

Appendix A

Artist and Publisher Seals Found on Kōitsu Prints

Do you need to know whether your woodblock print is by the artist Tsuchiya Kōitsu? Would you like to know how to read the seals that appear on your Kōitsu print? Do you know who published your Kōitsu print? In this article we list all of the known types of seals that appear on Kōitsu prints¹, including artist, publisher, printer, and carver seals, as well as the various Kōitsu signatures. By following the steps in Appendix C and using the following signature and seal data you will be able to find the answers to questions such as those above.

A.1 Kōitsu Artist Seals and Signatures

A.1.1 光 — こう Kō



From print TK-TK-1 on page 252. This is a stylised version of the kanji character ‘光’ (Kō), the first character of Kōitsu.

¹If your Kōitsu print contains a seal or signature that is not listed here, please email the authors a clear close-up image of the seal and an image of the entire print including margins. You can find our contact email address on the Kōitsu website www.koitsu.com.