

The Okuma illusion

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In this illusion, we perceive the elements in the tilted figure differently. The figure shows the statue of Shigenobu Okuma, the founder of Waseda University, and the tower of the Okuma Kodo (Okuma Auditorium). The left panel in this figure is the original image and the right panel is 3°rotated image of the left one. When we compare both images, we perceive that the degree of tilt of the Okuma statue is less than that of the Okuma Kodo tower. If we replace the statue with other objects, we see the same effect with respect to the inclination as with the Okuma statue. This effect, however, vanishes if the statue is replaced with a building or other artificial materials.