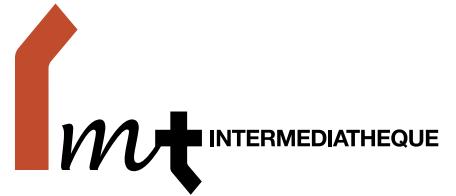


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January 2025

Special Exhibition

Formosa Orchids Blossom – Tokyo Edition

JP Tower Museum
INTERMEDIATHEQUE

Title: Special Exhibition “Formosa Orchids Blossom – Tokyo Edition”

Dates: February 15 – June 8, 2025

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 April 28)

Venue: Intermediatheque 2F [GREY CUBE]

Organizers: The University Museum, The University of Tokyo
(UMUT) + National Museum of History, Taiwan (NMH)

Cooperation: Botanical Gardens, Graduate School of Science,
the University of Tokyo; University Library for Agricultural and
Life Sciences, the University of Tokyo; Cultural Resources
Studies, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the
University of Tokyo; Herbarium of the National Taiwan
University; National Taiwan University Library; Herbarium of
the Taiwan Forestry Research Institute; National Taiwan
Museum; National Museum of Taiwan History; National
Taiwan Museum of Fine Art; National Library of Public
Information; Kaohsiung Museum of History; Royal Botanic
Gardens, Kew

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

Admission: Free of charge

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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The JP Tower Museum INTERMEDIATHEQUE (IMT) will be holding a special exhibition “Formosa Orchids Blossom – Tokyo Edition.”

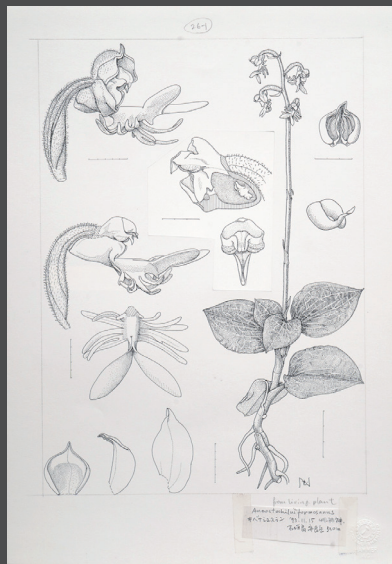
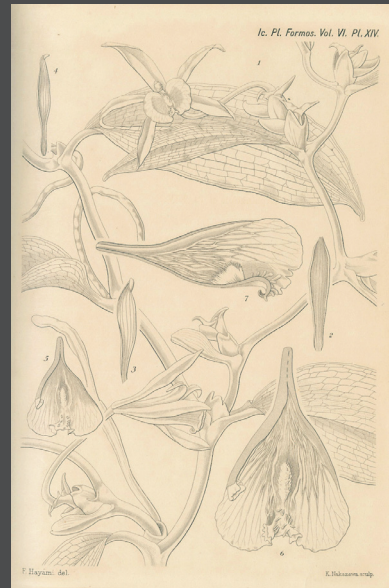
This special exhibition unravels the academic narrative of Taiwanese orchids from both the Taiwanese and Japanese perspectives. The University Museum, The University of Tokyo (UMUT) has previously hosted two exhibitions on orchids at IMT: “Orchids Blossom,” which focused on the botanical illustrations of Japanese orchids from the University of Tokyo’s collection, and “Cattleya Rhapsody,” which explored botanical illustrations of Colombian orchids. The “Formosa Orchids Blossom” serves as the Taiwanese version of those prior efforts as the result of the academic exchange agreement established in 2024 between UMUT and the National Museum of History, Taiwan (NMH).

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FORMOSA ORCHIDS BLOSSOM



1. *Bletilla formosana* (Hayata) Schltr.
Collected by Tashiro Yasusada / September 1896 / Dried specimen /
Near Pa'ilaSen aboriginal village (current day Hualien prefecture), Taitung /
L425 × W294 mm / UMUT (TI00190930)

2. *Dendrobium aurantiacum* Rchb.f. (as *D. flaviflorum* Hayata)
Collected by Segawa Kōkichi / June 18, 1933 / Dried specimen /
Cyubus village, Chunan county /
L450 × W300 mm / UMUT (TI00298684)

3. *Vanilla somai* Hayata
Hayata Bunzō, *Icones Plantarum Formosanarum*, Vol. 6, Plate XVI/1916 /
Illustrated by Hayami Fusomu / Taipei: Bureau of Productive Industries,
Government of Formosa / Print on paper /
L263 × W195 × D 27 mm / UMUT

4. *Anoectochilus formosanus* Hayata
Original drawing for plate 25-01, *Illustrations of Japanese Orchids*, 2012
Illustrated by Nakajima Mutsuko / Ink on paper / L357 × W254 mm /
UMUT (TI000890002)

5. *Cymbidium sinense* (Jackson ex Andr.) Willd.
Illustrated by Yamada Toshio / 1930s / "Hōsai (from Taiwan)" on thin paper /
L342 × W255 mm / UMUT (TI00083582)

*Items 1 and 5 are scheduled to be on display during the first half of the exhibition, items 2 and 4 during the second half, and item 3 for the entire duration.

