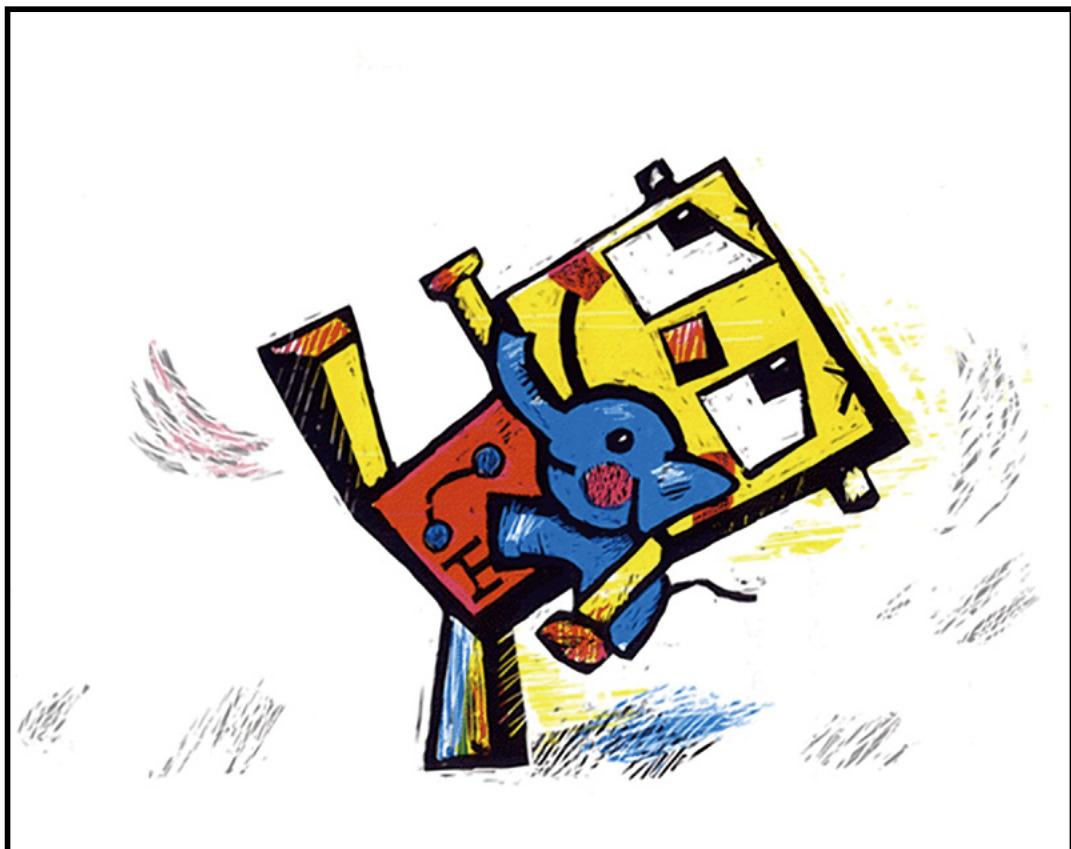


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From IKAJA in Tokyo

Nihon Hidankyo (Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations) has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize!

We are thrilled by the happy news.

One of the key reasons for this award is the effort to pass on a message to younger generations, which is important in any movement. This also requires ongoing dedication.

Nihon Hidankyo has expanded its movement to reach people abroad, as well.

Although there is no easy comparison in terms of the content, scale, and history of the movements, it seems to me that the various democratic movements in Japan have much to learn from Hidankyo.

We at IKAJA aspire to follow in their footsteps.

