

Special Exhibition
Bronze Bells and Communes
— Exploring life in the Yayoi Period through the National Treasure, Sakuragaoka Bronze Bells
2025. 7.5 (Sat) ~8.31 (Sun)

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- The period for each material is indicated as "Middle" for the middle Yayoi period and "Late" for the late Yayoi period.
- Designation symbols are indicated as National Treasure ●, Important Cultural Property ◎, Important Art Object ○, City Designated Cultural Property ◇, Replica/Restored Item※.
- The exhibit number does not necessarily match the order of display.
- All of the Sakuragaoka Bronze Bells and Bronze Halberds, except for Sakuragaoka No.3 Bronze Bell, No. 11 Bronze Bell and No.4 Bronze Halberd are on display in the Collection Room.
- A ticket for this exhibition also includes access to the Collection Room.

Prologue

Exhibit Number	Designation	Title	Quantity	Excavation Site,Creator Name	Year of Creation	Collection Name
1		(Photograph) Sakuragaoka Bronze Bells and Bronze Halberds excavation site	2		Showa Era, 1964	Kobe City Museum
2		(Photograph) Restoration of excavated conditions	2		Showa Era, 1964	Kobe City Museum
3		(Photograph) Investigation near the excavation site	1		Showa Era, 1964	Kobe City Museum
4		Restoration drawing of the excavation situation based on interviews. (Partial)	1		Showa Era, 1964	Kobe City Museum
5		Kobe City Sakuragaoka Bronze Bells and Bronze Halberds Survey Report	1		Showa Era, 1969	Kobe City Museum
6	●	Sakuragaoka No.3 Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
7	※	Sakuragaoka No.5 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum / Original (●): Kobe City Museum
8	※	Sakuragaoka No.4 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum / Original (●): Kobe City Museum
9	※	Crossed-bands pattern Bronze Bell	1	Excavated presumably from Kagawa Prefecture	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum / Original (●): Tokyo National Museum
10		Konin Rekiun Kikou	1	Hirata Atsutane	Edo Period, 19th Century	Kobe City Museum

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11	●	Kamoiwakura No.31 Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Kamoiwakura Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Agency for Cultural Affairs (Storage location : Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo)
12	●	Kamoiwakura No.39 Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Kamoiwakura Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Agency for Cultural Affairs (Storage location : Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo)
13	※	Kamoiwakura No.11(No.12) Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Kamoiwakura Site	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo
14	※	Kojindani No.1 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Kojindani Site	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum / Original(●) : Agency for Cultural Affairs(Storage location : Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo)
15	※	Kojindani No.5 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Kojindani Site	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum / Original(●) : Agency for Cultural Affairs(Storage location : Shimane Museum of Ancient Izumo)
16	◎	Yanagisawa No.2 Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Yanagisawa Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Nakano City Museum
17	◎	Yanagisawa No.6 Bronze Halberd	1	Excavated from Yanagisawa Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Nakano City Museum
18	●	Sakuragaoka No.4 Bronze Halberd	1	Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
19	◎	Oiwayama No.1 Bronze Bell(Excavated in 1962)	1	Excavated from Koshinohara,Yasu City, Shiga Prefectural	Late Yayoi Period	Shiga Prefectural Azuchi Castle Archaeological Museum
20	◎	Oiwayama No.3 Bronze Bell(Excavated in 1962)	1	Excavated from Koshinohara,Yasu City, Shiga Prefectural	Late Yayoi Period	Shiga Prefectural Azuchi Castle Archaeological Museum
21	◎	Oiwayama No.4 Bronze Bell(Excavated in 1962)	1	Excavated from Koshinohara,Yasu City, Shiga Prefectural	Late Yayoi Period	Shiga Prefectural Azuchi Castle Archaeological Museum

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22		Mori Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Morikitamachi, Higashinada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Tokyo National Museum
23		Uzugamori Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Uzugamori Dai, Higashinada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Tokyo National Museum
24	●	Sakuragaoka No.11 Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho,Nada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
25	※	Ikoma Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Motoyama-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum/Original : National Museum of Japanese History
26	※	Sakuragaoka No.6 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum
27	◇	Donoue Bronze Bell(Stream Patterned Bronze Bell)	1	Excavated near Kusunoki-cho, Ashiya City	Middle Yayoi Period	Shinno-ji
28	○	Tsuto Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Tsuto, Nishinomiya City	Middle Yayoi Period	Private collection
29	※	Tsuto Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Tsuto, Nishinomiya City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Nishinomiya City Museum/Original (○) : Private collection
30	◇	Motoyama Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
31	◇	Kitaogi Bronze Bell	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
32		Bronze Bell Hoard Pit Separated and Preserved from the Kitaogi Site	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
33	※	Sakuragaoka No.14 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum

