

JAPANESE CULTURAL EXHIBITION – 2015



The Japanese Cultural Exhibition for 2015 was held at the Lionel Wendt Gallery, (No.18, Guildford Crescent, Colombo 7) from 5th to 6th September 2015. The exhibition was organized by the Embassy of Japan in collaboration with the Japanese Language Teachers' Association of Sri Lanka (JALTAS). A special feature of this year was the Shakuhachi (bamboo flute music) performance by Mr. Yosuke Irie from Japan whose scintillating presentation enthralled the audience on both days. Another special feature of this year was the Japanese shrine dance performed by Ms. Hinako Ohno who was dressed in a special shaman Kimono costume.

The exhibition itself featured exquisite display and demonstration by the following local groups of Japanese culture lovers; 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 of Sri Lanka, and numerous forms of Origami paper folding presented by the Origami Folders Association of Sri Lanka. Moreover, the traditional Japanese tea ceremony served by Mr. Tadashi Ohno from Japan well as the dressing of the kimono assisted by JALTAS were also on our menu of the event on both days.

His Excellency Mr. Kenichi Suganuma, Ambassador of Japan in Sri Lanka and Madam Akiko Suganuma were present at the opening ceremony which was attended by distinguished guests including members of the Diplomatic Corps, representatives of several Japan related friendly associations and other VIPs. During the two day period, over 1700 people showed at and enjoyed our annual exhibition.

The exhibition was open to the public, free of charge, and was designed to further enhance understanding of Japan's culture and lifestyle among Sri Lankan people and thereby to promote the friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and Sri Lanka.