

## **Kokaryu Ninja Research Team**

Pop culture, media, and art forms like manga and film have introduced ninja to the world and shaped their popular image, but these portrayals are often inaccurate. The Kokaryu Ninja Research Team, also known as the Ninja Finders, has used historical documents and interviews with descendants of local ninja families to piece together a truer picture. This exhibition room introduces the activities and findings of the team, which is led by Professor Isoda Michifumi of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies. While research is ongoing, the team hopes the exhibition will serve as a hub for sharing this collective knowledge and helping people gain insight into the Koka ninja.