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MS 7323 True view of the Rakanji  
temple in the Province of Buzen

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 7323 True view of the Rakanji temple in the Province of Buzen
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS7323
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1800
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Sheet (38.5 x 102.5 cm)
<b>Language:</b>	In Japanese using Chinese ideographs

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The material was collected in Japan during the 1930s and donated to the Smithsonian by Mrs. Lispernard S. Crocker in 1961. Earlier it was shown at the an exhibit entitled "Around the World" held at the Historic Warner House, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, July 31-August 5, 1939. Sent to the archives by Chang-su Houchins, April 1986.

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## Scope and Contents

Map shows topographical features and various temple structures and monasteries, including the Buddha figures carved on mountain cliffs. There is also a handwritten poem in Chinese ideographs, perhaps by a Buddhist devotee, signed Issen dōnin and dated Hōreki kino-to-u (the year of the hare during the Hōreki period [1757-1763]).

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 7323  
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## Former Title or Title Variations

Buze [no] kuni Rakanji no shinkei

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## Local Note

Data and translations furnished by Chang-su Houchins, of the Smithsonian's Department of Anthropology. She consulted E. Papinot, Historical and Geographical Dictionary of Japan, 1948; William H. Edmund,

Pointers and Clues to the subjects of Chinese and Japanese art, 1934; and Nihon Kokugo Daijiten (Encyclopaedia of the Japanese Language), 1978.

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## Local Note

Color woodblock print

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Japanese  
Language and languages -- Documentation

Cultures:

Japanese

Types of Materials:

Maps