



ITEM# UJWA207

AN UDA HIRAKUNI WAKIZASHI

UNSIGNED, MUROMACHI PERIOD (BUNKI ERA: 1501-1504)

Swordsmith: *Uda Hirakuni (attribution, o-suriage)*
Location: Etchu province
Measurements: **Length:** 49.0cm **Curvature:** 0.6cm **Moto-haba:** 2.6cm
Jihada: *Itame with swirling chikei*
Hamon: *Bright gunome midare with kinsuji, sunagashi, full of activity*
Certificate: **NBTHK Hozon** (a sword designated as *Worthy of Preservation*)
Fujishiro: **Chujo-saku** (ranked as an *above average swordsmith*)
Included: Shirasaya, sword fabric bag, sword stand, kit, etc.

SOLD

This is a wakizashi crafted in *Etchu province* during the turbulent *Muromachi Period*, circa late 1400s to early 1500s. Etchu is on the northern coast of Honshu, the main island of Japan and overlooks the Sea of Japan.

Kunimitsu is considered the founder of the *Ko-Uda school*, originally from the *Uda district* of **Yamato Province** circa 1317 at the end of the Kamakura Era. As remaining works by Kunimitsu are non-existent, his students, *Kunifusa* and *Kunimune*, both said to be students of *Go Norishige* school, are thought to be the true founders of this school.

This wakizashi is attributed to *Uda Hirakuni*, a pupil of *Kunikiyo*. This is a sword bursting with personality and history. The workmanship is an attractive mixture of *Soshu*, *Yamato* and *Bizen* traditions all working in harmony. There is so much to study and enjoy. The whirlpools of *chikei* are very impressive. All told, this is a fearless piece of Koto-period steel artistry.

