, aiming to showcase administrative documents, ancient texts, maps, and a wide range of other materials in the Archives' collection as well as raise awareness of the activities and appeal of the Prefectural Archives.



展示室： Exhibition Room

史料編さん： Historiography

In order to make key historical data related to Saitama Prefecture widely available, the Prefectural Archives has published the Saitama Prefecture Archival Records Series, which features important historical information on past eras.

Administrative documents detailing prefectural administration from the Meiji era to the beginning of the Showa era, ancient texts containing information from ancient and modern times, photographic materials, and more, have all been meticulously compiled into the series.

収蔵資料： Collected Materials

行政文書： Administrative Documents

Used to track the progress of Saitama Prefecture and workings of the Prefectural Government

Saitama Prefectural administrative documents (public records) reflect the status and administrative developments of Saitama Prefecture over time, and represent highly important cultural heritage items. Since the beginning of the Meiji era, over 200,000 items have been collected and stored at the Saitama Prefectural Archives, and more are added each year. A portion of these materials have also been designated as national Cultural Properties.



重要文化財「埼玉県行政文書」： Important Cultural Properties (Saitama Prefectural Government Administrative Documents)

古文書： Ancient Texts

Detailing the lives of locals and history of the region.

Ancient texts include items such as books and writings belonging to samurai, shrine and temple supervisors, civil servants, and information on organizations from as far back as the Meiji Restoration. These ancient texts are important materials which outline the history of the Prefecture and local areas. The Saitama Prefectural Archives has a vast collection of these materials, gathered from all areas of the Prefecture dating back to the Kamakura and Muromachi periods.



明治期の間真関係帳簿（深谷市飯塚家文書）： Ledgers concerning aidama dyeing materials from the Meiji era (from the Iitzuoka household in Fukaya City)

地図・航空写真： Maps and Aerial Photographs

Showing the layout of areas within the Prefecture.



埼玉全県航空写真： Aerial Photograph of the Entire Prefecture
1995, A-16 B-20 (Near the Saitama Ancient Burial Mounds)

The Saitama Prefectural Archives has collected over 80,000 aerial photographs, maps made by municipalities within Saitama, and other materials produced by Saitama between 1966 and 1995. These materials depict changes in scenery and land use over time.

行政刊行物・参考図書： Government Publications and Reference Books

Useful for investigation and research.

Alongside administrative documents, publications produced by the Saitama Prefectural Government serve as highly important Prefectural Government-related materials. Approximately 50,000 books, including various kinds of reports, statistical documents, and other materials, have been collected and are available for use. Additionally, documents recounting the histories of principal regional government bodies both in and outside the Prefecture, as well as dictionaries, encyclopedias, magazines, and more, can be used as reference materials.



行政刊行物： Government Publications

各種の普及・連携事業： Various Projects Aimed at Establishing Connections and Spreading Knowledge

古文書講座： Classes on Ancient Texts

The Prefectural Government Archives holds classes aimed at deepening participants' understanding of their birthplace of Saitama through deciphering and explaining the materials collected by the Archives. Entry level, beginner, and intermediate classes are available in addition to an intensive course on understanding ancient texts which is held every summer.



古文書解読講習会： Intensive Course on Understanding Ancient Texts

地図教室： Mapping Classroom

Through lectures on maps and outside learning activities, participants can learn firsthand about the region's nature, history, changes in the environment, and more, encouraging increased interest in maps and Saitama, and developing participants' understanding.

子供体験教室： Practical Workshops for Children

Through classes and hands-on activities involving name seals, scrolls, Japanese books, and other materials which have been passed down in Japan over centuries, in addition to lectures on maps and workshops which allow participants to construct three-dimensional maps, the Archives aims to cultivate children's interest in the Prefectural Archives and maps.

学校連携事業： Joint Projects with Schools

The Archives accepts requests for social learning workshops, educational personnel training, and by-request instruction, to provide opportunities for collected materials to be used effectively as school teaching materials.



子供体験教室： Practical Workshop for Children (Making Japanese Scrolls)

閲覧のご案内： A Guide to Viewing Materials

1. For visitors seeking administrative documents, ancient texts, and reference materials, please head to the document viewing room on the 2nd floor. For maps and aerial photographs, please visit the map viewing room on the 4th floor.
2. Please use the search system to find the materials you require and request them at the front counter. Please inquire with staff for detailed information on viewing and copying items.
3. Materials are not available to be borrowed or taken out of the archives.

収蔵資料検索システム： Collected Materials Search System

Using the collected materials search system on the Saitama Prefectural Archives website, you can search for materials using keywords and other methods, prior to visiting the Archives. Additionally, the website also provides access to data for aerial photographs and river network maps within Saitama. Over 1,300,000 data items are registered in the search system and newly released materials are constantly being added.



利用案内： Regarding Use of the Archives

Open Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Mondays, national and public holidays, and December 29 to January 3

Maintenance days: the last day of every month (however, the Archives will be open when these days fall on a Saturday or Sunday)

Special maintenance days: 10 days or less each in both spring and autumn

Transport: 15 minutes' walk from the west exit of JR Urawa Station (accessible via the Takasaki, Utsunomiya, and Keihin-Tōhoku Lines) or board the Kokusai Kōgyō Bus bound for the Saitama Prefectural Government Office and walk approximately 3 minutes.

18 minutes' walk from Naka-Urawa Station (accessible via the Saikyō Line) or board the Kokusai Kōgyō Bus bound for the Saitama Prefectural Government Office and walk approximately 3 minutes.



Saitama Prefectural Archives Mascot "Monjiro"

This cute mascot has been modelled after a cat. Monjiro is a dependable kitty who protects the precious materials stored in the Archives from mice!

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