

News from
Dejima

Last year (2023) marked 200 years since Philipp Franz von Siebold, physician for the Dutch Trading Post on Dejima, first came to Nagasaki. Check out some of the commemorative events!

The Unveiling of a Folding Screen Replica

A replica of Kawahara Keiga's folding screen "View of Deshima in Nagasaki Bay" was created. The folding screen was discovered and restored in the Netherlands. The replica was opened to the public as a temporary exhibition entitled "Siebold and Kawahara Keiga."

The replica folding screen will be exhibited at least once a year in one of the exhibition rooms on Dejima.



Kawahara Keiga's Folding Screen
"View of Deshima in Nagasaki Bay"
(Replica)

The Completion of a Flag Pole!

When Siebold was on Dejima, there was a huge flag pole on its western side that stood almost 30 meters tall and had the appearance of the mast of a sailboat, flying the Dutch flag.

To commemorate 200 years since Siebold's arrival in Japan, a flagpole was installed on the western side of Dejima where the flagpole was presumed to be during the Edo Period (1603-1867). In order to protect Dejima's underground remains and stone walls, a modern flag pole standing 12 meters tall, about half the height of the original, was built.



Mayor Suzuki, Siebold's descendants, and representatives from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Japan raising the Dutch flag

[Days the Dutch flag will be flown]

- Japanese and Dutch public holidays
- Japanese non-working days
- Days that Dejima-related events are held



2024 Temporary Exhibition Information

© Please check the Dejima official homepage for the latest information.

Spring Newly Obtained Items Exhibition

Introducing materials newly obtained last year (2023) with relevant documents.



(From left to right)
Plate with floral design,
stoneware bottle,
Hendrik Dijkman outfit

Summer Fascination with Foreign Dyeing and Weaving

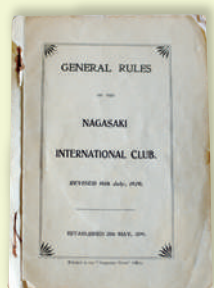
Introducing clothing culture and trends during the Edo Period through goods imported to Dejima.



Sample book of Dutch imported textile

Fall Nagasaki International Club

Last year marked 120 years since the construction of the Former Nagasaki International Club. An exhibition about the history of the building and its relevant figures will be presented.



General Rules of
Nagasaki International
Club

Glover Garden 50th Anniversary

2024 marks 50 years since the opening of Glover Garden.

On September 4, 1974, Glover Garden was opened as a representative tourist spot in Nagasaki, changing its name from "Glover House" to "Glover Garden." The atmosphere of the former foreign settlement remains with nine Western-style buildings, including the Glover House and Office, a World Heritage Site located in the hills of Minami-yamate. Come spend precious time at this memorable spot, just as many have before.



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Official Website

Continuing Building Renovation Construction

Building renovation construction has been taking place since FY 2020 to refurbish the aging buildings and give them a long life so that all guests are able to safely observe Dejima. Please note that there will be times when you will be unable to enter any of the following buildings while construction takes place.

Renovation construction will take place from October to February every year.

2024 Main Renovation Construction Projects

- The Former Nagasaki International Club
- Head Clerk's Quarters
- Sea Gate



Former Nagasaki International Club Special Edition



Former Nagasaki International Club

A full-scale English style Western building from the Meiji Era (1868-1912) that has a veranda on its south side and mantle pieces in every room. It was built on its current location in Dejima in 1903, and 2024 will mark 121 years since its construction.

Seeking a Place for International Exchange

Since the creation of the first foreign settlement in 1860, many foreigners came to Nagasaki, creating an expatriate community. In order to promote friendship between the foreigners in the settlement, the Nagasaki Club was built in 1867 on 31 Oura-machi in Minamiyamate.

On the other hand, since there was nowhere for Japanese people and foreigners to build relations with each other, the Nagasaki International Club was established by Kuraba Tomisaburo, Yokoyama Toraichiro, and Shoda Heigoro to create a place for social gatherings after the abolition of settlements due to a revision of treaties in 1899. The club activities were originally held at the rental building adjacent to the Nagasaki Rice Exchanges in Nishihamano-machi, but were moved to a building newly built at 7 Dejima-machi (current location) in 1903 by Frederick Ringer. This place, which had a bar, billiard room, library room, etc., was in active operation during the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa eras (1868-1989).

