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The traditional & authentic
japanese Tabi fastener





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WHAT IS KOHAZE ?

Kohaze means "connecting and uniting things with a hard material." Kohaze are fingernail-shaped clasps for fastening the closure of traditional Japanese socks, leggings, hand and wrist covers (tabi, kyahan, tekkou). They are attached to the closure and hooked onto "kohazekake" (a hook on tabi). Kohaze is famous as "easy to fasten and hard to come off". So it is used for the excellent Tabi worn by Nou and Kabuki actors engaged in Japanese traditional arts.





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A BIT OF KOHAZE HISTORY

Tabi, the traditional Japanese socks, were invented in the middle of the Heian era (794 - 1192) to prevent the slippage of the clog thong.

But tabi were not generally worn because common people could not wear them without the permission of their feudal lord.

It was not until the middle of the Meiji era (1868 - 1912) that Kohaze came to be used to fasten tabi.

During the economic boom after World War I, even 18 karat gold Kohaze appeared on the market.

When World War II began, zinc-coated and iron Kohaze were produced as a substitute for those made of brass.

However, they easily rusted and stained the tabi, leading the government to distribute aluminum for making Kohaze.

Although plastic Kohaze were also produced, they were not practical.

As a result, the number of Kohaze per pair of tabi was reduced from twelve to eight.



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HISTORY OF AOYAMA KOHAZE

The Aoyama family's ancestors are related to the lords of Sasayama castle which was built in 1609 by the command of Ieyasu Tokugawa at Sasayama city in Hyogo Prefecture.

The ownership of the castle was transferred from the Matsudaira family of 8th generations to the Aoyama family, kept it for seven

generations until the Meiji Restoration. In 1916, guided by our ancestors, we established our company in Sasayama city.

At the same time, Keiji Aoyama, (4th generation of the Aoyama family) became chairman, and his wife Kayo Kubo became representative director of the 5th generation.

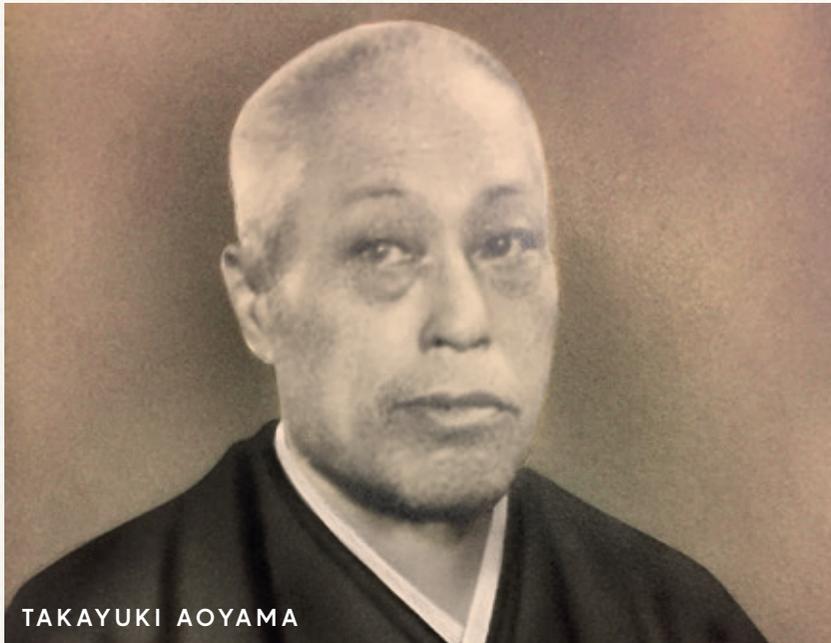
Since 1919, the enterprise's strength has always been the same :

Product development capabilities and collaboration skills.

We are now trading with over 200 partners and customers all around the world.



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TAKAYUKI AOYAMA



TERU AOYAMA

Takayuki Aoyama and his wife Teru Aoyama, founded the company in 1919.

AOYAMA KOHAZE, THE COMPANY

We began our company in 1919,
as a machinery equipment & spare
parts manufacturer.

Then, we decided to manufacture

Kohaze machines. We became
the first company of this industry,
and strengthened our position
as the top manufacturer through

realizing semiautomatic
manufacturing of Kohaze and
devising the products themselves.



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TODAY'S AOYAMA KOHAZE

Aoyama Kohaze uses an ancestral method to create the Kohaze mark (as you can see above).

This technology permit to stand out the mark by pushing it on a fabric of around 0.3 mm.

Aoyama Kohaze is the only company with this 90 years old traditional technology in all Japan.

Today, the demand for tabi has decreased because modern Japanese rarely wear kimono now.

But the will to perpetuate the traditions is still strong.

