



Special Exhibition



Tsunoda Ryūsaku

His life as a bridge between Japan & America

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Columbia University

9:00 am to 4:45 pm, Monday through Friday
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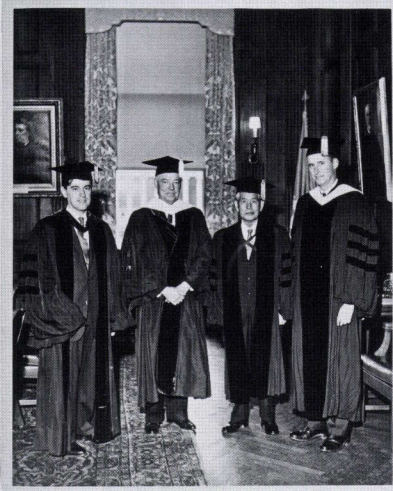
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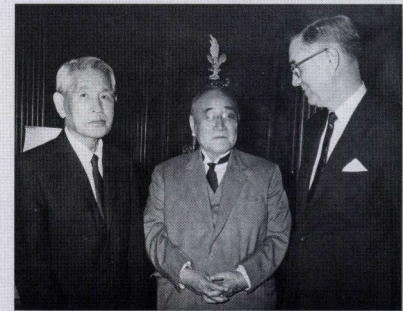
With his students of Fukushima Middle School (present day High School)



In classroom



Receiving an honorary doctorate from Columbia University, 1962



With Prime Minister Yoshida Shigeru (center) and University Vice-President L. H. Chamberlain (right), 1954.

Tsunoda Ryūsaku (1877-1964) was the founder of the Japanese research collection in the Columbia University Libraries, and of the Japanese studies program at Columbia University. He was a graduate of the Department of Literature, Tokyo Senmon Gakko, which became Waseda University.

This exhibition was originally organized by Waseda University Library, in collaboration with the Columbia University Libraries, to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Waseda University. The exhibition, with materials never before publicly displayed, was held at the Okuma Memorial Tower, Waseda University, from October 20 to December 20, 2007. It was designed to introduce the life and contributions of Tsunoda, who, while he embodied the principles of international exchange, was not well known. An accompanying exhibition showcased the Tsunoda Ryūsaku Memorial Collection, his private collection that was donated to Waseda University Library. An International Symposium on Tsunoda Ryūsaku was held on October 30, 2007, at the International Conference Center on the Waseda campus

Tsunoda lived in the United States through the pre- and post-World War II periods, centered at Columbia University. In order to increase the exchange of knowledge between Japan and the United States, he established the Japanese Culture Center of America, the first full-fledged research institution devoted to Japanese culture in the United States. He devoted himself to the education of many Columbia students who, as scholars, have played groundbreaking roles in the development of Japanese studies in North America and Europe. He is still referred to with the honorific accorded respected teachers, and called Tsunoda-sensei at Columbia.

Tsunoda formed a bridge not only between Japan and the United States, but between Waseda University and Columbia University, which have a formal cooperative agreement for intellectual exchange. It is a great honor and pleasure for Columbia University Libraries to bring this exhibition to extend the knowledge of this pioneer of globalization from Waseda University in Tokyo to the Columbia campus in New York.