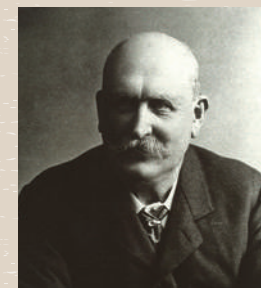
The Former Nagasaki International Club After That

The building was taken by allied forces after WWII, but was returned to the Ringer family in 1951. After it was returned, it was given to civilians who used it as a warehouse. The City of Nagasaki bought this building in 1968 and performed a complete restoration of it, opening it up to the public as the Nagasaki Municipal Dejima Museum in 1974.

Currently, the first floor is a restaurant and the second floor has exhibition rooms!

Nagasaki International Club
The Figures in Nagasaki Involved in its Placement on Dejima during the Meiji EraFrederick Ringer
(1838-1907)

Working as a tea leaf inspector in China, he was invited to join Glover & Co. and managed tea deals in Nagasaki. He then established Holme, Ringer & Co. and took over the business ventures of Glover & Co. He also helped introduce Western technology to Japan and greatly influenced the economy in Nagasaki.



Portrait Photo of Frederick Ringer
Courtesy of Glover Garden



Portrait Photo of Kuraba Tomisaburo
Courtesy of Glover Garden

Kuraba Tomisaburo
(1870-1945)

Thomas B. Glover's son. After returning home through a study abroad at an American college, he joined Holme, Ringer & Co. and was active in Nagasaki's social circles. He achieved many things, including introducing trawl boats to Japan, revolutionizing the fishing industry, and compiling the Glover Atlas.

You can view the houses they lived in at Glover Garden.

The latest information is here! → Official Homepage
<https://nagasakidejima.jp>



History of the Former Nagasaki International Club

- 1859 Dutch Trading Post on Dejima closed
- 1866 Dejima incorporated into foreign settlement
- 1867 Ambulatory installed on south side of Dejima (reclaimed on south side)
- 1885 Start of improvement work at Nagasaki Harbor (ended in 1904)
Former Dejima Bridge removed as a result of the construction

Dejima around 1890



"Umegasaki Western-style houses and Dejima (3)" (Partial) Courtesy of Nagasaki University Library

- 1899 Foreign residence closed
Inauguration meeting of the Nagasaki International Club
First meeting held at Seiyō-tei in Nishihamano-machi
- 1903 Nagasaki International Club moved to a building newly built at 7 Dejima-machi
※In operation during the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa eras (1868-1989)
- 1942 Nagasaki International Club closed
- 1943 Reorganized as the Nagasaki International Club Incorporated Association
- 1945 Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki
Nagasaki International Club building acquired after the war
- 1951 Building returned to the Ringer family, then given to civilians who used it as a warehouse
- 1968 Nagasaki City acquired the Nagasaki International Club building
- 1973 Complete renovation
- 1974 Dejima Museum opened
※Nagasaki Municipal Museum placed inside the museum (1975-1984)
- 1996 Preservation construction work (until 2000)
- 2000 Five restored buildings opened
Opened as the Former Nagasaki International Club
- 2023 120th anniversary of building's construction

Part of the framework was left and partial demolition and restoration work was completed.



