

## History

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| Dec. 1923     | Main house of Iwasaki Villa (later turned to ESH) was completed.  |
| Oct. 22, 1946 | Ms. Elizabeth Saunders, a member of Episcopal Church of England, died at International Catholic Hospital in Mejiro, Tokyo.<br>She left her legacy worth \$170 (equivalent to ¥61,200 of the day) to the social welfare services by Nippon Sei Ko Kai.   |
| Oct. 1, 1947  | Organizing committee of opening an infant home for mixed-blood orphans was held at St. Luke's International Hospital in Tsukiji, Tokyo. The committee decided to use the above mentioned \$170 to start a new facility and to name it Elizabeth Saunders Home in memory of the donor. Miki Sawada was assigned to represent the organizers. |
| Feb. 1, 1948  | An infant home "Elizabeth Saunders Home" was inaugurated with Miki Sawada as its first director. Two infants were admitted.   |
| Jun. 23       | The infant home was officially authorized to accept the maximum number of 30 infants.   |
| Apr. 1, 1948  | A children's home was officially authorized to be opened with the capacity of 50.   |
| Mar. 16, 1953 | Establishment of a social welfare corporation Elizabeth Saunders Home was authorized and Miki Sawada was appointed the first Chairman of the Board.   |
| Apr. 1953     | An incorporated educational institution "St. Stephen Primary School" was opened with Miki Sawada as its first principal.  |
| Apr. 1954     | Josephine Baker visited ESH and staged charity performances for ESH.  |
| Oct. 30, 1955 | Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress of Showa visited ESH.   |
| Feb. 1957     | Pearl Buck accepted four ESH children to support their self-sufficiency in the US.  |
| Apr. 1959     | St. Stephen Secondary School was opened with Miki Sawada as its first principal.  |
| Apr. 19, 1959 | The Most Reverend Geoffrey E. Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, Episcopal Church of England, visited ESH.   |
| Oct. 1961     | Municipality-based-agreed capacity of admission to children's homes was introduced. 91 for Kanagawa-ken[prefecture], 21 for Tokyo, 28 for Yokohama-shi[city]~ the total capacity of 140   |
| Apr. 1965     | The agreed capacity for children's homes was changed to 120.  |
| Apr. 1967     | ESH congratulated an ex ESH child on her wedding as the first bride from the home.  |
| Apr. 1970     | The agreed capacity for children's homes was changed to 100.  |
| May. 1972     | Miki Sawada was awarded Second Class Order of Sacred Treasure.  |
| Jul. 1978     | Nippon TV Network broadcast "Children crossing the Seven Seas ~ ESH's 1600 children and their stories."   |
| May. 12, 1980 | Miki Sawada died in Parma City, Majorca Island, Spain, at the age of 78. She was posthumously granted Senior Fourth Rank and Honorary Citizen of Oiso-machi.  |
| Dec. 1987     | The new "Miki Sawada Memorial Museum" was inaugurated.  |
| May. 1990     | The 10th anniversary of the death of Miki Sawada. "Retreat House" was completed to fulfil our founder's last wish.  |
| May. 1992     | "Miki Sawada Memorial Exhibition" was held at Takashimaya Department Store in Yokohama which drew 27,127 visitors.  |
| Nov. 6, 2002  | Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress of Heisei visited ESH.  |
| May. 2004     | Elizabeth Saunders Home Supporters Club was organized.  |
| Aug. 2008     | Fuji TV Network broadcast a documentary entitled "Coming Home" featuring how the lives of the children turned out after leaving ESH.  |
| Mar. 2009     | Tokyo TV Network broadcast "The Other End of the Tunnel was Our Paradise ~Miki Sawada's Children Now."  |
| May. 2009     | Four dorms housed in 2 buildings on the hilltop and the main building were constructed.   |
| May. 2010     | Worship service was held in commemoration of 30 years after Miki Sawada's demise.   |
| Mar. 2014     | Renewed Miki Sawada Memorial Museum was opened.   |
| Apr. 2016     | "Aobato" was opened as a certified center for early childhood education and care.   |
| May. 2018     | The memorial ceremony was held to celebrate the 70th and 30th anniversaries for ESH and MSMM, respectively.   |