

The Illustrated Scrolls of the Lotus Sutra and 1000 Years of Prayers.

This exhibition commemorates the completion of the restoration of the Kosetsu Museum's *Illustrated Handscroll of the Lotus Sutra* (Jp: *Hokekyo emaki*), which vividly captures the miraculous tales of efficacious prayers to one of the most beloved Buddhist scriptures, the *Lotus Sutra*. Rendered in ink and light colors, this handscroll, dating to mid-Kamakura period, in the 13th century, is

designated an Important Cultural Property of Japan due to its cultural and historic significance. In April 2020, the scroll underwent major restoration, which was completed in March 2023. This exhibition is the first since its restoration to present this work. In addition, other illustrated forms of the *Lotus Sutra*, such as the frontispieces of the *Lotus Sutra Copied on One Volume per Chapter* (Jp: *Hokke ipponkyo*), will be exhibited to explore the *Illustrated Handscroll of the Lotus Sutra* when it was first made and the details of its transmission over a thousand years. Through this exhibition, we hope to deepen the understanding in the importance of preserving and passing down cultural heritage.

Admission

Adults

¥ 1700 (¥ 1500*)

High school and university students

¥ 1000 (¥ 800*)

Elementary and junior high school students

¥ 500 (¥ 300*)

*For groups of 20 or more



Designated Cultural Property of Kyoto Prefecture

«Lotus Sutra» Volumes 1

Korean Peninsula, Goryeo dynasty, dated 1365,
Myōken-ji Temple, Kyoto



Important Cultural Property

Illustrated Lotus Sutra (Jp.: *Hoke-kyō emaki*)

Kamakura period, 13th century
Kosetsu Museum of Art



Important Cultural Property

Śākyamuni Buddha Preaching on Vulture Peak

Kamakura period, 13th century
Nara National Museum



Important Cultural Property

«Lotus Sutra Mandala»

The Appearance of a Jeweled Stupa

Kamakura period, dated 1326-1328
Honpō-ji Temple, Toyama Prefecture



Designated Cultural Property of Sakai City

Jeweled Pagoda Mandala of Lotus Sutra

Kamakura period, 13th century
Myōhō-ji Temple, Osaka