

## Reading Japanese Images: A Workshop

September 7th -11th, 2009, 14:00-17:00, Villa Schoenberg, Museum Rietberg, Gablerstrasse 15, 8002-Zurich, Switzerland

The Section for East Asian Art History at the University of Zurich is pleased to announce a workshop in reading Japanese inscriptions (kuzushiji), specifically those on works of art, on, for example, narrative handscrolls, paintings, and woodblock printed books and sheets. The workshop is a collaboration of the University of Zurich and the National Museum of Japanese History (Rekihaku) and made possible through the generous funding from the Japan Foundation. This year's workshop will be devoted to introducing research material and methods and to reading materials from the Tokugawa period. The workshop will be led by Professor Hiroshi Kurushima of the National Museum of Japanese History.

Sessions will be held Monday through Friday. There will be no charge for participating in the program: attending the course and the use of the necessary books and reference materials will also be free. The participants are, however, entirely responsible for finding and paying for their own travel, housing, and other local costs.

Participants must have the ability to read Japanese; a general background in Japanese art and culture would also be helpful. Apply in person to the program director, Hans Thomsen, at: [thomsen@khist.uzh.ch](mailto:thomsen@khist.uzh.ch) with relevant information, including the level of Japanese language abilities. Be sure to include contact information, including telephone numbers. The application deadline is August 15, 2009.

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For information on Prof . Hiroshi Kurushima, please see:

<http://www.rekihaku.ac.jp/research/researcher/list/kurushima.html>