

Guideline for Expertizing

(English translation from original Japanese version)

**Expert Committee,
Philatelic Federation of Japan**

1. Areas of our Expertizing Service

Japan and related areas, including Ryukyu, Manchukuo (except Japanese occupation in South East Asia)

2. Application for Expertizing

Anyone can apply for our Expertizing Service. Applicant is requested to fill in a prescribed application form and send it to the office of the Committee together with philatelic material by registered mail.

3. Fee for Expertizing

- 1) For genuine material, fee is 5% of applicant's declared value. When declared value is considered inadequate, the Committee can change its value based on evaluation in JSCA, etc.
- 2) For forgery or not genuine, fee is 5,000 Japanese yen per an item.
- 3) In case of No opinion or Expertizing Impossible, fee is 5,000 Japanese yen per an item.

When Committee re-submit material to foreign expertizing organization, etc. with consent of applicant, the necessary fee and charge are to be paid by applicant.

4. Certificates

Certificate is issued based on the opinions of experts. Expertized material will fall into one of the following categories: 1) Genuine, 2) Forgery, 3) No opinion, or Expertizing impossible. A certificate with opinion, written by both Japanese and English, will be issued attached with tally embossed photograph and a signature of Chairman (and Expert[s]) of the Expert Committee.

5. Others

- 1) Expertizing works will be tried to finish as soon as possible (normal turnaround time for expertizing 2-3 Weeks), however under certain circumstances, there are times when we need more time.
- 2) Committee will make necessary effort of generally accepted level for the security of

material submitted from receipt till returning, however, Committee is not liable for any loss or damage by natural calamity and other force majeure. Committee recommends applicant to make necessary countermeasures such as insurance. The Committee returns the material promptly after expertizing. Return registered postage and insurance fees are to be paid by applicant. All the responsibilities of the Expert Committee terminate by the issue of Certificate and the return of material (in case by mail, at the moment of posting).

- 3) The Committee can request applicant to provide with necessary information about the material submitted. It also recommends to applicant to attach any information helpful for expertizing work ,e.g., purchase source, precedent certificate, precedent owner, etc.
- 4) Result of expertizing work is the opinion of the Committee. The Committee is not responsible for any influence (positive or negative) rendered to applicant and third parties.
- 5) In case of dispute of interpretation of this Guideline, the opinion of the Committee will prevail. Amendments of this Guideline are to be determined by the Committee.

6. Members of Expert Committee and Specialist Experts

Chairperson: Dr. Mitsuhiro SHITARA, AIEP

Member: Dr. Kazuyuki INOUE FRPSL, AIEP (Secretary-General and Chief Expert)

Member: Dr. Toshimasa OUHARA

The Committee can hear opinion of other specialist, when the Committee considers it necessary.

7. Address, etc.

To obtain application form or detailed information, write to the following.

The Office of the Expert Committee,

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Overseas payment can be paid through PayPal (additional charge: 5%).