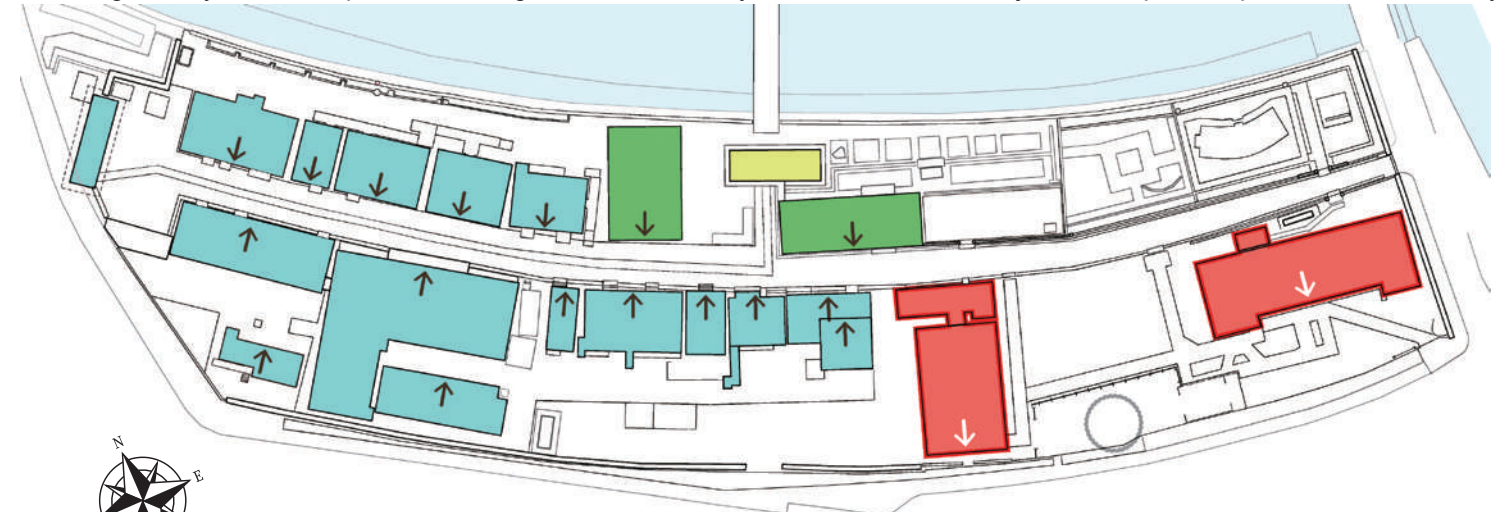
Picture of the preservation construction work

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Why is it Facing Outside Dejima?

There are currently 21 buildings on Dejima.

If you take a closer look, you will notice that most of the buildings on Dejima were built facing its central road. However, the Former Nagasaki International Club and the Former Dejima Protestant Seminary, which are from the Meiji Era (1868-1912), were built facing away from the central road and facing outside Dejima. Once Dejima no longer served its role for the Dutch Trading Post on Dejima, it was gradually opened up to Nagasaki during the late Edo Period. Various construction projects were conducted during the Meiji Era, causing it to lose its island shape and to be incorporated into the rest of the surrounding land. In the midst of that, the Nagasaki International Club was built facing the city. It is an important building that tells that story of the era in which Dejima was opened up to the rest of the city.



■ Restoration of Edo Period buildings
■ Restoration of warehouse completed during the late Edo Period
■ Original Meiji Era buildings
■ Main gate constructed in 1990

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Former Nagasaki International Club from cover of the Dejima Museum pamphlet

It Used to be Cyan? How it Used to Look

When the Former Nagasaki International Club was opened as the Dejima Museum, it had a refreshing cyan exterior just like the Former Dejima Protestant Seminary located on the eastern side of Dejima.

The original paint was discovered during the research conducted for the restoration construction, which began in 1996. In an effort to restore its original appearance, the Former Nagasaki International Club was painted in its current cream and olive green colors.



Restoration construction work research pictures (after removing the cyan paint on the surface)

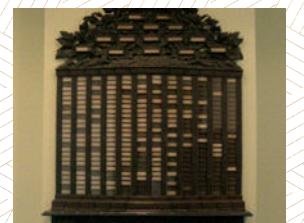


The Current Former Nagasaki International Club

The Former Nagasaki International Club has 121 years of history since its construction and currently has a restaurant on its first floor and exhibition rooms on its second floor open to the public.

Exhibition Rooms

Currently Displaying Original Materials from the International Club



Displays about Dejima's opening up to the rest of the city and the history of the club.

Restaurant



Providing dishes full of local ingredients.
The popular Turkish rice is a must try!

Interior



Displaying English style furniture. You can also view various forms of lighting.