

特別展
神に捧げた刀
神と刀の二千年

Kokugakuin University Museum

Special Exhibition

Japanese Swords

: Dedicated to the Deities

Unraveling the relationships between **Deities, Shrines, and Swords**
— from “Rituals and Swords” in Ancient Japan
to “Samurai and Shrines” in the Tōgoku area.

Admission
FREE

January 22, (Tue)

→ March 16, (Sat) 2019

Venue : Kokugakuin University Museum Special Exhibition Room

Closed : Feb. 2nd - 3rd

Hours : 10:00 - 18:00 (Last entry 30 minutes before closing)

Why Swords are Sacred ?

In Japan's long history of deity worship, swords have been used to express deities' powers as well as served as important offerings to them.

In this exhibition we will trace their development as such, making clear the historical backdrop to the relationships between deities/shrines and swords.

Topics include ancient rituals and swords as seen in historical texts such as the ancient *Kojiki* (Records of Ancient Matters) and *Nihon shoki* (Chronicles of Japan), as well as the medieval *Azuma Kagami* (History of Kamakura Shogunate), related legends, and samurai and shrine-related religious beliefs in the Tōgoku area during the medieval period.

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