

"Tradition & Culture through KIMONO" by Mako Hattori

Ms. Mako Hattori, a well known TV personality and traditional Japanese dance instructor, gave the audience at the Zayed University in Dubai a glimpse of Japanese culture ? the art of Kimono, one of Japan's most beautiful treasures.

Mako gave a lecture on the history of Kimono, which comes in different types, colors, patterns and designs. The lecture gave an opportunity for the audience to know about the Japanese traditional dress, which, nowadays, Japanese people rarely wear in everyday life, reserving them for occasions such as weddings, funerals, tea ceremonies, or other special events, such as summer festivals.

The lecture was followed by Mako and her group introducing some of Japanese classic dance such as the 'Fuji no Hana'. She explained stories behind the traditional dances and the meaning of every fan movements. The event was highlighted with the demonstration on how to put on the Kimono. An Emirati student was dressed in Kimono in the customary Japanese manner. Mako then demonstrated the proper way of handling the Japanese traditional dress to take a bow, and to sit down since Kimono is covering the body tightly and got very long sleeves for young girls.

Mr. Daisuke Matsunaga, consul-general of Japan in Dubai, was present at the event which took place last March 18, 2013. The Consulate hosted the event in cooperation with Zayed University in Dubai, and the Japan Foundation. The audience learned the secrets of Kimono about which even ordinary Japanese doesn't know, and twittered excitedly.



