JAPANESE IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE WAR ERA

March 16, 2010 - April 3, 2011

The National Museum of Japanese History is pleased to announce the opening of a special temporary exhibition entitled, “Japanese Immigrants in the United States and the War Era.” The exhibition, which introduces Japanese audiences to the history of Japanese who emigrated from Japan and settled in the United States, is being presented in conjunction with the Museum’s recently opened “Contemporary History Gallery,” a permanent gallery covering Japanese history from the 1930’s to 1970’s. While the Contemporary History Gallery examines the war era in Japan, the Temporary Exhibition offers a fascinating and vastly different perspective of World War II as seen through the eyes of those who immigrated to the United States.

The exhibition, which was developed by Japanese historians at the Museum, explores the war’s impact on Japanese immigrants and their offspring, including the internment Camp experience. It features artifacts collected both in Japan and the U.S. “Japanese Immigrants in the United States and the War Era” opens on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, and continues through Sunday, April 3, 2011.

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About Rekihaku
The National Museum of Japanese History, popularly known in Japan as Rekihaku, is a museum of Japanese history that houses and displays some 200,000 artifacts of historical and cultural significance that help to tell the story of Japan's past. Rekihaku was founded in 1981 and first opened its gallery doors in 1983. Today, the Museum's permanent exhibits span six galleries—covering everything from Japan's early history to its contemporary culture with an emphasis on the history of everyday life among ordinary people. The Museum represents a unique collaboration among universities. It promotes interdisciplinary research that synthesizes both history and culture, and is Japan's only National Museum that collects and preserves artifacts of both historical as well as cultural interest and significance. This special exhibition on the Japanese in America reflects the Museum's ongoing research into the history of Japanese immigrants who settled overseas.

—Dr. Minami Hirakawa, Director

Access Information

By the Keisei Line
From Keisei Ueno Station or Narita Airport, take the Keisei Line to Keisei Sakura Station (approx. 45 min. by limited express from Ueno, 10 min. from Narita Airport). From there, it is 8 min. by bus or 15 min. on foot to the Museum.

By Japan Railways (JR)
From Tokyo Station, take the JR Sobu Line to JR Sakura Station (approx. 60 min. by rapid). From there, it is 15 min. by bus to the Museum.

The Museum is only 30 minutes by train from Narita International Airport. Please visit Rekihaku when you come to Japan.