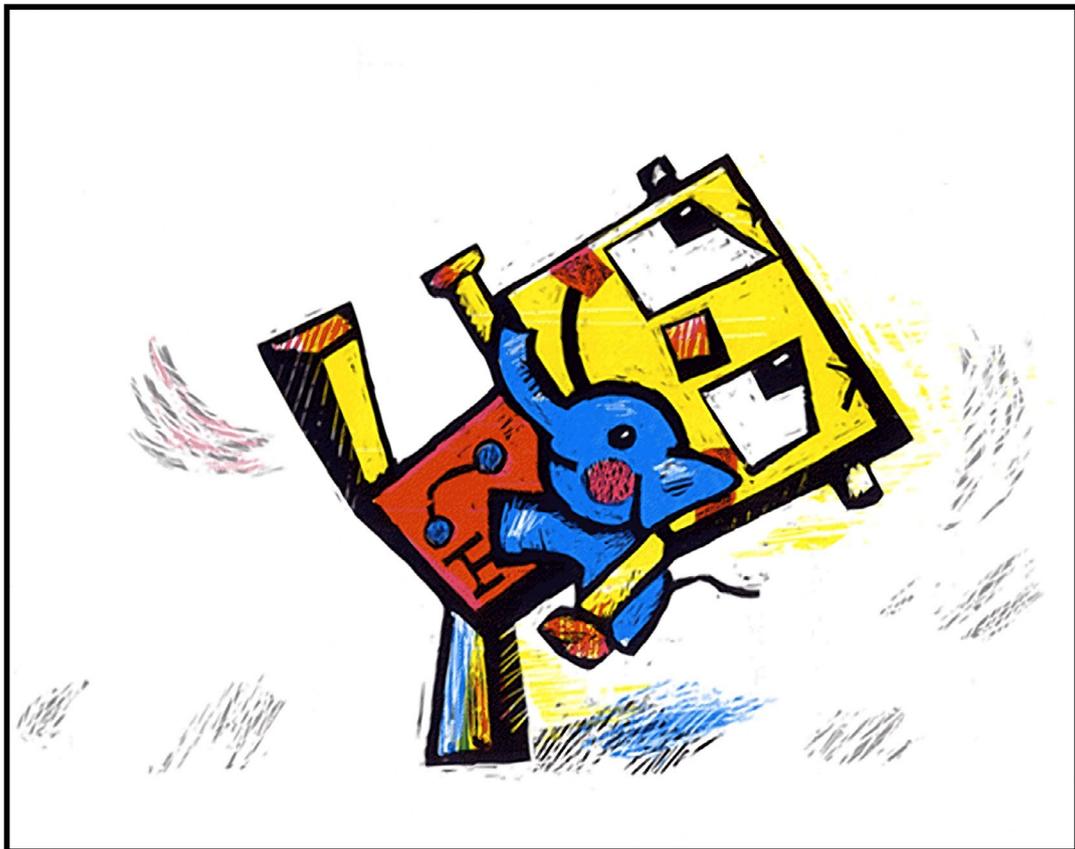


# Kamishibai

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The International Kamishibai Association of Japan



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**From IKAJA in Tokyo**  
***In Memoriam: Taruhi Furuta***

Taruhi Furuta, known by many as a “giant of knowledge,” passed away in June 2014. Both an author and a critic, Mr. Furuta marshaled deep understanding of and interest in children’s culture in all forms.

Because he believed kamishibai to be a vital form of children’s culture, he joined IKAJA. He created six excellent kamishibai works—including the *Kamii the Robot* series—which deserve continued performance as kamishibai treasures.

In memory of Mr. Furuta, we devote this issue to his kamishibai. Long may they delight children and adults everywhere.

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**IKAJA’s International Members are from such countries and regions as:**

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Cambodia, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Holland, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan\*, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Vietnam. (220 international members in 40 countries and regions in total as of September 2015) \*New country in the past year

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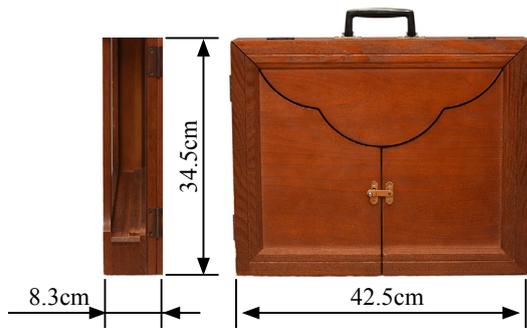


**Kamishibai Supply Information**

\*Standard dimensions of kamishibai sheets:  
26.5 x 38.2 cm

\*Standard number of sheets in published kamishibai:  
8, 12, 16, 24, etc.

