

Completion of the lacquer repainting of the front side (paid area) of the Shurijo Castle Seiden and schedule of the repainting work for the left and right sections of the front side

About 25 years have passed since Shurijo Castle Park opened in 1992. Shurijo Castle, the only "red castle" in Japan, is painted with natural lacquer, or in other words, it is a "piece of lacquer art," and preserving its "red" color, etc., requires such work as proper re-lacquering. With regard to the Seiden as well, we have undertaken such work as re-lacquering as necessary ever since the opening of the park, but the Seiden has been constantly exposed to strong sunlight as well as intense wind and rain typical of a southern island, resulting in significant deterioration of the coloring and coating of the lacquer, peeling off of gold leaves, etc.

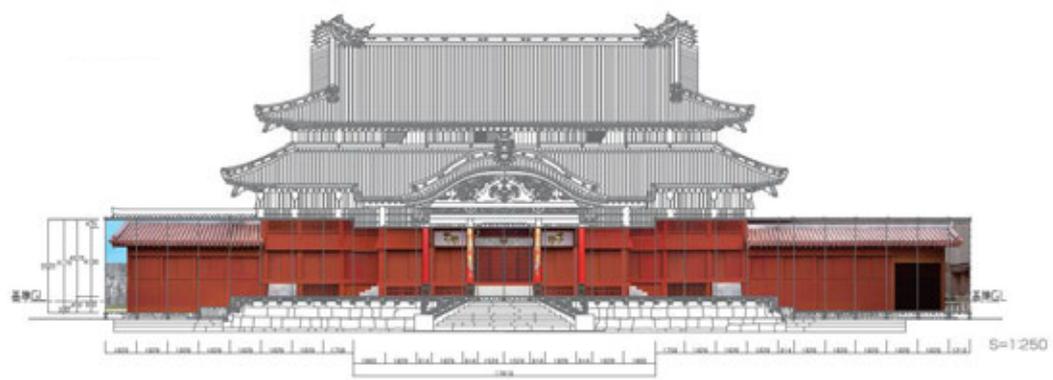
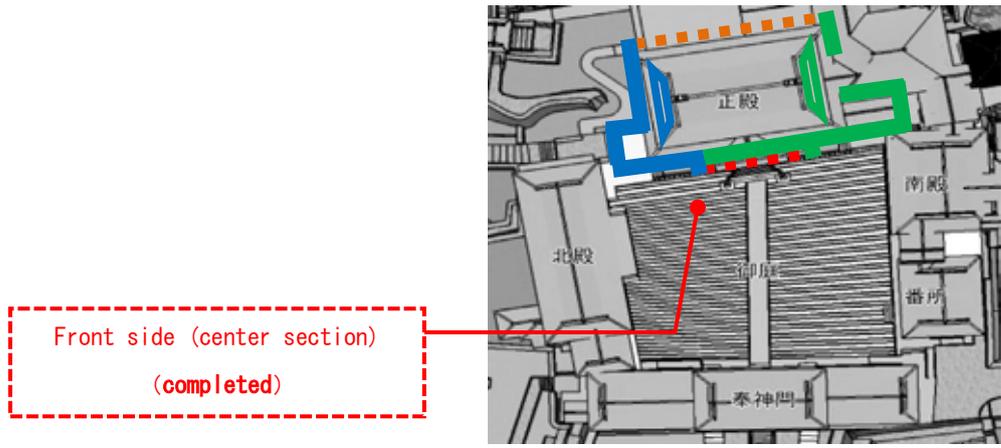
Therefore, we developed a plan to carry out re-lacquering of the Seiden and other work over a three-year period starting in FY2016. So far, the work has been completed for the front side (center portion) of the Seiden. Starting in April 2018, we will continue to carry out the work for the left and right portions in stages.

During the work period, it will become difficult to see some parts of the Seiden due to installation of scaffolding and tarps. Therefore, we will be inconveniencing you, the visitors, but we ask for your understanding and cooperation, as this work is required to protect the "red" color of Shurijo Castle Seiden and preserve our precious cultural heritage for passing on to the future generations.

Period: April 10, 2018 to November 30, 2018

- * The work period may change due to weather and other conditions.
- * During the work period, the Seiden is expected to be difficult to see due to work platforms and tarps.
- * You will still be able to see the interior of the Seiden as usual, so please take your time and enjoy your tour.

I. Work Schedule for Lacquer Coating Repair, etc. of the Outer Side of Shuri Castle Seiden (FY2016 to FY2018)



* As this is a composite image, it differs from the actual appearance.

