

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Special Exhibition

Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home

—Children and Gishin Yamashita—



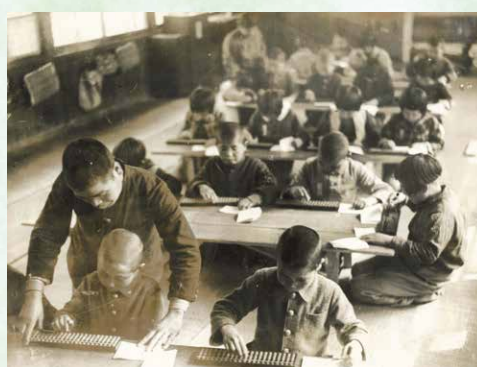
Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home when it was initially established



Mealtime



Nameplate on the foster home's gatepost



Education



Gishin Yamashita
Courtesy of the Yamashita Family

Free Admission

Period March 24, 2023 – September 11, 2023

Place Special Exhibition Room, East Building 1F,
Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum

Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home: Children and Gishin Yamashita

The atomic bombing deprived many children of their families. In December 1945, the Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home was established in Itsukaichi Town, Saeki County, on the outskirts of the city of Hiroshima, ahead of other facilities that were set up one after another after the war to raise the orphaned children. Gishin Yamashita (1894-1989), the first director of the foster home, invested his own funds to establish the facility; he was engaged in the operation of the foster home and raising orphans.

Later, as a member of the Diet from Hiroshima Prefecture, Gishin Yamashita energetically introduced legislation mainly focusing on improving social welfare. Above all, he made an outstanding contribution to provide compensation for mobilized students who became victims of the war as well as to draft the A-bomb Survivors Medical Care Law.

This exhibition describes the history of the Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home and the life of Gishin Yamashita, primarily exhibiting materials that were donated by the Yamashita family in 2018.

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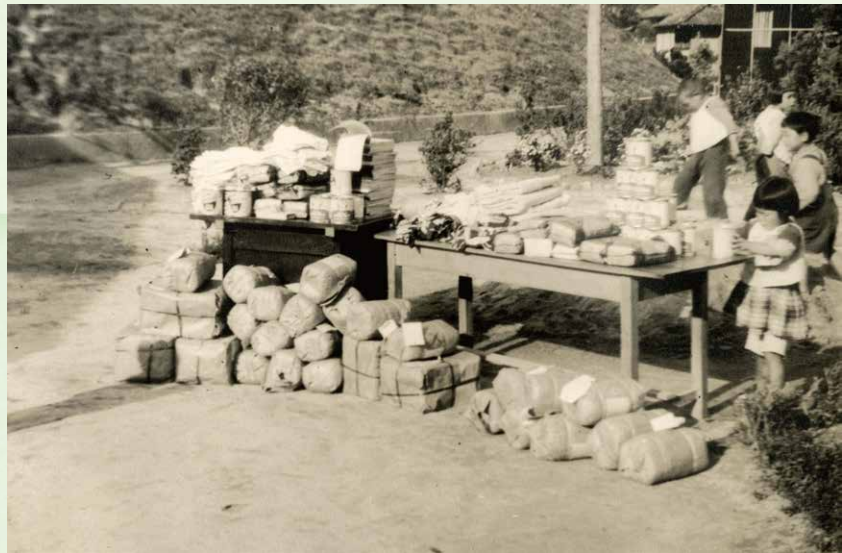
Doshinji Temple



Daily log of the foster home



Children looking at the map of the U.S.



Plenty of supplies from abroad



Books from a moral parent in the U.S.
Donated by Masaaki Ueda



Relief supplies from the U.S.
Donated by Ninoshima Gakuen

Contents:

1. Evacuation of Schoolchildren and the Atomic Bombing
2. Hiroshima War Orphans Foster Home and Its Founder, Gishin Yamashita
3. Gishin Yamashita's Activity as a Politician

*All materials relevant to the foster home are from the Gishin Yamashita Materials (Donated by Akira Yamashita)

