

## 伊藤しょうこ氏による一人芝居劇「サムライばあちゃん」公演

### Solo Theater Performance Titled “SAMURAI GRANDMA” by Ms. Shoko ITO

<On Oct. 9, 2017, at Kelaniya University>



photo 1) Ms. Ito lighting the oil lump before the start of her performance

photo 2) Welcome speech by Prof. Semasinghe, Vice Chancellor of Kelaniya University

photo 3) Welcome speech by Mr. Yagi, Deputy Ambassador of Japanese Embassy

photo 4) Commentary speech by Prof. Rathnayake, Dean of Faculty of Humanities at Kelaniya University

photo 5~9) Performance by Ms. Ito

photo 10) Audience enjoying the show

photo 11) Bouquet presented to Ms. Ito by Mr. Yagi of Japanese Embassy

photo 12) Group photo with Ms. Ito, Dr. Ratnayake of Kelaniya University, Mr. Yagi and Mr. Takaoka of Japanese Embassy

A Japanese playwright, theatre director, actress and movie director, Ms. Shoko ITO, performed a solo theater performance titled “Samurai Grandma” at the University of Kelaniya on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, in front of the audience of about 250. The show was graced with the presence by the Deputy Ambassador of Japanese Embassy, the Vice Chancellor of Kelaniya University and other distinguished and invited guests.

Ms. ITO has been performing over 30 years at more than 60 countries worldwide. For this event and the workshop on the following day, she was invited by the Japanese Embassy, with the sponsorship from the Japan Foundation.

The event, open to the public and free of charge, was designed to demonstrate display Japan’s unique culture, and the Embassy of Japan hope it contributed to widening the interest of Sri Lankan audience and also to promoting culture ties between Japan and Sri Lanka.