

JAPANESE DOLL EXHIBITION IN GALLE



The Embassy of Japan, together with the Galle Municipal Council, held a unique exhibition entitled “The Dolls of Japan” at the Galle Town Hall from 16th to 22nd November 2014, featuring traditional Japanese dolls of various kinds, which are among the distinct cultural symbols of Japan.

This exhibition featured the famous Gogatsu Ningyo and Hina Ningyo (Dolls for the Boy’s and Girl’s Festivals which are held annually in May for boys and March for girls), Noh and Bunraku Ningyo (Dolls depicting the famous drama masks and elaborate costumes), Kokeshi Ningyo (Traditional wooden dolls), Kyo Ningyo (Dolls made in Kyoto), Kimekomi Ningyo (Wooden dolls dressed in kimono), Oyama Ningyo (Kabuki dolls), modern Japanese dolls and many more forms.

More than 3000 people, including students from surrounding schools, visited the exhibition over the period of one week and were able to appreciate the exhibition which served as a window to Japan’s culture. His Excellency Mr. Nobuhito Hobo, Ambassador of Japan and Madam Tomomi Hobo graced the opening ceremony with the participation of a distinguished gathering of invitees. The Embassy is grateful for the participation of a large number of local people at this event.