Bumpodo - Kanda Branch: An Introduction

Awarded an “Urban Landscape Prize” from Chiyoda Ward, the Bumpodo Headquarters is designated a “Chiyoda Ward Town Development Important Property.” In 1922 (Taisho 11), construction on the shop building was disrupted by the Great Kanto Earthquake. Only Bumpodo’s façade and those of a few other buildings nearby survived the fires unscathed. In 1990 (Heisei 2), while renovating the building, Bumpodo received a request from Chiyoda Ward to preserve the original shop front, and special renovation work continued behind the façade.

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Established 1887

Greetings
Established in 1887, Bumpodo became the first specialty art store in Japan to manufacture and sell oil-based paints. The history of Bumpodo is, of course, founded on these painting supplies, but these days our reputation is built upon our legendary range of design supplies, sculpting and engraving tools and much more. In the future, Bumpodo aims to bring our customers more attractive products and excellent customer service, from those already involved in art to ones just beginning to try it out.

The History of Bumpodo Art Supplies & Stationery

Established in Ogawamachi, Kanda Ward, Tokyo.

1887 Bumpodo imports art supplies and begins manufacturing and selling original university notebooks, letter paper, musical scores and manuscript paper.

1892 Bumpodo establishes a range of oil-based paint supplies, the first in Japan.

1904 The first canvases made in Japan are manufactured.

1911 Bumpodo manufactures and sells air brushes.

1920 Oil-based paints for professional artists are manufactured and released, along with tools for engraving.

1930 The first exhibitions of works made with Bumpodo oil paints is held in the 3rd-floor gallery. Works by a number of young artists including Okada Saburosuke and Fujishima Takeji is exhibited. After the exhibition, the oil-based paints made in Japan were considered to be of very high quality.

1935 Professional watercolors are manufactured and sold.

1994 “Clippie” paperclips are developed and sold.

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Other artists who loved using Bumpodo’s paints include: Kishida Ryusai, Fujita Tsuguharu, Yasui Sotaro, Sakamoto Shigejiro, Koga Haruo, Nakagawa Kazumasa, Hayashi Takehji.

Bumpodo’s Painters & Artists

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An Introduction to Our Original Products

In 1921 (Taisho 10), responding to the strong wishes and advice of many artists, Bunpodo began to manufacture and sell the first oil-based paints in Japan. Continuing the production methods of that period, our craftsmen try to create "truly great items", making each colour carefully one by one. In addition we swiftly began work on cultivating and developing woodblock products, which are valued by many woodblock artists as far ahead of their competitors in both quality and array. Bunposho's policy is to adopt a consistent approach of "making products which are worthy of your trust". Our original products are sold in over 800 shops nationwide including art materials stores and Bunposho stores.

Oil Painting Tools

Many artists working with our Bumpodo Artist oil paints say that they had some trouble with the paint colors drying on the labels not matching the product inside, so in order to create paintings with beautiful color that would last longer, we did research and developed new products accordingly. Particularly when squeezing the tubes by hand, the artists have said that the colors are livier and more beautiful than those of other companies.

Engraving Tools

The copperplate engraving ink used by Bunposho artists is distinguished for the quality of its adhesion to the plate, its reproductibility on paper, its stickiness, its pigment concentration and its opacity. In addition, other special qualities of the ink are that it doesn't let the oil soak through and is easily wiped away. The black block of course can be used alone, but mixed with Charbonnel #5883 it becomes an exquisite ink which is easily wiped away.

Clippie

Our long-lasting clip paper clips that can be used again and again with no other equipment required.

Kanda Store Information

A comprehensive specialty Art store packed with “Create, Look, Learn”. From beginners to professionals, we hope everyone can enjoy fine arts and art as a hobby with us.

Floor Guide

7F Art School – Studio 3 Various work spaces are available to choose from a total of 74 seats.
6F Office
5F Art School – Studios 1 & 2 Various work spaces are available to choose from a total of 74 seats.
4F Gallery Exhibition and event space available for hire.
3F Frames As we also frame in solids and laminates to showcase art works.
M3F B-Shop A space for small gatherings.
2F Engraving, Sculpting, Drawing Supplies and Paper
1F Painting Tools, Products for Everyday Fun (Life Enrichment Products)
B F Stationery, Design Tools, Paper From advanced art tools to comic-art products, products for a wide range of uses.

Mailing Department

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We accept orders by telephone, FAX and online. We deliver anywhere nationwide.

Our online store features our complete range of products found in our stores, plus additional items and online sales, promotions and other offers. Through our online store, we can offer our products to more customers than ever, who can also enjoy a more convenient shopping experience.

Wholesale & Overseas Department

We supply our original products, art education supplies and painting tools quickly to a wide range of wholesale customers, from kindergartens, high schools, art colleges, art technical schools, newly established schools, to single-day events, local organizations, stationery shops, etc. As a manufacturer, we source original products from Germany, engraving sheets from Italy, and high-quality paintbrushes from our agent in France.

Public Relations Office

For presentations about our company’s products in each medium, or to place an order, please contact our Public Relations Office.

Group Company

We cooperate with partner organizations connected to fine arts and culture.

Villa Corporation Co., Ltd.

Established in September 1981 as a company that plans and proposes solutions for more effective use of local areas. In the 21st century, Villa Corporation creates urban commercial spaces and also designed living spaces.