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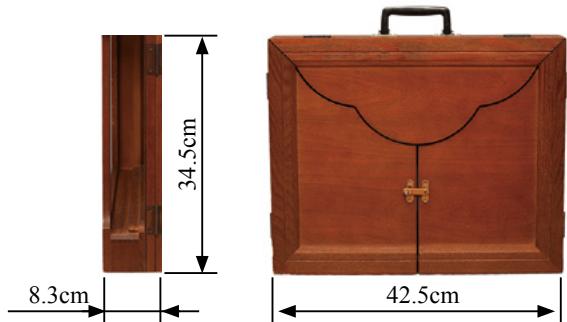
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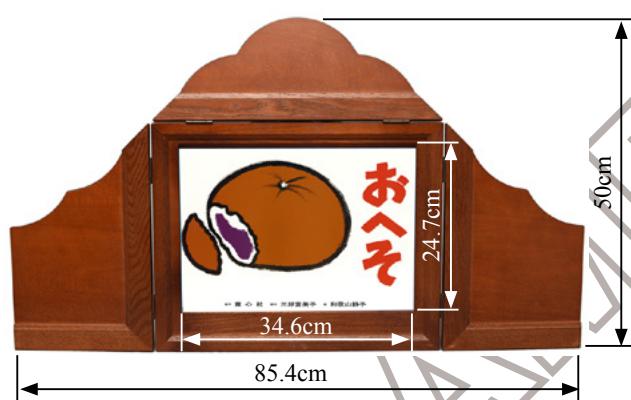
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ISBN 4-494-07300-8
Japanese retail price (tax excluded): ¥ 11500



Back side view with kamishibai sheets

Kamishibai Stand



(steel stand, black table and cloth)

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What is IKAJA?

Activities

The International Kamishibai Association of Japan (IKAJA) is Japan's largest kamishibai association. The spokesperson is Kyoko Sakai, chair of the publishing company Doshinsha. The late Noriko Matsui is our eternal honorary leader. Since the establishment of IKAJA in 2001, we have held 42 domestic kamishibai seminars and issued 45 semiannual Japanese newsletters as well as 21 annual English newsletters. A series of kamishibai performance, and also creative workshops are held, running continuously for six months. In-depth seminars are hosted four times a year.

The 2025 IKAJA Kamishibai Seminar will take place on November 15 (from 1 to 5:30 p.m.) and on November 16 (from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) at the Shuppan (Publishing) Club Building in Kandajimbocho, Tokyo. We will inform you of the detailed program by email. The participation fee of international member is free. There will be no interpreter, but UD talk powered by Google translate will assist you. Please kindly check the immigration restrictions in Japan before your departure on your own responsibility.

Membership

Domestic individual members: 569

Domestic group members: 12

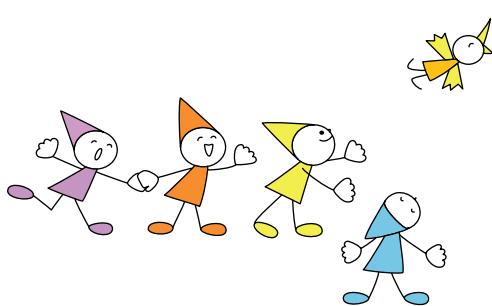
International individual members: 307

(Members 129, Friends 178)

International group members: 24

(Members 16, Friends 8)

Total: 912 (as of August 2025)



English-Language Website

Please visit IKAJA's English-language website. It has been revamped so it can easily be viewed by cell phone.

<http://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/en/>



Doshinsha Publishing Co., Ltd. also has an English-language page on its website:

<http://www.doshinsha.co.jp/kamishibai/translations/>



Membership Fee

Annual membership fee is explained in the following link:

<https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/en/regist-eng.html>



If you would like to invite your friends to join IKAJA, you can use the following link

<https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/Membership-Application-Form.pdf>

or the Membership Application Form on the next page.



Kamishibai Members and Friends

In addition to the Overseas Membership, the status of Friends has been established. For Members who have not paid their dues for more than three years, their status will be automatically changed to Friend. Friends will get information about IKAJA's seminar just once a year. If Friends wish to read IKAJA's newsletters etc., they can return to full Membership at any time upon payment of one year's membership fee. Once they become Members again, they can join IKAJA's kamishibai seminar in November basically free of charge.

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If you would like to become a member of IKAJA, please photocopy this page and fill in the form.

Send the form to our FAX number: 81-422-49-8990.

Or contact us by e-mail: kamishibai@ybb.ne.jp



Membership Application Form

I would like to be an Individual / Group Member of IKAJA. (Please choose.)

Date:

Mr. / Ms. / Dr.

