

At the battle against the Baltic Fleet heading north off Tsushima, the Commander-in-Chief, ADM Heihachiro Togo, commander of the Combined Fleet hoisted the "Z" signal flag, which indicated "The rise and fall of the Empire depends on this battle. Let every man do his utmost."

Brief Memoir of the Memorial Ship "MIKASA

The Japanese-Russo War was a defensive war in which the Japanese nation was compelled to face with fateful crisis due to Russian expansion to the Far East and fought desperately to secure its national sovereignty. Japan's Combined Fleet, under the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Heihachiro Togo, annihilated the Russian Baltic Fleet in the Battle of Tsushima and attained a historical victory. This victory eventually brought about the end of the war leading to the Treaty of Portsmouth.

The battleship MIKASA, the newest and most powerful Japanese battleship at the time, fought gallantly at the leading position of the Combined Fleet as Admiral Togo's flag ship while under continuous heavy naval bombardment, and greatly contributed to this decisive historical victory.

The restoration and preservation of the MIKASA, with its glorious history, was decided upon in 1926. She was permanently placed at its present location, overcoming very difficult engineering and construction challenges which included the excavation of enormous base rocks. Since then the MIKASA has been well preserved with great care and open to the public as a symbol of our national pride.

OUTLINE OF MIKASA'S CAREER

- 1 Mar 1902 Commissioned at Vickers Shipyard, England
- 28 Dec 1903 Designated as the Flagship of the Combined Fleet
- 10 Aug 1904 Battle of the Yellow Sea
- 27 May 1905 Battle of the Sea of Japan
- 12 Nov 1926 Preserved as a memorial ship MIKASA
- 27 May 1961 The restoration completed
- 8 Jun 1992 Awarded the International Maritime Heritage Award

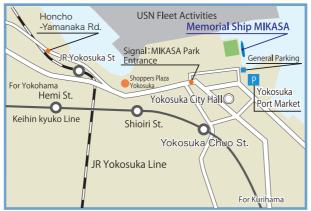
Characteristics of MIKASA

Displacement: 15140t, Ship Hull: Harvey Steel, Length: 122m, Width: 23m, Speed: 18kt, Complement: 859, Main Gun: 12inch x 4, Secondly Gun: 6 inch x 14, 3 inch Gun x 20, Torpedo Tube: 45cm x 4

The preservation work of the MIKASA depends heavily on the memberships of the Preservation society. The application to the Society is always accepted.

Please ask for details at the administration office.

TEL.046-822-5225



Keihin Kyuko Line use

Get off at Yokosuka Chuo Station. Take shuttle bus and get off at MIKASA PARK(7minutes), or walk(15minutes)

JR Line use

Get off at Yokosuka Station.

Take a local bus and get off at Ohdaki-cho bus stop. About 7minutes walk. Take a cycle bus and get off at MIKASA Park.

Yokohama-Yokosuka use

Toll road Take exit of Yokosuka IC, get on Honcho-Yamanaka Toll Road and get on to Route 16. Make a left turn at the road sign to the Mikasa Park.

Open Hours Closing Days Dec / 28, 29, 30, 31

Apr~Sep	AM9:00~PM5:30
Mar & Oct	AM9:00~PM5:00
Nov~Feb	AM9:00~PM4:30

Admission (Fee)

(Fee) *ID card proving owner's age is requested to present

members division	General	* Above 65	15~18
1 person	¥ 600	¥ 500	¥ 300
Over 20 members	¥ 500	¥ 500	¥ 200

