



Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah

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13th SJAHI Skill Contest

The 13th Skill Contest took place at Saudi Japan Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) on February 17th, 2016. More than 250 Saudi young students competed their technical automobile maintenance skills.

Mr. Hatan Nadrah, Assistant Education Manager of SJAHI and Mr. Mikihito Murakami, Senior Coordinator of Automobile Division of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) delivered opening speech for the contest.

At the award ceremony after the contest, Mr. Salim Asmari, Director of SJAHI and Mr. Yamaguchi, Consul-General of Japan delivered a speech for students. In this speech, he mentioned that "SJAHI is not only one of the most important sources of national skillful workmen for the automobiles industry in the Kingdom, but has become a model and sample of the technical and vocational training institutes in the Kingdom".



Speech from Mr. Yamaguchi (Photo courtesy: SJAHI)



Award Ceremony (Photo courtesy: SJAHI)



Commemorative Photograph (Photo courtesy: SJAHI)

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ACGC Film Festival 2016

On February 25, 2016, 9th Asian Film Festival organized by ACGC (Asian Consuls-General Club) was inaugurated. The opening ceremony as well as the Japanese film show was held at Japanese Consul-General's Residence.

At the outset of ceremony, H.E. Mr. Dharmakirty Syailendra Putra, Consul-General of Indonesia, delivered a kick-off speech as a coordinator of ACGC this year, then the festival's logo was unveiled in the presence of Asian Consuls-General. After the opening ceremony, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Consul-General of Japan made a welcome speech and a feature film "ALWAYS Sunset on Third Street" was screened.

Total number of 288 participants of Saudi businessmen, former Saudi exchange students, Jeddah consular corps, journalists, university students and Japanese residents enjoyed the film. The participants also enjoyed delicious Japanese food prepared by chef of Mr. Yamaguchi.



The unveiling ceremony



A welcome speech from Mr. Yamaguchi



Participants in the venue

ACGC Asian Food Festival 2016

The Asian Food Festival 2016 was held in the evening of March 11 at the residence of the Consul-General of Indonesia as a finale of the 9th Asian Film Festival. The 13 Asian Consulates General opened their own stalls for offering their typical food. As for the Japanese Consulate, visitors enjoyed to full extent of Japanese Sushi and grilled chicken, which was served with cooking demonstration by the Chef of Japanese Consul-General



Ribbon Cutting for Food Festival 2016



Participants waiting for the Japanese food



Participants enjoying Food Festival

Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception

In celebration of the 83rd birthday of His Majesty Emperor Akihito, Mr. Koji Naito, acting Consul General of Japan in Jeddah, hosted a reception on December 7th, 2016. Mr. Jamal Bakr Balkheour, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Makkah Region Branch and Director General of Protocol Department as a main guest, Saudi dignitaries including princes and princesses, Saudi Businessmen, diplomats stationing in Jeddah and Japanese residents here attended the reception. At the beginning, Mr. Naito mentioned in his speech. The significant visit of H.R.H Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz, Minister of Defense to Japan in 2016, which opened the door for greater cooperation between the two countries in a large number of areas, Deputy Crown Prince's meeting with H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Japanese Prime Minister who stated that Japan will cooperate with Saudi Arabia toward the realization of Vision 2030, such as investment in the manufacturing sector, development field of human resources, and holding the first ministerial meeting of the "Japan-Saudi Joint Group for Vision 2030" in October 2016 in Riyadh. After his speech, all the attendants pleasantly enjoyed Japanese cuisine in a friendly atmosphere. It is worth mentioning that 24 Japanese companies which have been in action in the western part of Saudi Arabia opened the booth to display their publicity material in the framework of the Japanese Consulate General's aim to support activities of Japanese companies.



