



July 10, 2025

Press Release

Keio University

**Reflecting on the 80 Years Since World War II at the Third Osaka Special Archive
Exhibition (7/10—8/31)****Stories Told by Remnants: Keio and WWII**

80 years after WWII, remnants of the time hold records and memories of war

2025 marks the 80th year since Japan's WWII defeat in 1945. 20-year-olds are now 100, 5-year-olds are now 85, and the number of those today who have first-hand experience of war or even serving in the armed forces, has dwindled. The time will come when there will no longer be anyone left to tell their experiences of the war. Their stories, instead, will be told not by *people*, but by *remnants*. As this realization started to gain traction, the Keio University Fukuzawa Memorial Center for Modern Japanese Studies, which is responsible for researching and collecting historical materials, launched the Keio and World War II Archive Project in 2013. It has focused on locating and compiling objects connected to Keio University during the war, an endeavor that continues to this day. To mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, Keio University will hold the exhibition, "Stories Told by Remnants: Keio and WWII" (Third Osaka Special Exhibition) at the Keio Osaka City Campus from July 10 to August 31 to showcase memories of the war told through these items. Admission is free and open to the public. This special exhibition will serve as a synopsis of the full exhibition held at Mita Campus last year. In sharing this collection, the exhibition will go beyond showing the material possessions that people pass down, considering instead what stories these remnants can tell people and the new connections they can create. The Osaka venue will feature exclusive items new to the exhibition.

1. Exhibition Details

Dates: Thursday, July 10, 2025–Sunday, August 31, 2025

Hours: 10:00–17:30 *Open from 14:00 on Thursday, July 10

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays

*Special openings from 10:00 to 16:00 on 7/12 (Sat.), 7/13 (Sun.), 8/23 (Sat.), 8/24 (Sun.), 8/30 (Sat.), and 8/31 (Sun.)

Venue: Keio Osaka City Campus

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Website: <https://www.korc.keio.ac.jp/>

Walk from JR Osaka Station or Umeda Station on the Hankyu, Hanshin, and Osaka Metro lines

Admission: Free and open to the public

Details: <https://www.korc.keio.ac.jp/news/20250611000575.html>

*There will be no guided tours available for this exhibition. However, the organizer will provide a gallery talk

on Thursday, July 10, at 14:00. Interviews and other press coverage may be conducted at the venue until 17:00 that day.

2. Featured Items

1. Keio University flag
2. Preparatory students from Hiyoshi leaving for field exercises
3. *Students Go to Battle*, an *imon-ga* (drawing to boost morale) by a Yochisha Primary School student
4. Speech by the departing students at the send-off rally
5. Armband for mobilized worker
6. *Senninbari* (thousand stitch belt)
7. Journal of a chief surgeon of a submarine that joined the attack on Pearl Harbor
8. Fountain pen with the Keio Penmark insignia found among remains in Okinawa
9. Object discovered from the Hiyoshi-dai underground bunker (piece of Western tableware)
10. Congratulatory telegram, “Graduation Ceremony Twenty-Five Years Later”



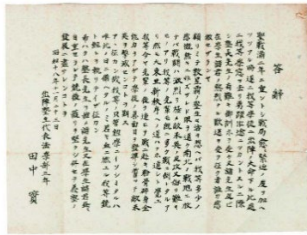
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3. Related Events

(1) Gallery Talks (free of charge)

Date and time: Thursday, July 10, Friday, August 8, and Sunday, August 31, 2025

These talks will begin at 14:00 on the days above and are expected to last for 45 minutes

Registration: Not required (maximum of 80 people on a first-come, first-served basis)

(2) Lecture: “The University and Its Students in Wartime” (free of charge)

Date and time: 15:00–17:00 on Thursday, August 7, 2025

Speakers:

Takeshi Akuzawa (Principal, Keio Senior High School; Chair, Association to Preserve the Hiyoshi-dai Underground Bunker)

Takeyuki Tokura (Professor, Fukuzawa Memorial Center for Modern Japanese Studies)

Registration: Not required (maximum of 80 people on a first-come, first-served basis)

(3) Lecture: “Keio University and the Hiyoshi-dai Underground Bunker: Stories Told by Remnants” (free of charge)

Date and time: 12:00–13:00 on Friday, August 8, 2025

Speakers:

Takeshi Akuzawa (Principal, Keio Senior High School; Chair, Association to Preserve the Hiyoshi-dai Underground Bunker)

Registration: Not required (maximum of 80 people on a first-come, first-served basis)

(4) Lecture: “Fallen Athletes from Keio University” (free of charge)

Date and time: 12:00–13:00 on August 31, 2025

Speaker: Hiroshi Yokoyama (Specialist, Fukuzawa Yukichi Memorial Keio History Museum)

Registration: Not required (maximum of 80 people on a first-come, first-served basis)

(5) Lecture: “My Father Tatsugo Kawaishi, Fallen Olympic Athlete Who Perished on Iwo Jima” (free of charge)

Date and time: 13:00–13:45 on Sunday, August 31, 2025

Speaker: Tatsuo Kawaishi (son of Tatsugo Kawaishi, fallen Olympic athlete)

Registration: Not required (maximum of 80 people on a first-come, first-served basis)

*Please direct any requests or inquiries to the contacts listed below in advance of any press coverage.

*We have sent this news release to the MEXT Press Club and the social, educational and cultural news departments of other media outlets.

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