

Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception

Celebrating the 64th Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito of Japan

On 14 February, Mr. IMANISHI Jun, Consul- General of Japan in Dubai and Northern Emirates hosted the Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception to celebrate the 64th birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito of Japan at Raffles Dubai. We welcomed approximately 220 guests in total at the reception, not only dignitaries from government sector including, H.E. Mr. Shihab Ahmed Al Faheem, Ambassador of the UAE to Japan, as the Guest of Honor, 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 representatives from the Japanese companies.

At the venue, fifteen booths were set up by Japanese companies and organisations to showcase their products and services, while the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) promoted investments in Japan at their booth. Also, some Japanese food, including Saroma Wagyu from Hokkaido Prefecture, Sushi, Sake and whiskey of Japan, oranges from Arida City, and crown melons from Shizuoka Prefecture, kumquats and hyuganatsu (citrus tamurana) from Miyazaki Prefecture, peach juice from Fukushima Prefecture, scallops from Hokkaido provided by JETRO, among other things, were served to enjoy the taste of Japan. Further to these, we presented Japan's attractiveness through live performance of Shakuhachi (bamboo flute), virtual art, Kendo, collaboration of Karate and Wadaiko (drums), and display of Ikebana (traditional flower arrangement) by residents and associations in Dubai.



Opening Remarks by Consul-General,
Mr. IMANISHI Jun



Group Photo with the Guest of Honor and
Consul Generals



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



Performance of Koto (Ms. TANIGUCHI Mai) and
Shakuhachi (Mr. Kyle Helou)



Wadaiko performance
by Shoten Taiko



Virtual Art Performance
by Ms. SEKIGUCHI Aimi



Collaborative Work by Consul-General
Imanishi and Ikebana International



Guests at the Reception



Kendo Performance by the Kendo Club of
the Japanese Association



Logos of Japanese companies and
municipalities in attendance

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