Saki-kasane: 3.7mm

Kissaki: 2.90cm
Saki-haba: 1.8cm

Nagasa: 49.0cm

Omosa: 360g

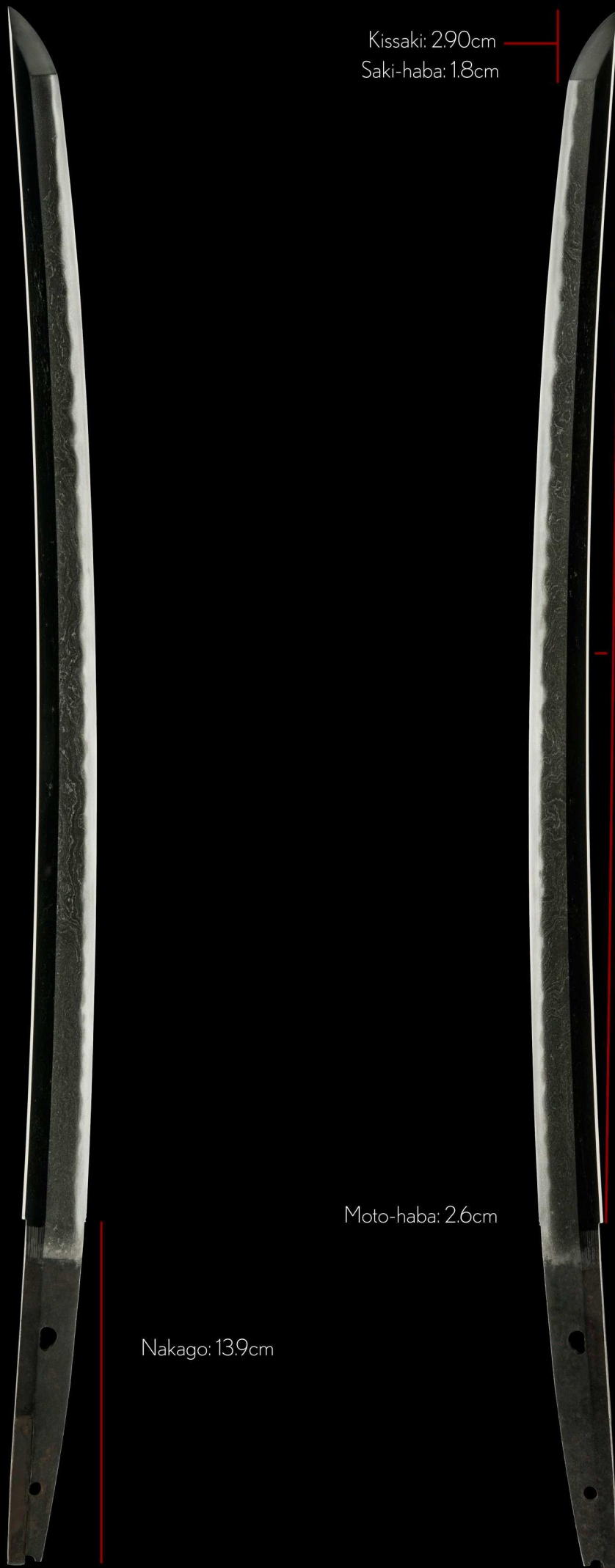
Sori: 0.6cm

Moto-kasane: 5.2mm

Moto-haba: 2.6cm

Nakago: 13.9cm

Mekugi-ana: 2



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鑑定書

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NBTHK Hozon Certificate of Designation

A sword designated as *Worthy of Conservation*
by the Society for the Preservation of the Japan Art Sword

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One, Wakizashi

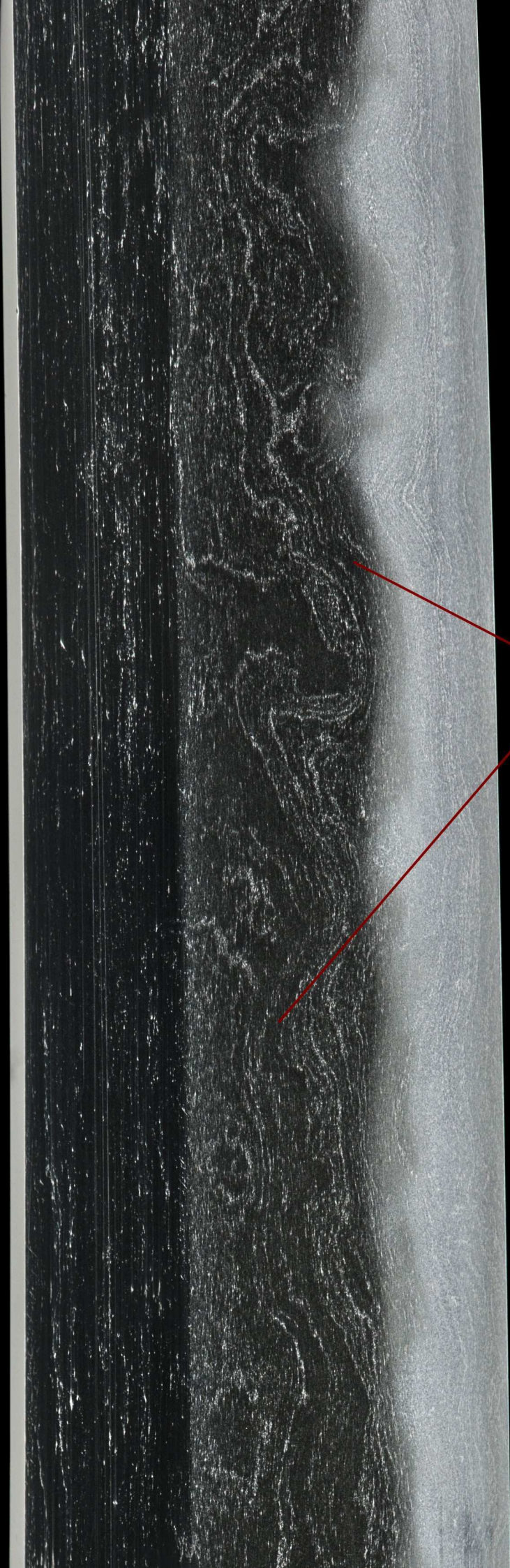
Mei (signature)
Mumei, Uda Hirakuni

Nagasa (length)
1-shaku 6-sun 2-bu (49.0cm)

Nihon Bijutsu Token Hozon Kyokai
(NBTHK)



