

No. 2 Majikina Ankō



Hi!
I am *Kijimun*!

In this month's column, I introduce Majikina Ankō (1875.5.20-1933.12.28).

Majikina is a famous Okinawan scholar and his pen name was Shōko. He was always an excellent student. He hated exercising but loved reading. People called him "Encyclopedia of Okinawan history" because he knew everything about the history and culture of Okinawa.

Though his career changed from one job to another like a journalist, a government official, and a prefectural library director, his passion for studying the history and culture of Okinawa never changed. The most prominent book written by Majikina is *Okinawa Issen-nen shi* (A Thousand Years of Okinawan History) and it's the first book about the overview of Okinawan history.

University of the Ryukyus Library holds Iha Fuyu Collection, and it includes various books that were once owned by Majikina Ankō. The library also holds the microfilm copies of the manuscript of *Ryuka taikan* (owned by National Taiwan University), which was never published.

