## PRESS RELEASE



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## Special Presentation "A Phantom's Journey into the Ancient History of Eurasia"

The JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATHEQUE (IMT) will be holding a special presentation "A Phantom's Journey into the Ancient History of Eurasia" as part of its tenth anniversary celebration.

The materials collected by Professor Egami Namio (1906–2002) comprise an important share of the items for the permanent exhibition of the Intermediatheque, especially those related to the ancient history of Western Asia. Professor Egami, calling himself a phantom (*genjin*) under his pseudonym, was a unique historian who began traveling abroad in the 1930s to conduct extensive field research across Eurasia with the aim of collecting not only written documents but also archaeological and ethnographic material records.

The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT) stores the enormous amount of research materials collected under the direction of Professor Egami until his retirement from the university in 1965 as well as some treasured items donated by his bereaved family after his demise. This special presentation focuses on Professor Egami's first overseas expeditions in the 1930s in Mongolia (currently the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China), exploring the roots of his field research strategies into Eurasian ancient history.

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## JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATHEQUE

Title: Special Presentation "A Phantom's Journey into the Ancient History of Eurasia"

Dates: June 27 - October 29, 2023

Opening Hours: 11:00–18:00 (until 20:00 on Fridays and Saturdays) \*Opening hours may change.

Closed: Mondays (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a

National Holiday; however the museum is open on August 14 and

August 21). September 4–11. May close irregularly.

Venue: Intermediatheque 3F [MODULE]

Organizer: The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT)

Admission: Free of charge

Address: KITTE 2-3F, 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

Access: JR lines and Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line Tokyo Station (Marunouchi South Exit). Nijubashimae Station (Exit 4) on the Chiyoda Line (about 2 minutes on foot).

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