Kohaze's role now is not only to prevent tabi slippage, but also to be comfortable and

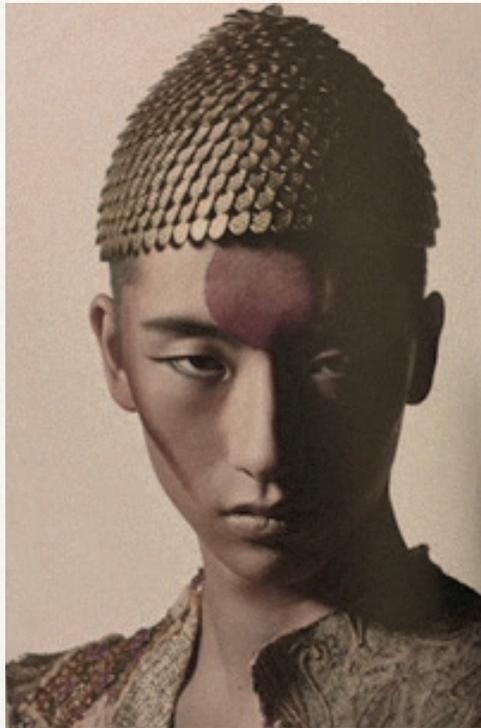
flexible enough on bare feet. Kohaze is also used as an aesthetical and fashion asset.

People are asking for high - quality Kohaze's products.

In order to meet this demand, Aoyama Kohaze has placed grooved, brass wire around Kohaze.



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AOYAMA KOHAZE COLLABORATIONS - PRESS

2017.10.01

World-first-Head Piece by Noboru Tomizawa, famous hair makeup artist.

2017.11.15

BASE MARK by Takihyo establishment in 1751 with Kohaze.

2017.11.22

The dress " KOBE WAVE" with Aoyama Kohaze by Rumiko Tanaka.



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AOYAMA KOHAZE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Excellent in adhesion, rust, prevention, waterproof, dustproof.

We can adapt our products to your demand and provide many color variations : gold, silver, black and

also pop colors like white, pink, blue, green, purple and many more.

We work with different materials : Brass, Aluminium, 24karat, Gold.

We can also provide made to measure patterns, sizes and thickness.



AOYAMA KOHAZE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

WORKING METHODS

After visiting our website <http://kohaze.net> and express a demand, the client receives an email with an adapted proposition and a quotation. Finally, a confirmation of payment is send.

MANUFACTURING LEADTIMES

- Engraving (a few weeks)
- Manufacturing
- Polishing (12 hours)
- Cleaning (more than 30 minutes)
- Visual inspection
- ↓ Packing and shipping

All the process takes from 1 week to 3 months (it depends if there is a stock or if it is a new order).

PAYMENT TERMS

- *In case of more than 50000 pcs per 1 order, 30-50% in Advance
- *F.O.B, exclude the country's import tax

MODE OF PAYMENT

Cash, Credit Card, T/T
*in case of a small amount, we ask for a PAYPAL payment

DELIVERY OPTIONS

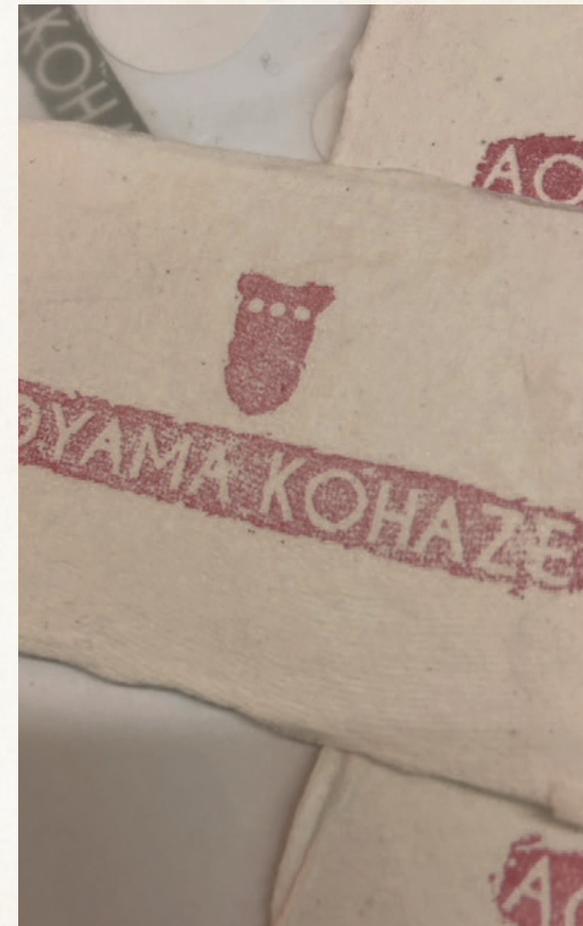
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Shipping Cost : Additional by buyer and depends on the total weight

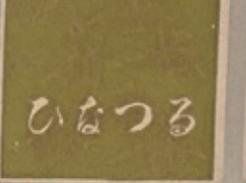
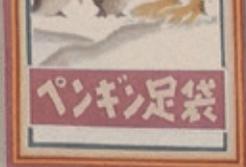
SERVICES

Possibility to calibrate twice per one mold of stamp for free.
Find answers for your technical questions.
Possibility to return your order if a defect is found at the time of opening the package.

SUSTAINABILITY

Considering the environment, we rinse with rice bran to avoid water pollution.





**We are looking forward to meeting you !
If you need any further information,
please contact us.**



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