


Registration No.	Number 00024		
Registration Date	October 6, 2009	Registration Category	Category 1
Name (Model, etc.)	Coin-Operated Sake Vending Machine		
Location	Ninohe City, Iwate Pref		
	The Ninohe Historical Museum		
Owner (Custodian)	Ninohe City		
Manufacturer (Company)	The manufacturer is unclear, but a handwritten note on the side says that the device was sold by a company called Kojosha located at 1 Chome, Ueno-shi, Shitaya-ku, Tokyo.		
Year Manufactured	In around 1889-1910		
Reason For Selection	<p>This is the oldest extant coin-operated beverage vending machine in Japan. There are various theories as to when it was built, but it was designed to accept a five sen copper coin that was minted between 1889 and 1897, so it was constructed sometime after 1889. The cabinet is made of wood, and an internal spring mechanism is tipped by the falling coin to dispense a fixed amount of sake. Although it is not clear exactly when it was made, the fact that this kind of coin-operated contraption survived is unusual, and it is significant as one of the first progenitors of vending machines in Japan. Apparently the device was used until about 1910.</p>		
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