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MS 7146 Map of Edo [Tokyo]

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7146 Map of Edo [Tokyo]
Date:	1849 Tokyo, Japan, Fujiya Kichizō, 1849
Identifier:	NAA.MS7146
Creator:	ANONYMOUS
Extent:	1 Page (96.5 cm x 71.3 cm)
Language:	Japanese .

Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift from Mrs. Lispernard Seabury Crocker, 1961. She collected it in Japan in the 1930s. Transferred from the artifactual collection of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives by Chang-su Houchins, March 1984. The map was in an exhibit entitled "Around the World," held at the Historic Warner House, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, July 31-August 5, 1939.

Citation

Manuscript 7146, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Scope and Contents

The document is a street map oriented to the west. It has a few illustrations to show ships in Edo Bay and some buildings. A large hollyhock family crest identifies Edo Castle, the seat of the Tokugawa shogunate government. The locations of residences of lords of the fiefs are identified with their family crests. Included is a chart that shows distances from the Nihombashi area to local temples, shrines, and other points of interest. A colophon identifies the publisher, place, and date of the map. An typed English caption provides a historical sketch of the rise of Tokyo.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Color woodblock print 96.5cm x 71.3 cm

Condition

Mounted on paper that has been backed with cloth.

Local Numbers

ANTHRO CAT 398,576

USNM ACC 232,559

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Local Note

Data and translations furnished by Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology, NMNH. See Hugh Cortazzi, *Isles of Gold: Antique Maps of Japan* (New York and Tokyo: Weatherhill, 1983), and Jhon W. Dower, *The Elements of Japanese Design: A Handbook of Family Crests, Heraldry, and Symbolism* (New York and Tokyo: Weatherhill, 1971).

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Heraldry -- Japan -- depicted
Japanese

Cultures:

Japanese

Types of Materials:

Maps

Places:

Japan
Tokyo -- Maps, Pictorial -- Japan