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'Manga and War' Exhibition from Japan Opens at Ramapo College

MAHWAH, N.J. -- *Manga and War*, a traveling exhibition from the Kyoto International Manga Museum in Japan, opens on Wednesday, March 22, in the Pascal Gallery at Ramapo College of New Jersey. There will be an opening reception on Wednesday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. with a talk by scholar Midori Yoshimoto at 6 p.m. The exhibition continues on view through April 21.

Curated by the Kyoto International Manga Museum in 2015 and presented abroad for the first time, this exhibition commemorates the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II. This is a rare opportunity for American audiences to view 24 principal Japanese manga works, along with original paintings and drawings by several manga authors.

The manga that blossomed in post-war culture was strongly influenced by personal war experiences, and this exhibition is structured around six themes: "atomic bombs," "special attacks," "Manchuria," "Okinawa," "Voices of the War Generation," and "the role of Manga." The featured authors include: Fumiyo Kuono, Machiko Kyo, Leiji Matsumoto, Shigeru Mizuki, Keiji Nakazawa, Yuki Ozawa, Yoshihiro Tatsumi, and Osamu Tezuka. This exhibition is made possible in collaboration with New Jersey City University and supported in part by the Japan Foundation.

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The Pascal Gallery is located in the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the Ramapo College campus. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.