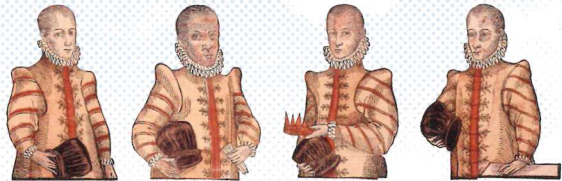


Collegio display room

A seminary, "Collegio", was opened in Amakusa (Kawaura town) to educate missionaries during period from 1591 through 1597. As a result, Western culture blossomed in the region. The embassy who returned from traveling in Europe also studied in Collegio. At Amakusa Collegio Museum, this history and culture are introduced.

Tensho Embassy (1582-1590) portrait is the property of the library of Kyoto University



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As ordered by Christian Daimyo (feudal lord) and Society of Jesus, 4 young men were dispatched to Europe. They had the privilege of meeting the King of Spain and Portugal and the Roman Pope. They were welcomed every place they went. From their possessions and route map, their adventure can be imagined.



©bamboo pipe organ



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Western musical instrument (replica)
These are models of the musical instruments brought back by the Tensho Embassy. There is even a story of them playing these instruments in front of shogunate Hideyoshi Toyotomi. He liked their music so much that he requested many encores.



Event and display hall

This is the hall for traditional instrument concerts and speeches.

© Collection of music from middle ages (scores and around 500 records) are on display. Records can be listened to by asking the staff.

Messenger of World Peace Doll Museum



World peace starts from children

Mrs. Tenkoko Sonoda was a lady who believed that "world peace starts from children". As an ambassador of world peace, she sent Japanese dolls to 100 countries with support from many people. As a result, 57 countries responded by sending their own traditional dolls. For children's peace and happiness, 117 dolls in traditional costume are on display.

Model of European Ship

This is a model of the Spanish/Portugal ship (NAU) which the Tensho Embassy traveled in. The feature of the ship is a high deck in the bow and stern.

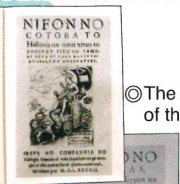


Gutenberg printing press (replica)

Because the embassy brought back a Gutenberg printing press, Japan had its first metal printing press. Among the books referred to as "Amakusa Books", "The Tale of the Heike" and "Aesop's Fables" are well known.



Amakusa Books



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