< Kamishibai Stage >



\*Dimensions of a kamishibai stage

(in brown wood):

W 42.5 x H 34.5 x D 8.3 cm

ISBN 4-494-07300-8

Japanese retail price (tax excluded): ¥ 9800



Back side view  
with kamishibai sheets

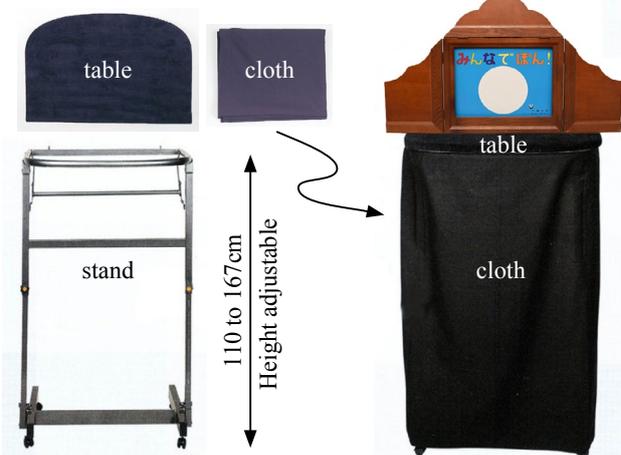
\* Dimensions of a kamishibai stand:

W 63.5 x H 110 to 167 x D 41 cm

ISBN 4-494-07304-0

Japanese retail price (tax excluded): ¥ 42800

< Kamishibai Stand >



(steel stand, black table and cloth)

If you would like to order kamishibai supplies, please use the following links:

<http://www.doshinsha.co.jp/kamishibai/translations/form.php>

Librairie Japonaise Junku  
[www.junku.fr/fr/index.php](http://www.junku.fr/fr/index.php)

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## What is IKAJA?

### Activities

The International Kamishibai Association of Japan (IKAJA) is Japan's largest kamishibai association. The spokesperson is now Kyoko Sakai, chair of the publishing company Doshinsha. Noriko Matsui, creator of kamishibai and picture books, remains as advisor.

Since the establishment of IKAJA in 2001, we have held 27 domestic kamishibai seminars and issued 25 semiannual Japanese newsletters as well as 11 annual English newsletters. We have also sent delegations to many countries to organize seminars and workshops. We co-organized the first European Kamishibai Meeting at UNESCO in Paris in cooperation with la Petite Bibliothèque Ronde in 2012. For more details, please kindly see our website.

We always welcome comments and opinions from our members.

### Membership

Domestic individual members: 512  
Domestic group members: 9  
International individual members: 210  
International group members: 10  
**Total: 741**

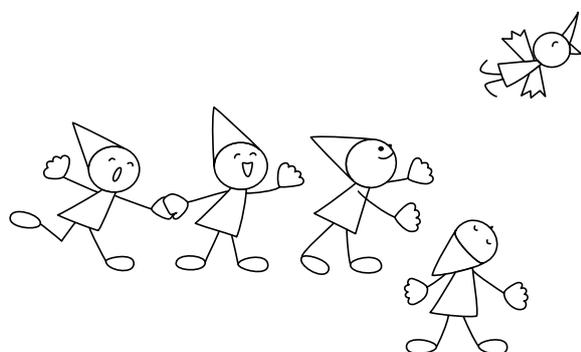


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### Becoming an International Member

If you wish to become an international Individual Member, please send two (2) **International Reply Coupons** with your application form to the contact address below. Group Members, please send ten (10) or more International Reply Coupons.

In case the Coupons are not available at post offices near you, please send us **beautiful postage stamps** from your country instead (enough to send two airmails).

NEW: **International members are no longer obliged to pay annual dues.** This change in 2015 stems from the digitalization of *Kamishibai Newsletter*. But we always welcome your donation.

### English-Language Website

Please visit IKAJA's English-language website. You can also download the IKAJA application form and membership information here.  
[www.geocities.jp/kamishibai/index-e.html](http://www.geocities.jp/kamishibai/index-e.html)

Doshinsha Publishing Co., Ltd. also has an English-language page on its website :  
<http://www.doshinsha.co.jp/kamishibai/translations/form.php>

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**If you would like to become a member of IKAJA, please photocopy this page and fill in the form.**

Send the form to our FAX number: 81-422-49-8990.

Or contact us by E-mail: [kamishibai@ybb.ne.jp](mailto:kamishibai@ybb.ne.jp)

<b>Membership Application Form</b>	
I would like to be an Individual / Group Member of IKAJA. (Please choose.)	
Date:	
Mr. / Ms. / Dr	
First Name:	
Family Name:	
Date of Birth (D/M/Y):	
Nationality:	
Home Address:	
Home TEL/FAX:	
Home E-mail Address (if any):	
Profession or Main Activities:	
Office Address (if any):	
Department/Position:	
Office Tel/FAX	
Office E-mail Address (if any):	

### **Benefits of Becoming a Member**

After we receive your Membership Application Form and International Reply Coupons or stamps, you will receive *Kamishibai Newsletter* Vol. 10 in English as well as the book *How to Perform Kamishibai Q & A* as a “welcome pack.” The latest issue of the *Kamishibai Newsletter* will be sent to you via E-mail.

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