Image of installation of scaffolding during the work period

* With regard to the lacquer repainting work for the front side of the Shurijo Castle Seiden, we plan to install scaffoldings using wrapping sheets for the lower sections to prevent causing a feeling of discomfort as much as possible. Other

than that, we plan to use meshed sheets for the work sections so that visitors can view a part of how the work is going on.
 (However, we may use cloth coverings for protection against ultraviolet rays and controlling temperature and humidity.)

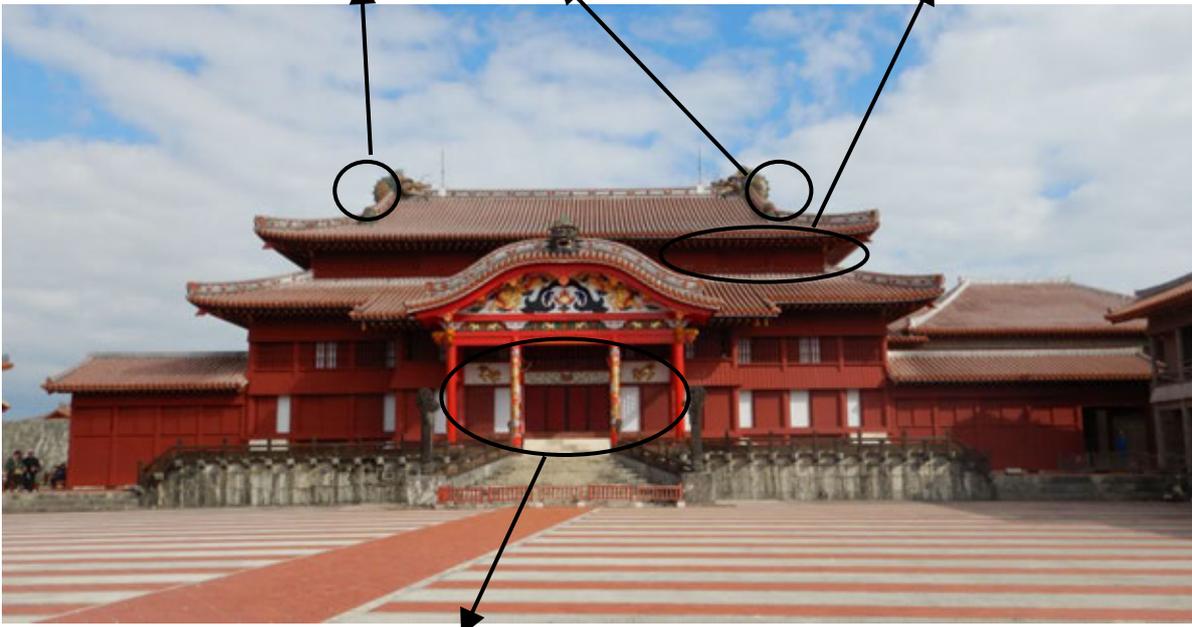
II. II. Situation of completion of kohai pillars and karahafu, and condition of deterioration of lacquer painting/coloring of the front side (left and right sections) of the Shurijo Castle Seiden



【Gabled section: Gegyo (decoration board), rafters, etc. -- colors have faded】



【Outer wall section - the lacquer has peeled off】



【Kohai pillars】

Repainting completed



【Kohai inner pillar, doorsill - the lacquer has deteriorated】

III. Services available during the period of such work as lacquer coating repair for the front side of the Shuri Castle Seiden

- (1) Showing of video on work on lacquer painting repair, etc. (1st floor of Nanden and Bandokoro)

A video of work on lacquer painting repair, etc. for the Seiden done previously will be shown in the paid area. The video is in Japanese, but there will be explanations with subtitling in English, Chinese (traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese), and Korean.

- (2) Explanation on work on lacquer painting repair, etc. (1st floor of Nanden and Bandokoro)

Explanation on the work on lacquer painting repair, etc. will be displayed (panels and boards explaining various stages of the work process, raw materials, etc.).



Image of descriptive exhibition

Explanation of vermillion color painting process with a teita (hand plate/board)

- (3) Shuri Castle Seiden image download service (Una Plaza and 1st floor of Nanden Hall)

Images of the Seiden can be downloaded using the QR code displayed on the work explanation signboard that will be set up in the paid area (Una Plaza and 1st floor of Nanden Hall). Note: A communication fee may be charged separately.



Image of the signboard