

## Rinkya Is On the Cutting Edge With Japanese Samurai Swords

Feb 20, 2009 – Tempe, AZ and Tokyo, Japan- It has been called the “ultimate edged weapon,” and the “height of the swordsmith’s art.” The Katana or more popularly the Samurai sword is a holy grail for people who are serious about collecting swords and other edged weapons.

The true Katana is made of tamahagane, or jewel steel, made in a unique process from black sand that is vastly different from modern steel production. This special steel is then folded, welded and folded, the finest swords folded as much as sixteen times. From it’s basic design, through special materials, tools and processes, Katanas represent the height of sword making, as well as a refinement of the basic design that has continued through over six centuries.

Paired with the wakizashi, or side arm, a short sword made in the same manner, the combination becomes the daisho , which for a good deal of Japanese history was limited to the Samurai class. The daisho supplanted the bow as the symbol of the Samurai class during the Muromachi period, roughly the late fourteenth century. A dagger, the tanto, made in a similar manner is often added to the daisho.

The Katana is a weapon. In point of fact one of history’s most potent and recognizable weapons, and this, of course, has led to various governments controlling it’s importation, as well as laws in Japan regarding its export.

Rinkya, the premier Japanese internet shopping service, noting the maze of restrictions surrounding this sought after collectible has investigated the situation thoroughly and is ready to assist collectors who want to add the penultimate sword to their collection.

By checking Rinkya’s help desk at <http://www.rinkya.com/support/users/main.php> and confirming that Rinkya can ship, collectors of edged weaponry can open up the Japanese market, and the path to collecting the “ultimate edged weapon.”

Katanas available on Yahoo!Japan are accessible here:  
[http://www.rinkya.com/membership/search.php?sType=Auctio ...](http://www.rinkya.com/membership/search.php?sType=Auctio...)

Katanas available through Rinkya Stores here:  
[http://www.rinkya.com/membership/search.php?sType=Store& ...](http://www.rinkya.com/membership/search.php?sType=Store&...)

“At Rinkya we recognize that providing the best possible service to our clients and to collectors involves a great many things, and one of those things is to help our clients negotiate the sometimes-tangled restrictions of bureaucracies on a global basis. Being able to provide our clients with the best Japan has to offer is Rinkya’s business,” says Rinkya CEO Heather Russell. “Sometimes that’s a ‘whatever it takes’ situation, and we are rising to meet those situations. As a shopping service, we take the word ‘service’ very seriously. Doing the research and the work necessary to provide the finest swords to the world’s premier collectors is just one example.”

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