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## ■ WILL LARSON COLLECTION: MINERALS FROM JAPAN

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I have been collecting gems and minerals since I was very young, it's a passion that I have chosen to pursue as a career and a lifetime hobby.

From an early age I was exposed to many different cultures and countries. The country that grasped my interest was Japan. As I experienced Japan first hand, my fascination about the culture, people and of course the minerals grew.

Reading articles about Japanese minerals, the localities, and famous collectors, my fascination with this land increases day by day...







↑ Blue **Topaz**, 5.3 cm x 2.7 cm.  
Tanakamiyama (Tanokamiyama), Otsu City,  
Shiga Prefecture, Kinki Region, Honshu Island,  
Japan.

↗ **Rhodochrosite** pseudomorph after **Calcite**,  
7.5 x 4 cm. Miyamoto village,  
Kohu, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan.

**Photo: Jeff Scovil.**

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**Quartz** Faden, 11.5 x 5.2 cm.  
Kofu City, Yamanashi prefecture,  
Chubu region, Honshu Island, Japan.

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Pink **Fluorite** on **Quartz**, 7 x 5.2 cm. Obira  
mine, Ono-gun, Oita prefecture, Kyushu  
Region, Japan.

→ **Pyromorphite**, 9.1 x 7 cm.

Kisamori mine, Akita Prefecture,  
Tohoku Region, Honshu Island, Japan.