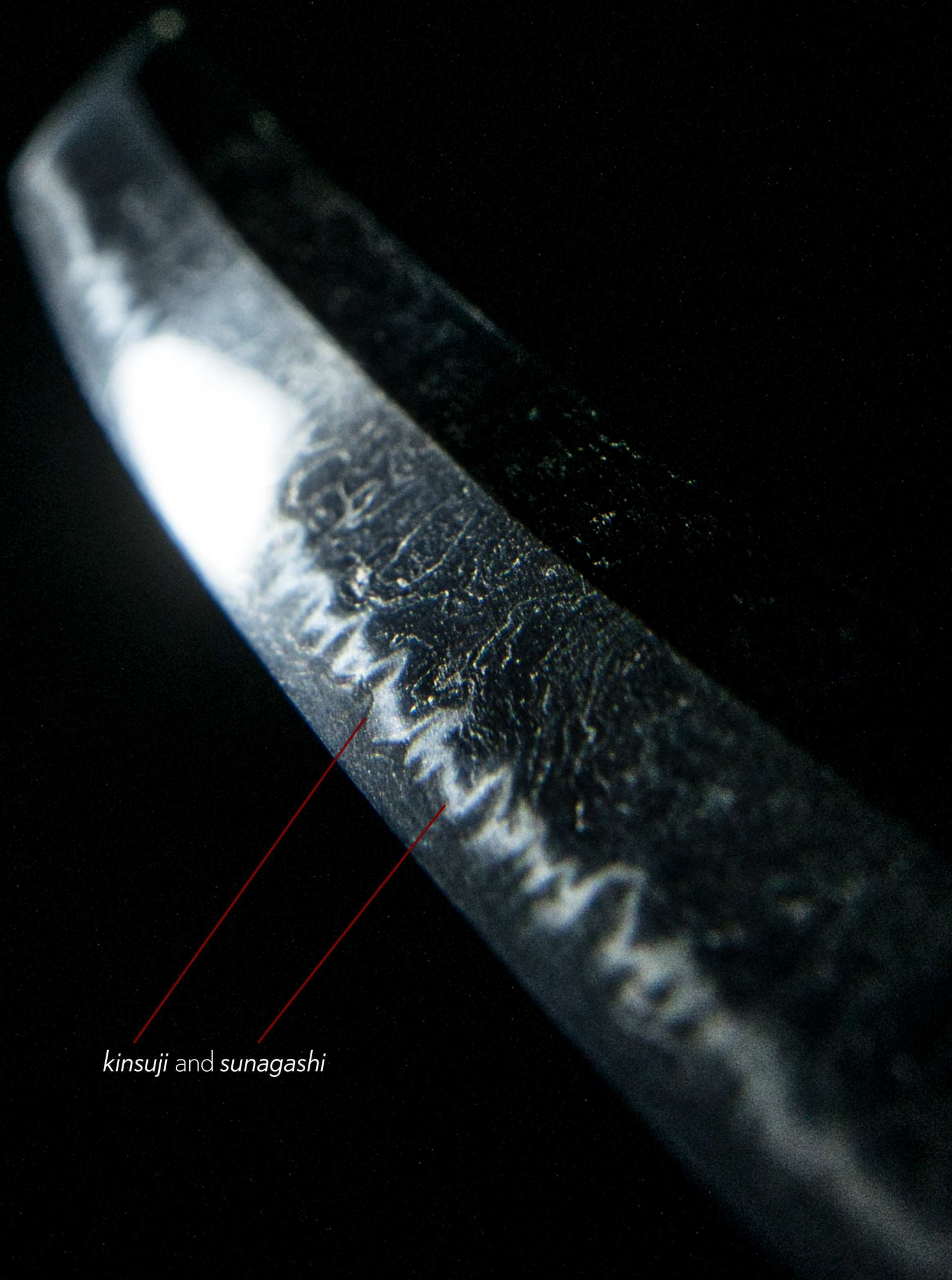
a mixture of round *mokume-hada*
and *o-hada*, larger whirlpools.



Dark lines of *chikei*
swimming in the steel.



a brilliant *ko-gunome midare hamon*



kinsuji and sunagashi



Shirasaya
(protective scabbard)



sword bag



a uniquely designed
silver and gold *habaki*