



ITEM# UJKA110

A MASATADA KATANA

SIGNED (TWO CHARACTER), EARLY SHOWA PERIOD (CIRCA 1940)

Swordsmith: MASATADA (2nd generation)
Location: Ibaraki prefecture (suburbs of Tokyo)
Length: 67.8cm **Curvature:** 1.2cm
Jihada: *Nashi-ji* **Hamon:** *Gunome midare (semi-circular waves)*
Nakago: *Ubu (original length), kurishiri, kiriyasuri and kakumune*
Certificate: NTHK-NPO Kanteisho (a sword designated as Important by the Society for the Preservation of the Japanese Sword)
Included: Vintage koshirae, silk carry bag, sword stand, maintenance kit, DVD, printed care guide, registration and all exportation paperwork to home country

SOLD

This superb gendaito katana was crafted by the son of 1st generation Masatada. Also known as *Shigeru Okajima*, Masatada II lived in Nishi Ibaraki Iwamamachi in the fringes of Tokyo.

The sword is blessed with a beautiful *nashiji hada* (steel that resembles the skin of a pear) and an elegant wavy *gunome-midare hamon*. A fine Edo period stone-lacquered *handachi koshirae* accompanies the sword. It's a pleasure to hold a modern-made sword housed in antique

Samurai fittings. Masatada was among the top 400 smiths working during WWII. It is highly probable that a Japanese officer once proudly carried this signed katana.

The blade has been granted NTHK-NPO Kanteisho certification of authenticity, reaffirming that the sword a genuine Masatada creation crafted using traditional folding techniques.

