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Live performance of RAKUGO (Japanese Comic Storytelling) and KAMI-KIRI (Paper Cutting)

RAKUGO and KAMI-KIRI demonstrations took place at the library of the Consulate on March 9 and 10, 2011 starring SHUMPUTEI SHOMATSU (RAKUGO), SANSHOTEI CHARAKU (RAKUGO), and HAYASHIYA IMAMARU (KAMI-KIRI). It helped the audiences to get familiar with Japanese traditional culture and enhance their understanding about it.



Invited guests



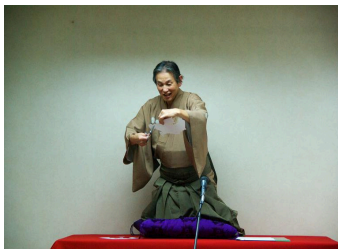
SHUMPUTEI SHOMATSU (RAKUGO)



SANSHOTEI CHARAKU (RAKUGO)



CHARAKU performing RAKUGO



HAYASHIYA IMAMARU (KAMI-KIRI)



IMAMARU and his work (Camel)

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SJAHl Graduation Ceremony for the 8th Batch Students

A Graduation Ceremony for 231 students of the 8th batch was held at the Saudi Japanese Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) in Jeddah on June 25, 2011.

H. E. Shigeru Endo, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, H. E. Mr. Jun Yoshida, Consul-General of Japan at Jeddah, H. E. Dr. Ali bin Nasser Al-Ghafees, Governor of Technical & Vocational Training Corporation and many other guests attended the ceremony and celebrated the graduates.



Attendees at the ceremony



H.E. Mr. Endo presented the graduation certificate



The 8th batch students of SJAHI

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Meeting of Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Jeddah-stationed Japanese companies

On October 1, 2011, the Consul-General H. E. Mr. Jun Yoshida presided a meeting session between Japanese companies in Jeddah and JCCI at his residence. Mr. Alsulaiman, Vice-Chairman of JCCI, Mr. Mandoura, Secretary-General of JCCI, Mr. Yasuyuki Kamada, President of Jeddah Japanese Society, and some other members from JCCI and Japanese companies attended the meeting. Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry expressed its desire of establishing joint ventures at SME level, and Japanese enterprises presented their demand to share the details about favourable treatment by Saudi Government for attracting foreign companies.

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Reception for the Japanese Emperor's birthday

On December 6, 2011, the Consul-General of Japan at Jeddah H. E. Mr. Jun Yoshida hosted a reception for the birthday of the H. M. the Emperor of Japan at his residence. Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region Branch), Consul-Generals in Jeddah, Saudi Businessmen, and many Japanese residents attended the reception and celebrated the 78th birthday of H. M. the Emperor. The Consul-General H. E. Mr. Jun Yoshida delivered a speech in the ceremony and gratefully mentioned to a close economic relationship between Japan and Saudi Arabia as well as the great success of the Janadriya Festival which was held in April, featuring Japanese traditional culture and advanced technology. During the speech, H. E. Mr. Yoshida expressed his sincere gratitude for the generous support for the Great East Japan Earthquake from Saudi Arabia and highlighted Japan's commitments to its reconstruction from the earthquake disaster. The reception was blessed with good weather and the guests enjoyed Sushi and other Japanese foods.



H.E.Mr.Yoshida delivered a speech



Attendees at the reception



The reception hall

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Demonstration of Tea Ceremony

A demonstration of tea ceremony was performed in front of the female invitees at Japanese Consul-General's residence on January 25, 2012.

In the beginning, Mrs. Yoshida, wife of the Consul-General, introduced the history of Japanese tea ceremony, and then a Japanese headmistress Ms. Yumi Kobayashi performed a demonstration of tea ceremony.

All invitees tasted powdered green tea, and some of them experienced tea serving manner.

The participants expressed their keen interest in the movements of tea serving manner and the meaning of ICHIGO-ICHIE, the spirit of the tea ceremony, which stands for "Every occasion of extending hospitality to another person is a particular occasion never to recur in one's life time (, so one should try to make the occasion perfect)". They enjoyed the demonstration in a relaxed mood from beginning to end.



Ms. Kobayashi (Left) and Mrs. Yoshida (Right) explaining ICHIGO-ICHIE, the spirit of the Tea Ceremony



The demonstration hall



A participant experiencing the procedure of making tea

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SJAHl 9th Skill Contest

On February 7, 2012, the 9th Skill Contest was held at Saudi Japanese Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) in Jeddah. The students competed against each other in car maintenance technique. In a ceremony of awarding an honour, Consul-General Mr. Jun Yoshida pointed out the importance of self-discipline along with car maintenance techniques in his speech.

