

Wind Music Concert in Galle



The Embassy of Japan together with the Colombo Wind Orchestra held “An Evening of Wind Music” under the baton of renowned Japanese conductor Ms. Keiko Kobayashi, at the Medical Faculty Auditorium, Karapitiya, on Sunday 16th November 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

This musical concert, another outreach project organized by the Embassy of Japan and the Colombo Wind Orchestra with Ms. Kobayashi, who held a successful concert at Batticaloa in 2013 and at Jaffna in 2012 under her consistent theme of “Peace” and “National Reconciliation” of Sri Lanka, featured among others ‘Hands Across the Sea’ by John Philip Sousa and ‘The Song of the Sea’ by Rex Mitchell to commemorate Japan’s tsunami disaster of 2011, ‘Thunder and Lightning’ by Johann Strauss accompanied by local school bands, ‘Memory from the Cats’ by Andrew Lloyd Webber, ‘Kitchen Fiesta’ by Mike Story, and the ever popular Japanese song “Sukiyaki” (I look up as I walk) by Japanese composer and Jazz pianist Hachidai Nakamura.

A renowned Japanese Saxophonist Mr. Wataru Yoshimura came from Japan as a guest performer to demonstrate his exciting techniques of the saxophone as a versatile wind instrument in orchestra. A special demonstration and mini-workshop for the

audience on how to conduct an orchestra was also presented by Ms. Kobayashi during the concert. Four members of the audience including a student school band leader came on stage and conducted the Colombo Wind Orchestra.

His Excellency Mr. Nobuhito Hobo, Ambassador of Japan and Madam Tomomi Hobo graced the event and enjoyed the evening with an appreciative audience of approximately 400. The Embassy believes that the musical concert contributed significantly to promoting Japan-Sri Lanka friendship, and is grateful to all those local people who participated in large number at this event.