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34	◇	Unfinished Bronze Bell Mold	2	Excavated from the Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
35		Molds for Weapon-Shaped bronze Implement	1	Excavated from the Kumoi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
36	※	Sakuragaoka No.5 Bronze Bell (3D printer output)	4	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum
37	※	Sakuragaoka No.5 Bronze Bell(plaster)	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum
38	※	Sakuragaoka No.12 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum
39	※	Sakuragaoka No.12 Bronze Bell	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum /Original (●): Kobe City Museum
40	※	No.1 Bronze Bell Mold	1	Original : Excavated from the Higashinara Site	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum/Original(◎) : Agency for Cultural Affairs(Storage location : Ibaraki City Cultural Museum)
41	※	Bronze Halberd Mold	1	Original : Excavated from the Higashinara Site	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum/Original(◎) : Agency for Cultural Affairs(Storage location : Ibaraki City Cultural Museum)
42	※	Bronze Bell Mold	1	Original : Excavated from the Kamitakano, Ako City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum/Original (Hyogo Prefecture Designated Cultural Property) : Ako City Museum of History
43	※	Sakuragaoka No.1 Bronze Halberd	1	Original : Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho, Nada Ward, Kobe City	Original : Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum

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Exhibit Number	Designation	Title	Quantity	Excavation Site,Creator Name	Year of Creation	Collection Name
44		Yayoi Pottery Jar	2	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
45		Yayoi Pottery Pedestaled Dish	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
46		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	9	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
47		Stone Tool Stone Reaping Knife	5	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
48		Stone Tool Large Bifacially Beveled Stone Axe	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
49		Stone Tool Small Quadrangular Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
50		Stone Tool Whetstone	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
51		Stone Tool Stone Dagger	1	Excavated from Motoyama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
52		Yayoi Pottery Jar	5	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
53		Yayoi Pottery Pot	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
54		Yayoi Pottery Pedestaled Dish	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
55		Yayoi Pottery Footed Long-necked Jar	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
56		Yayoi Pottery Footed Bowl	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
57		Bottom Board of Wooden Coffin	1	Excavated from Kitaogi Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City

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58		Yayoi Pottery Jar	2	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
59		Yayoi Pottery Footed Jar	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
60		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	6	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
61		Stone Tool Stone Reaping Knife	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
62		Stone Tool Large Bifacially Beveled Stone Axe	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
63		Stone Tool Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
64		Stone Tool Flat Plano-convex Stone Axe	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
65		Stone Tool L-shaped Stone Pestle	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
66		Stone Tool Stone Weight	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
67		Stone Tool Small Knife	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
68		Stone Tool Blade	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
69		Stone Tool Tanged Stone Scraper	1	Excavated from Obano-Yama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
70		Yayoi Pottery Jar Stand	1	Excavated from Nunobiki-maryama Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Private collection
71		Yayoi Pottery Jar	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
72		Yayoi Pottery Pot	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
73		Yayoi Pottery Pedestaled Dish	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
74		Yayoi Pottery Bowl	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
75		Stone Tool Chipped Stone Arrowhead	6	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
76		Stone Tool Polished Stone Arrowhead	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History
77	◇	Western Han Dynasty Style Bronze Three-winged Arrowhead	1	Excavated from Egeno-Yama Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Ashiya City Museum of Art and History

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78		Stone Tool Polished Stone Halberd	1	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
79		Stone Tool Stone Sword	1	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
80		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	2	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
81		Stone Tool Large Bifacially Beveled Stone Axe	1	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
82		Stone Tool Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	1	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
83		Stone Tool Side Scraper	1	Excavated from Aotani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum
84		Yayoi Pottery Jar Stand	1	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
85		Yayoi Pottery Miniature Pottery	2	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
86		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	7	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
87		Stone Tool Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	3	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
88		Stone Tool Round Stone Pestle	1	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
89		Stone Tool Stone Weight	1	Excavated from Seishin New Town No.65 Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
90		Yayoi Pottery Jar	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
91		Yayoi Pottery Jar with Handle	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
92		Yayoi Pottery Pedestaled Dish	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
93		Yayoi Pottery Miniature Pottery	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
94		Yayoi Pottery Pottery with Lines Drawing	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
95		Stone Tool Polishing Stone Dagger	3	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
96		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	7	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
97		Stone Tool Large Bifacially Beveled Stone Axe	2	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
98		Stone Tool Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	3	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
99		Stone Tool Discoidal Stone Mace	1	Excavated from Zuko-San Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
100		Yayoi Pottery Jar	2	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
101		Yayoi Pottery Footed Long-necked Jar	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
102		Yayoi Pottery Footed Jar	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
103		Yayoi Pottery Jar Stand	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
104		Stone Tool Stone Arrowhead	3	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
105		Stone Tool Polished Stone Arrowhead	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
106		Stone Tool Stone Reaping Knife	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
107		Stone Tool Large Bifacially Beveled Stone Axe	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City
108		Stone Tool Polished Stone Axe with Unifacially Beveled Edge	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City
109		Stone Tool Flat Plano-convex Stone Adze	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle to Late Yayoi Period	Kobe City
110		Stone Tool Polishing Stone	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
111		Stone Tool Stone Hammer	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
112		Stone Tool Whetstone	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City
113		Stone Tool Flake	1	Excavated from Jogatani Site	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City

Epilogue

114	※	Deity-and-Beast Mirror Raised Triangle Rim, Arabesque Pattern of Twisting Vines	1	Original : Excavated from Higashi-Motomeduka tomb	Original : Kofun Period	Kobe City Museum / Original: Tokyo National Museum
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115	●	Sakuragaoka Bronze Bells and Bronze Halberds	18	Excavated from Sakuragaoka-cho,Nada Ward, Kobe City	Middle Yayoi Period	Kobe City Museum