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Yegi-Honten photographs relating to the
Japanese Red Cross Society of Tokyo, circa 1904

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	Yegi-Honten photographs relating to the Japanese Red Cross Society of Tokyo
Identifier:	NAA.PhotoLot.86-35
Date:	circa 1904
Extent:	5 mounted prints (silver gelatin)
Creator:	Yegi-Honten studio
Language:	Undetermined

Administrative Information

Provenance

The photographs were exhibited at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Missouri, 1904. They were part of the donation presented by the Imperial Japanese Commission to the United States at the close of the exposition in 1905 (accession 44415). The photographs were transferred to the archives by Chang-su Houchins in April 1986.

Location of Other Archival Materials

Artifacts from the Japanese Red Cross Society's exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in the Department of Anthropology collections in accession 44415.

Preferred Citation

Photo lot 86-35, Yegi-Honten studio photographs relating to the Japanese Red Cross Society of Tokyo, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

Biographical Note

The Yegi-Honten Studio was Yegi M.'s main studio, based in Awajicho, Kanda district. The studio was responsible for some of Japan's exhibit photographs at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition (1904).

The Japanese Red Cross Society was founded by Count Tsunetami Sano in 1877. Originally known as Hakuaisha, it was intended to provide relief aid during the Satsuma Rebellion of that year. The organization provided medical supplies, rescue measures, and social work services. It was renamed the Japanese Red Cross Society in 1887.

Scope and Contents

Photographs relating to the Japanese Red Cross Society (Nihon Sekijūjisha) of Tokyo, Japan, used in an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1904. It includes images of the Hakuai Maru, a Red Cross Hospital ship; Japanese Red Cross Society relief staff aboard the ship; the Tokyo headquarters of the Red Cross Society; two nurses with hospital equipment; and a ceremony in front of the Japanese Red Cross Society Hospital. Photographs of relief staff and nurses were possibly made to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the society's founding.

Local Call Number(s)

NAA Photo Lot 86-35, USNM ACC 44415

General

Data furnished by Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology. She consulted Niho kokugo daijiten (Encyclopaedia of the Japanese Language) and Clark Worswick, Japan Photographs, 1854-1905, 1979.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Japanese

Cultures:

Japanese

Types of Materials:

Photographs

Names:

Nihon Sekijūjisha
Yegi M., fl. 1890s