

A 400-Year Legacy: The Master Artisans Who Breathe Life into History

Nearly 400 years ago, during the construction of Sunpu Castle by Tokugawa Iyasu, the river of "Shizuoka Craftsmanship" began to flow. It continues to run deep and strong to this day.

This exhibition journeys through the memories and passions of the master craftsmen who faithfully restored the "Takechiyo Tenarai-no-ma" (the historic study room) inside the Tatsumi Yagura turret of Sunpu Castle, 37 years ago (Heisei 1 / 1989). Come and experience the living breath, the sublime skills, and the profound stories hidden within the hearts of these masters.



Yuji Oma Master Woodworker (Sashimono)

Impeccable interlocking woodwork, crafted with absolute precision. Hidden within this ultimate structural rigor lies a breathtaking warmth and softness, breathing life into fine wooden furnishings created out of deep care for the user.

The pinnacle of craftsmanship devoted by this master to the restoration of the historic study room still lives on vividly within his creations today.



Ryoichi Toba Master Lacquerer (Urushi)

"Kongo Ishime-nuri"—a unique technique where grains of sand bestow a profound, unmatched depth to the elegant, lustrous lacquer. Inheriting the sublime skills and spirit of his late father, Seiichi, Ryoichi added a noble beauty to the restored study room.

The supreme artistry and devotion he has fiercely protected remain undimmed, beautifully passed down to the next generation.



Seiichi Aoshima Master Joiner (Tategu)

Serving as the founding chairman of the National Association and in various prestigious roles, his memory of making countless adjustments at the restoration site 37 years ago remains as vivid as yesterday.

As he warmly reflects, "Everyone was so kind to me," his gentle personality shines through, revealing a master spirit that remains active for a lifetime.

The Artisans of Shizuoka:
Their Legacy, Craft, and Spirit



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※Closed on Mondays (Open if Holiday, Closed next weekday)

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Exhibition Area: 1F Archaeological Feature Area

[Admission Free / Free View]

※ Panel exhibition only.

★ Upcoming Event: A hands-on event featuring artisans and their crafts.

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