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Covers:

1. Illustration of cherry blossom viewing from Kunio Kabuki Ekotoba (An Illustrated Manuscript of Okuni’s Kabuki) held by the Kyoto University Library
   - Kunio Kabuki Ekotoba (An Illustrated Manuscript of Kuni’s Kabuki) has long been valued by the academic community as an important document. The manuscript is an example of Naraehon — illustrated manuscripts that were produced from the late Muromachi period to the early Edo period.

   The story in the manuscript describes how Kuni, the daughter of a Shinto priest of the Izumo Taisha Shrine, learned kabuki dance, and then went to dance under the cherry blossoms at the Kitano Shrine in Kyoto. As she performed her first dance, the Nembutsu odori, reciting a Buddhist chant, she summons a ghost, who then recites the chant with her to express remorse over his early death.

   The story portrays Kuni as a deity of the Izumo Taisha Shrine, who performs her dance to exorcise evil from all sentient beings. It also provides a glimpse of the kabuki dance’s transformation into its dramatic form that we are familiar with today.

   2. Kyoto University will generate world-class knowledge through freedom and autonomy in research that conforms with high ethical standards.

   As a university that comprehends many graduate schools, faculties, research institutes and centers, Kyoto University will strive for diverse development in pure and applied research in the humanities, sciences and technology, while seeking to integrate these various perspectives.

   3. Within its broad and varied educational structure, Kyoto University will transmit high-quality knowledge and promote independent and interactive learning.

   Kyoto University will educate outstanding and humane researchers and specialists, who will contribute responsibly to the world’s human and ecological community.

   4. As a university committed to a broad social engagement, Kyoto University will encourage cooperation with local and national society, and will disseminate knowledge informed by the ideals of freedom and peaceful coexistence.

   As an international institution, Kyoto University will promote foreign academic exchange and thereby strive to contribute to the well-being of the world.

   5. In order to enhance the free development of learning, Kyoto University will pay due respect to the administrative independence of each of its component institutions, while promoting cooperation among them.

   Kyoto University will conduct its administration with regard for the environment and respect for human rights and will be accountable to society at large.