

Kamesaburo Teshima

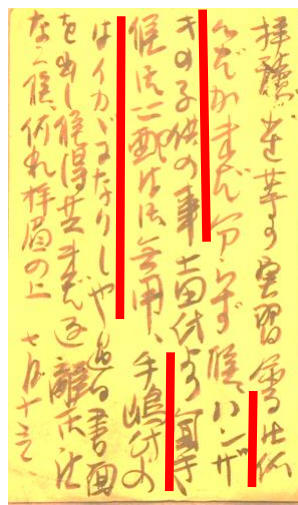
(1857~1906)



The Teshima family, alongside passing down the titled of the Head of the Kuginuki Village through its generations, also operated several wholesale stores across three different regions, from Kuse and Yubara, to Daisen. In 1898 and 1899, when Professor Ishikawa arrived in Yubara for his research on the local Hanzaki, the Teshima family became one of the key supporters for his research. The “Hanzaki Survey Report” published in 1901 gave special mention and thanks to Kamesaburo Teshima, who had played a key role in the survey. Kamesaburo became the second-generation head of Kantou Village in 1893, however there were continuous flood disasters from 1892 and 1893, which caused him to lose his standing in the village as it reconstructed. Professor Ishikawa’s survey of Yubara happened during that period of adversity. In order to check on the birthing of the first of his Hanzaki, Professor Ishikawa arrived in Yubara in May 1898. He continued with his survey, but as there had been no births during this period, the professor returned home. At the end of the month, Teshima dissected and preserved a hanzaki and sent it to Professor Ishikawa. At the end of August, the breeding period also ended. Thus, the following year, the Professor re-visited Yubara in August, and with cooperation from Teshima, they were able to verify the breeding grounds and births of the Giant Salamanders, and were able to carry out a thorough survey. Even after their cooperation had ended, they remained friendly, and in Teshima’s last years while he was on his sickbed, the Professor asked about him in missives to their mutual acquaintances. In later years, his grandchild, Osamu, gave his assistance to the establishment of the Hanzaki festival.

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Thank-you letter sent to
Kamesaburo Teshima



Leter sent to Ishikawa about Teshima's health

