

The Sumida Hokusai Museum (Sumida City, Tokyo) will hold an exhibition entitled  
**Let's Decode Calendars by Hokusai and Others!**  
 from December 18, 2024 to March 2, 2025

Calendars used in the Edo period were based on lunar-solar calendar and different from those of today, that is, the total days of the same month varied every year. The month with 30 days is called **month of dai (大)** meaning a long month and that with 29 days called **month of shō (小)** meaning a short month. Therefore, **it was important in everyday life to know which month was month of dai (大) or shō (小) of the year.** That is why people produced small *surimono* prints (private prints not for sale) designed as a calendar with a humorous and witty picture including hidden numbers of month referring to month of **dai (大)** or **shō (小)**. That is called picture-calendar (*e-goyomi*), and became a real hit in the Edo period. In this exhibition, picture-calendars from our collection will be displayed and the cultural dimension of picture-calendar flourished in Edo will be introduced. **Enjoy discovering and decoding hidden numbers of month of dai (大) and shō (小) in pictures which are small but filled with splendid ideas and artful expressions.**



**【Summary of Exhibition】**

- ◎The Name of Exhibition : Let's Decode Calendars by Hokusai and Others!
- ◎Term : Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – Sunday, March 2, 2025  
 1st term: December 18, 2024 – January 26, 2025  
 2nd term: January 28, 2025 – March 2, 2025  
 \*Some exhibits will be changed during the period.
- ◎Closed : Mondays  
 \* Open : Friday, January 3, Mondays, January 13 (holiday) and February, 24 (holiday)  
 Closed : December 29, 2024 - January 2, 2025 and Tuesdays, January 7, 14 and February 25
- ◎Organizers : Sumida City, The Sumida Hokusai Museum
- ◎Venue : 3rd floor Exhibition Room in The Sumida Hokusai Museum
- ◎Hours : 9:30 am -5:30 pm (last entry 5:00 pm)



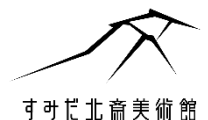
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◎Admission: Adults ¥1,000, Students (high school and college) ¥700, 65 and over ¥700, Students (Junior high) ¥300, Disabled visitors ¥300, Children in primary school and younger Free

◎Website : <https://hokusai-museum.jp/EdocalendarEN/>

- Visitors can also enter AURORA (Permanent Exhibition Room) and Permanent Exhibition Plus on the same day
- Identification card is necessary to get a discount ticket.
- Admission for disabled people is also available for one accompanying person with a disabled person
- Please see the latest information about the starting date of ticket sales and the way of purchase for same-day tickets and other discount tickets on our website.

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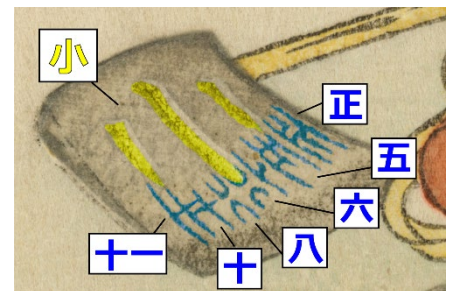
**【Exhibits to be displayed】**



Katsushika Hokusai, *Kintarō Feeding a Japanese Bush Warbler*, The Sumida Hokusai Museum (1st term)

Find out  
"numbers"  
in the picture-calendar!

The left picture is entitled *Kintarō Feeding a Japanese Bush Warbler* by Katsushika Hokusai. You can find a character of 小 meaning a short month in the ax at the side of Kintaro and also characters of "正、五、六、八、十、十一" meaning Jan, May, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Nov. Months of 1,5,6,8,10,11 in 1799 (Kansei 11) were short months. Therefore, it was likely that this was circulated in 1799.



Katsushika Hokusai, *Snowy Morning*, The Sumida Hokusai Museum (all terms)

\*The work will be replaced with different print of the same title during the period.



Painter unknown, *Monkey*, The Sumida Hokusai Museum (2nd term)

**【The Sumida Hokusai Museum】**

The Sumida Hokusai Museum was opened in 2016 in Sumida City, Tokyo where Ukiyo-e artist Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849) was born and where he spent most of his life. The museum has provided information about Hokusai and his artworks through the periodical exhibitions and educational events since then.



<Information>

- Open** 9:30am - 5:30pm (Last admission 5:00pm)
- Closed** Mondays (The following day if it is a national holiday)  
New Year holidays (December 29 - January 1)
- Address** 2-7-2 Kamezawa, Sumida-ku, Tokyo,130-0014
- Tel** 03-6658-8936 (9:30 am - 5:30 pm \*except on closed days)
- Website** <https://hokusai-museum.jp/>
- X** <https://twitter.com/HokusaiMuseum/>
- Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/THE.SUMIDA.HOKUSAI.MUSEUM/>
- Access** 5-minute walk from the Toei Oedo Line Ryogoku Station A3 exit  
9-minute walk from JR Sobu Line Ryogoku Station East exit  
5-minute by the Sumida Loop Bus from JR Sobu Line Kinshicho Station North exit



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