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Registration Date	September 27, 2011	Registration Category	Category 2

Name (Model, etc.)	Paint Samples
Location	Kita Ward, Osaka City, Osaka Pref
	NIPPON PAINT MUSEUM
Owner (Custodian)	Nippon Paint Holdings Co., Ltd.
Manufacturer (Company)	Heikichi Nakagawa, Chief Painting Engineer of the Imperial Japanese Navy
Year Manufactured	1881
Reason For Selection	These are color samples of tsuitate, or traditional small Japanese screens. They were painted with Western style paint produced by Koumeisha, the first company in Japan to produce paint. Koumeisha developed the first paint produced in Japan through the successful efforts of Motegi Jujiro and others. It was a company established with the support of the Japanese navy, which wanted to nationalize the production of paint due to the importance of paint for use on boats and ships. This paint sample was made by Nakagawa Heikichi, Chief Painting Engineer of the Imperial Japanese Navy. The Western style paint of the time was made by mixing linseed oil on site with pigments such as zinc oxide that had been kneaded stiffly. The greatest demand for Western style paint was for ships and boats, and at the time, all of the paint that Koumeisha produced was purchased by the navy. This sample is valuable as an example of the first Western style paint produced in Japan.
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