Welcome to the invited guests



Mr. Naito delivering a speech



Cake cutting



Attendants at the reception



Attendants at the reception



The booth for publicity materials of Japanese companies

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Consulate Highlights

ACGC Film Festival 2017

On January 31, 2017, the Consulate - General of Japan in Jeddah held a Japanese film night, as a part of Asian Film Festival organized by ACGC (Asian Consuls General Club) at the garden of Consul - General's residence. After the acting Consul - General Mr. Koji Naito's welcome speech, Japanese feature film "Pecoross' Mother and Her Days" was screened following a short Japan promotion video. Diplomats stationing in Jeddah, Saudi businessmen, university students and journalists enjoyed watching the film.



Audience enjoying Japanese food



Mr. Koji Naito delivering a speech



Audience in the venue

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ACGC Asian Food Festival 2017

Asian Food Festival 2017 was held in the evening of February 17 at the Residence of Consul General of Indonesia as a finale of the 10th Asian Film Festival. 13 Asian countries opened their own food stalls and treated the guests with their cuisines represented the countries. The Japanese Consulate served Japanese cuisine including Sushi, which the guests enjoyed to the full extent.



Ribbon Cutting for Food Festival 2017



Participants waiting for the Japanese food



Participants enjoying Food Festival

Japanese Film Month 2017

The Japanese Consulate held "Japanese Film Month". During the month, "Being Good (February 21st)", "Letter (February 28th)", "All Around Us (March 7th)" and "Sketches of Kaitan City (March 14th)" were screened. Many young Saudis visited the Consulate to enjoy watching them.



Reception on Emperor's Birthday

In celebration of the Birthday of His Majesty The Emperor, Consul-General Masayuki Miyamoto hosted a reception early in December.

Mr. Jamal Bakr Balkheour, Director-General of the Ministry of foreign Affairs, Makkah Region Branch as a main guest, officials, diplomats and others attended the reception.

Mr. Miyamoto delivered a speech that Japan and Saudi Arabia has become deeper friendship relations since the visit of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud last March and Japan supports to a comprehensive plan "Saudi Vision 2030" launched by Crown Prince Mohammed. Moreover, He mentioned that he hopes the strategic partnership between the two countries to grow stronger through the "Japan-Saudi Vision 2030" formed by them that cooperate in a variety of fields such as energy, infrastructure, culture, entertainment, sports and other development projects and so on. All attendants enjoyed the Japanese cuisine including Sushi cooked by the Japanese chef of the Consul-General.



Welcome to the invited guests



Opening Ceremony



Mr. Miyamoto delivering a speech



Cake cutting



Attendants at the reception



Sushi performance by Japanese chef



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ACGC Film Festival 2018

On February 11, 2018, the closing ceremony of 11th Asian Film Festival organized by ACGC (Asian Consuls-General Club) was held and the Japanese film was shown at the Japanese Consul-General's Residence.

At the start of the night, the attendants enjoyed the Japanese cuisine cooked by the Japanese chef of the Consul-General, then Mr. YounHo Kang, acting Consul-General of Korea and the ACGC coordinator of this year, delivered the closing festival speech. After his speech, Mr. Miyamoto made the welcoming speech and the feature film "Survival Family" was screened.

The film was well received by the audience.



Audience in the venue



Photography of Consulate-Generals



A welcoming speech of Mr. Miyamoto

Demonstration of the Tea Ceremony

On February 19-20, a cultural event "Tea around the World", hosted by a Saudi non-profit organization, was held at Park Hyatt Hotel. 17 countries including Japan took part in the event.

At the Japanese corner, the tea ceremony was demonstrated, and the audience enjoyed the demonstration and the taste of the Japanese tea.



The demonstration of the tea ceremony



The movement of the tea serving



attendance at the ceremony

Sushi Making Class

Sushi making class was held by Mr. Shuichi Yoshida, Chef of Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah, in cooperation with JCEC (Jeddah Cultural Exchange Company) at Jeddah Cultural Exchange Center on April 17th -18th.

The participants who attended the class enjoyed making a variety of sushi. Commenting on the performance of the participants, Mr. Yoshida said most of them showed better performance than he had expected.



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