

Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception

Celebrating the 63rd Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito of Japan

On 21st February, Mr. SEKIGUCHI Noboru, Consul- General of Japan in Dubai and Northern Emirates hosted the Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception to celebrate the 63rd birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito of Japan at Raffles Dubai. We welcomed approximately 300 guests in total at the reception, not only dignitaries from government sector and royal family including His Excellency Lieutenant General Dhahi Khalfan, Deputy Chief of Police and Public Security in Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Mana Al Maktoum, and Mr. Nooh Al Hammadi, Director of East Asia and Pacific Division, business executives, and cultural experts, from Dubai and the Northern Emirates, and consular corps in Dubai, but also Japanese residents in Dubai and the Northern Emirates, including those from the Japanese companies.

Fifteen booths were set up by Japanese companies and organisations to showcase their products and services. Also, the guests enjoyed some Japanese food through their sense of taste including Saroma Wagyu from Hokkaido Prefecture as well as Kurohana Wagyu from Kumamoto Prefecture, Sushi made with fresh fishes from Tokyo and rice from Niigata, sake and whiskey of Japan, strawberries from Hokota City in Ibaraki Prefecture, and Crown Melons from Shizuoka Prefecture. In addition to these, we presented Japan's attractiveness through live performance of Shakuhachi (bamboo flute), Karate, Wadaiko (drums), and display of Ikebana (traditional flower arrangement) by residents and associations in Dubai.



Opening Remarks by Consul-General,
Mr. SEKIGUCHI Noboru



Group Photo



National Anthems of Japan
and the UAE by Ms. KASAMA Hiroimi



Shakuhachi and Karate performance by Mr. HELOU Kyle





Wadaiko performance
by Shoten Taiko



Guests at the Reception



Ikebana



Exhibition booths by Japanese companies
and organisations



Serving Saroma Wagyu and Kurohana Wagyu
by Mr. SAMESHIMA Naoto,
Chef at the Consul-General's Residence



Serving Sushi