Prior to the Contest, Mr. Yoshida invited Mr. Salim H. Al Asmarei, Director of SJAHI, as well as some officials from SJAHI and people from Japan International Cooperation Centre to his residence in order to exchange views between them concerning the future management of SJAHI.



Skill Contest



H.E. Mr. Yoshida presented certificates at the awards ceremony



Social gathering with officials from SJAHI and JICC

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ACGC Film Festival 2012

On February 19, 2012, 5th 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 opening ceremony, H.E. Mr. Sulaini Said, Consul General of Brunei Darussalam, delivered a kick-off speech as a coordinator of ACGC, then the festival's logo was unveiled in the presence of Asian Consuls-General. After the opening ceremony, Mr. Jun Yoshida, Japanese Consul-General made a welcome speech and a feature film "Happy Flight" was screened following a short promotion video "Japan-Sense of Wonder". Saudi Government officials, businessmen, former Saudi exchange students, Jeddah consular corps, journalists, university students and Japanese residents -in total around 282 participants- enjoyed the film. They gave their impressions by saying "enjoyable and amusing" afterward. The participants also enjoyed delicious Japanese foods prepared by chef of the Japanese Consul-General. The night of 4 hours was ended in a good success.



The unveiling ceremony



The film show at the special theater



Audiences chatting



Participants enjoying the foods

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ACGC Food Festival 2012

On February 29, Asian Food Festival, which features distinctive cuisines from 13 Asian countries, was held at the residence of the Consul General of Indonesia as a finale of the Asian Film Festival 2012.

Japanese food including "Sushi" prepared by the Japanese Consulate-General enchanted all the participants.

The number of participants to the Festival this year established a new record. It seems that the Food Festival is getting firmly fixed as a special winter event in Jeddah.



The booth of Japan

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Japan Culture Night

On March 10, 2012, Consul-General Mr. Yoshida organized a Japan Culture Night at his residence inviting Saudi business men, people of culture and Jeddah consular corps. The Japanese performer this time was Mrs. Riho Miyamoto, headmistress of the KORYU-TOYOKAI school, one of the IKEBANA (Japanese flower arrangement) schools in Japan, who demonstrated IKEBANA and Japanese classical dance. The attendants enjoyed her excellent and authentic performances to full extent and gave her unstinting applause.



Demonstration of IKEBANA



Mrs. Miyamoto presenting her work



IKEBANA work 1



IKEBANA work 2, aside Japanese dolls



IKEBANA work 3



Mrs. Miyamoto performing Japanese classical dance

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SJAHl Ceremonies for Graduation of the 9th Batch Students and the 10th Anniversary of its foundation

A Graduation Ceremony for 216 students of the 9th batch was held at Saudi Japanese Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) in Jeddah on June 3, 2012. On the occasion of its 10th Anniversary of the foundation, H.R.H. Prince Misha'al bin Majid bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Jeddah, attended the ceremony acting for H.R.H. Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Governor of Makkah Province. H.E. Mr. Endo, Ambassador at the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Miyamoto, Deputy Director-General, Manufacturing Industries Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and

Industry (METI), Mr. Nagata, Chairman, International Committee, Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA), Mr. Matsuoka, President, Japan International Cooperation Centre (JICE) and their officials also attended the ceremony and celebrated the graduation with Consul-General Mr. Yoshida. Before the ceremony, on June 2, 2012, Consul-General Mr. Yoshida invited officials from SJAHI, METI, JAMA, JICE and Saudi Automobile agents at his residence and had exchanged opinions on the prospective views of SJAHI.



Photograph with H.R.H. Prince Misha'al



H.R.H. Prince Misha'al presented a grateful letter



Meeting at the Residence

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Reception for the Japanese Emperor's Birthday

In celebration of the 79th birthday of H. M. Akihito, Emperor of Japan, Mr. Jun Yoshida, Consul-General of Japan at Jeddah, hosted a reception at his residence on December 4th, 2012. H. E. Ambassador. Muhammad Tayeb, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region), Consul-Generals in Jeddah, Saudi Businessmen, and many Japanese residents attended the reception.

In a speech at the beginning of the reception, Mr. Yoshida touched upon the existing friendly relationship between Saudi Arabia and Japan in the several fields including energy sector, Saudi students studying in Japan and "Khawater Program" broadcasted 3 years ago which introduced Japanese value and traditions to Saudi Arabia and helps school pupils to acquire the habit of putting in order around them by themselves.

