

JAPANESE CULTURAL EXHIBITION – 2014



The Japanese Cultural Exhibition for 2014 was held at the J.D.A Perera Gallery of the University of Visual and Performing Arts, No.46, Horton Place, Colombo 7, from 30th August to 31st August 2014. The exhibition was organized by the Embassy of Japan and the Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Sri Lanka. The exhibition featured exquisite Ikebana floral arrangements presented by the Shi-en Ikebana and Floral Art Society of Sri Lanka and the Ikebana International Sri Lanka Chapter 262, creative Bonsai plants presented by the Sri Lanka Bonsai Association and the Bonsai Club, numerous forms of Origami presented by the Origami Folders Association of Sri Lanka, among many other Japanese cultural items.

His Excellency Mr. Nobuhito Hobo, Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka and Madam Tomomi Hobo were present at the opening ceremony which was attended by distinguished guests including members of the Diplomatic Corps, other VIPs and representatives of several Japan related friendly associations. A large number of exquisite exhibits were on display while a demonstration of the traditional Japanese Tea ceremony was presented in addition to demonstrations on creating ikebana, planting bonsai, paper folding of origami as well as dressing kimono, all of which attracted a large crowd of enthusiasts on both days.

Besides, we were very proud of having participation of Japanese martial arts lovers for the first time in our Cultural Exhibition. They also held demonstrations of their skills and spirits in an outdoor setting specially prepared with tatami mats from Japan. Aikido demonstration was presented by the Aikido Association, Kyudo also known as Archery by the Budo Culture Research & Training Institute and Judo by the Sri Lanka Judo Association.

The exhibition was designed to display Japan's culture and lifestyle and thereby to further enhance understanding of them among Sri Lankan people with our expectation that it will further promote the friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and Sri Lanka.