First Name:

Family Name:

Date of Birth (D/M/Y):

Nationality:

Home Address:

Home TEL/FAX:

Home E-mail Address (if any):

Profession or Main Activities:

Office Address (if any):

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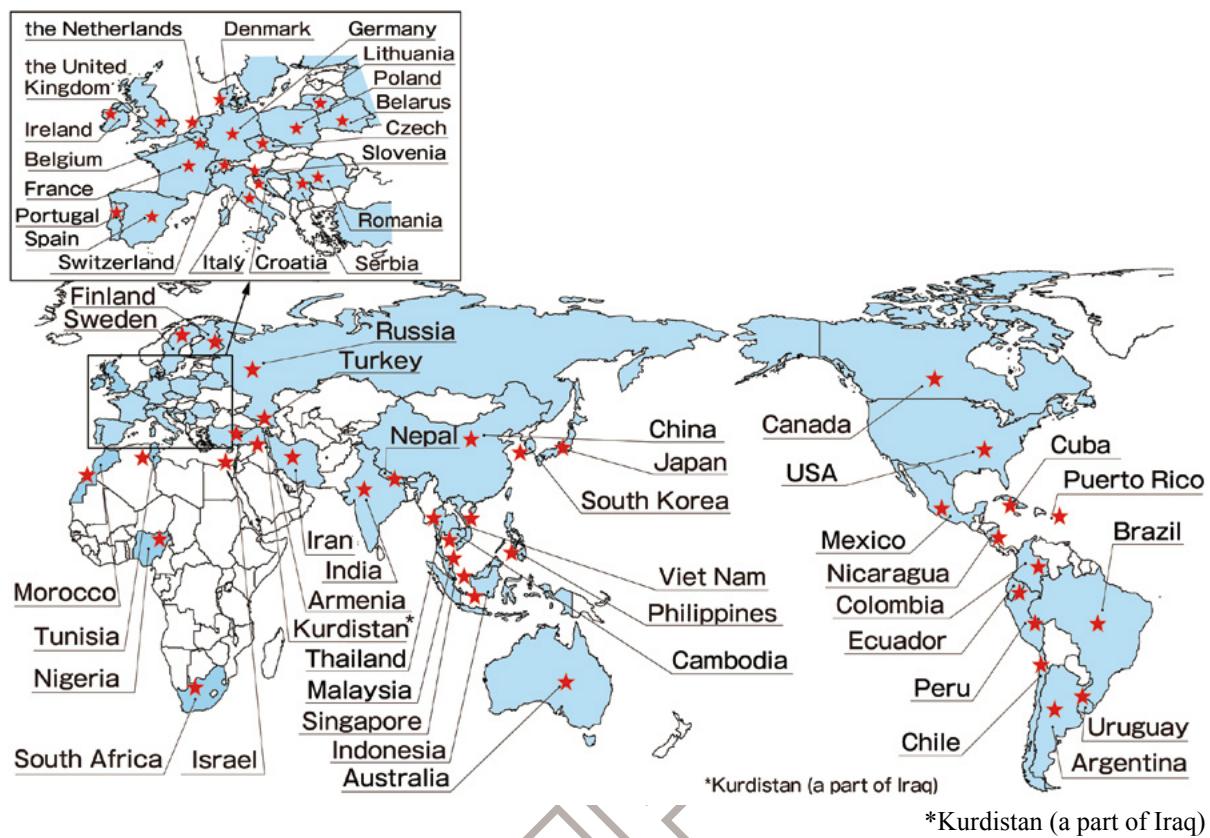
Office Tel/FAX

Office E-mail Address (if any):

Benefits of Becoming a Member

After we receive your Membership Application Form and Membership Fee, you will receive *Kamishibai Newsletter* Vol.10 in digital format as a welcome gift. It is a useful beginner's guide about the theory and history of kamishibai offered by IKAJA. The latest issue of the *Kamishibai Newsletter* will be sent to you in autumn via e-mail. In addition, all International Members who live outside of Japan can join our annual November kamishibai seminar basically free of charge. **We intend to give our Members some more meaningful services on the internet, so please do look forward to it!**

IKAJA's International Members and Friends in the World



Our membership grew to include 581 domestic members and 331 international members and friends, for a grand total of 912 members. Members in 57 countries and regions were represented in our organization (as of August 2025).

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