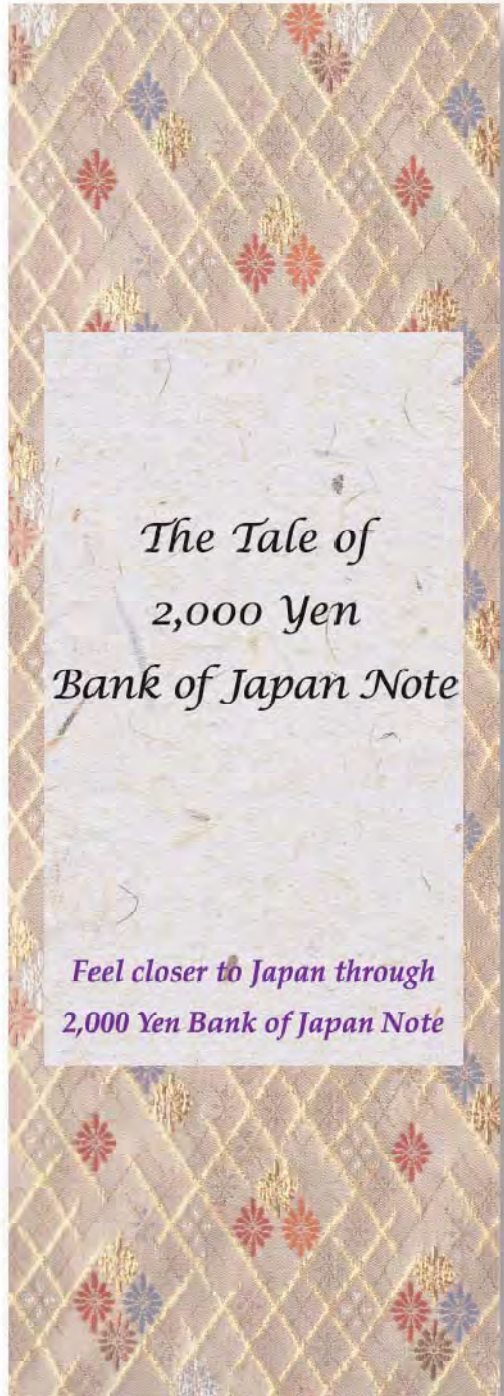




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### ● Shurei-mon Gate (Okinawa Prefecture)

- The Shurei-mon Gate was constructed in the 16th century as the second gate to Shuri Castle. The gate is a well known Okinawan historical cultural asset.
- The gate was destroyed by fire several times, and the present gate was restored in 1958. The previous gate, which was destroyed in 1945, was designated as a national treasure.

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### ● Suzumushi from Genji monogatari emaki

The *Suzumushi* (Bell Cricket) drawing and notes from a picture scroll entitled *Genji monogatari emaki* (both designated as national treasures) are shown overlaid.

- *Genji monogatari* (*The Tale of Genji*) is a fictional story written in prose by Murasaki Shikibu in the middle of the Heian Era (early 11th century) about 1,000 years ago. The picture scroll *Genji monogatari emaki* was drawn in the late Heian Era (12th century) based on the stories in *Genji monogatari*.

The *Suzumushi* drawing shows former Emperor Reizei and Hikaru Genji, the hero of *Genji monogatari*, exchanging their feelings at a moonviewing party.

Excerpts from the *Suzumushi* notes

すゝむし  
十五夜のゆふくれに仏のおまへ  
に宮おはしてはしちかくなかめ  
たまひつゝ念珠したまふわかき  
あまきみたち三人はなたてま  
つるとてならすあかつきのおどみつ  
のけはひなどきこゆさまかはりたる  
いとなみにいそきあへるいとあわれな  
るにれのわたりたまいてむしのね  
いとしけくみたる、ゆうへかなと……

### ● Murasaki Shikibu

Portrait of Murasaki Shikibu as painted in a picture scroll entitled *Murasaki Shikibu nikki emaki* (a national treasure).

- The picture scroll *Murasaki Shikibu nikki emaki* was drawn in the early Kamakura Era (13th century) based on Murasaki Shikibu's diaries.