Mr. Yoshida expressed his sincere appreciation for the aid from all over the world including Saudi Arabia after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

The attendees enjoyed Japanese cuisine including Sushi.



Amb. Tayeb and Mr. Yoshida



Mr. Yoshida delivering a speech



Amb. Tayeb delivering a speech



Cake cutting



Attendees at the reception



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Karate Demonstration

As a part of Cultural Exchange Program by Japan Foundation, Karate experts Mr. Hideto Tsuchiya and Mr. Kiyohiko Tosa visited Jeddah and performed a demonstration at the residence of Consul-General on December 16. Members from Saudi Arabian Karate Federation, Consular Corps in Jeddah, Saudi Association of Japan Graduates and Associates (SAJGA), Jeddah Japanese Association and Jeddah Japanese Karate Club attended the event.

NIJUUSHIHO, one of the Karate pattern, was performed by Mr. Tsuchiya, KUMITE was also demonstrated by both experts with explanations. The Itawari, breaking seven (7) wooden boards of 3cm wide in a moment, won great admiration from the audience. After the demonstration, the experts and the audience enjoyed pleasant chatting.



NIJUUSHIHO by Mr. Tsuchiya



Mr. Tsuchiya and Mr. Tosa performed KUMITE



Mr. Tosa breaking seven (7) wooden boards

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10th SJAHI Skill Contest

The 10th Skill Contest took place at Saudi Japan Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) on February 19, 2013. Five groups of Saudi young trainees competed against one another over their automobile maintenance skills. Mr. Salim Asmari, Principal of SJAHI, and Mr. Yasuo Aoki, Deputy Director General of International Department of Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA) delivered opening speeches.

At the award ceremony after the contest, Mr. Jun Yoshida, Consul-General of Japan, mentioned in his speech that "The Saudi trainees who learned Japanese work ethics at SJAHI have been highly evaluated in Saudi Arabia", expecting their further diligent efforts. Medals and diplomas were awarded to the winners at the ceremony.



Scene of Skill Contest



Award Ceremony



Commemorative Photograph

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ACGC Film Festival 2013

On March 31, 2013, Japanese film show was held at the residence garden of Consul-General Mr. Jun Yoshida as a part of Asian Film Festival organized by ACGC (Asian Consuls General Club).

After Mr. Yoshida's welcome speech, Japanese feature film "Shodo Girls" was screened following a promotional video "Tokyo".

Saudi Government officials, Saudi businessmen, former Saudi exchange students, Jeddah consular corps, journalists, university students and Japanese residents enjoyed the films as well as light meals served.



Attendee enjoying light meals



Mr. Yoshida's speech



Screening of "Shodo Girls"

CGC Asian Food Festival 2013

Asian Food Festival 2013 was held in the evening of April 4 at the Residence of Consul General of Indonesia as a finale of the 6th Asian Film Festival. 13 Asian countries opened own stalls and treated the guests with their distinct cuisines. Japanese Consulate served Japanese cuisine such as "Sushi", which received ovations from the visitors.



Ribbon Cutting for Food Festival 2013



Japanese Consulate serving cuisine at the stall



Participants enjoying foods

Reception for the Japanese Emperor's Birthday

In celebration of the 80th birthday of H. M. Akihito, Emperor of Japan, Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Consul-General of Japan in Jeddah, hosted a reception at his residence on December 4th, 2013. H. E. Ambassador. Fareed Kamel Azhar, Duputy Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region), Consul-Generals in Jeddah, Saudi Businessmen, and Japanese residents here attended the reception.

In a speech at the beginning of the reception, Mr. Yamaguchi touched on the existing friendly relationship between Saudi Arabia and Japan in the several fields including energy sector, visit of H. E. Shinzo Abe, Japanese Prime Minister on April, 2013 which created further friendly business relationship, Japan's contribution to the human resource development through SJAHI (Saudi Japanese Automobile High Institue) and accepting young Saudi students who would like to study in Japan.

Taking the opportunity of the reception, order of the sacred treasure, Gold and Silver Rays was given to Mr. Abudulelah Ahmed Al-Darwish, who retired after his long time contribution to the Consulate-General of Japan.

Japanese car agencies set the PR banners in the venue to appeal their business.

All the attendants enjoyed Japanese cuisine including Sushi cooked by a Japanese chef of the Consul-General.



Mr. Yamaguchi delivering a speech



Attendees at the reception



Mr. Yamaguchi giving the order



Cake cutting



Attendees at the reception