



Made from silk, this *yosegaki hinomaru* with shrine charms and pouch sewn to the front, measures 27.0"x32.0" (27.7cm by 80.5cm.) Across the top of the field, the large characters for the slogan *Buun Chokyu* were placed. Along the right hand side of the flag, the *kanji* reads "Congratulations On Mr. Kamo Senkichi (or Asakichi,) Going To War." The slogan "Loyalty And Patriotism" is written there as well. There is a long, dark vertical row of characters on the left hand side that begin near the *hinomaru* around the 9 o'clock position. This contains the name of the group presenting the flag. It says "Women's Association For National Defense- Numabe Group."

The wooden charm is held fast in a silk pouch or *omamori bukuro* that has been hand stitched to the flag. The characters on the amulet say *Naritasan*. The charm probably came from the Naritasan Shinshoji Temple located in Narita City just outside of Tokyo. This Buddhist Temple was built in the year 940 around a large statue of the Buddhist Fudo Myoo deity. The statue was said to have been carved by Kobo Daishi, the founder of the Shingon Sect sometime during the Heian period.

