



Consulate-General of Japan in Jeddah

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Japanese traditional music concert

The Consulate-General of Japan held music concerts by "Wacocoro brothers & Akihito Obama" (Mr. Masahiro Nitta (Tsugaru Shamisen : Japanese guitar), Mr. Shinta (Wadaiko : Japanese drums), Mr. Akihito Obama (Shakuhachi : Japanese flute)), organized exclusively for the Middle-East tour, through the Grant Program for Dispatching Artists and Cultural Specialists by Japan Foundation, at the garden of the Japanese Consul-General on 20th and 22nd February, 2014

On February 20th, the "Wacocoro brothers & Akihito Obama" played 13 pieces of Japanese traditional music. It appealed very much to the audience who is not familiar with Japanese traditional music. They received standing ovations from the audience. They were besieged with a barrage of questions from the audience and the Jeddah based journalists.

On February 22nd, the "Wacocoro brothers & Akihito Obama" performed the second concert at the garden of the Japanese Consul-General. The audience was impressed by the introduction of Japanese traditional musical instruments and their witty talks with full of fresh felling and lots of laughs. They moved their bodies to music enjoying the wonderful music.



From the left, Mr. Masahiro Nitta, Mr. Shinta, Mr. Akihito Obama



The audience is watching performance



The musicians and the audience

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ACGC Film Festival 2014

On March 10, 2014, 7th 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. Anwar Habibullah, Consul General of China, 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. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Japanese Consul-General made a welcome speech and a feature film "Fire works from the heart" was screened. Total number of 223 participants of Saudi businessmen, former Saudi exchange students, Jeddah consular corps, journalists, university students and Japanese residents enjoyed the film which showed importance of family member's strong ties during their difficult predicament. The participants also enjoyed delicious Japanese foods prepared by chef of the Japanese Consul-General.



The unveiling ceremony



The audience watching the film



Audiences chatting

ACGC Asian Food Festival 2014

The Asian Food Festival 2014 was held in the evening of March 31 at the Residence of the Consul-General of Indonesia as a finale of the 7th Asian Film Festival. The 13 Asian Consulates General opened their own stalls for offering their typical food. As for the Japanese Consulate, it served Japanese Sushi and fried chicken, which the visitors enjoyed to full extent.



Ribbon Cutting for Food Festival 2014i



Participants waiting for the Japanese food



Participants enjoying foods

SJAHl Ceremonies for Graduation of the 11th Batch Students

A Graduation Ceremony for 208 students of the 11th batch was held at the Saudi Japanese Automobile High Institute (SJAHI) in Jeddah on June 4, 2014. Under the presence of H. R. H Prince Mishaal Bin Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, Governor of Makkah Province, Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Consul-General of Japan in Jeddah, Mr. Yasunari Morino, Minister of the Japanese Embassy in Riyadh, and many other guests from Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association (JAMA), Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) attended the ceremony and celebrated their graduation. The Consul-General of Japan delivered a speech to the graduates in Arabic.



Speech by Mr. Yamaguchi



The 11th graduates with honorable guests



Graduation Ceremony



Commendation to the excellent student

Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception

In celebration of the 81st 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 10th, 2014.

H. E. Mr. Jamal Bakor Balkhiour, Director General of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region), Consul-Generals in Jeddah, Saudi Businessmen, and Japanese residents here attended the reception.

At the outset of the reception, Mr. Yamaguchi made a speech in front of the guests, touching on exciting scholarship and youth exchange program, bilateral trading, technical and academic cooperation based on friendly relations between Japan and Saudi Arabia. He also stated that Japan is ready to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in the fields like recyclable energy, water resource, railway project, and infrastructure development.

After the speech, all the attendants cheerfully enjoyed Japanese cuisine including Sushi cooked by the Japanese chef of the Consul-General in a friendly atmosphere.

Saudi local distributors of Japanese automobiles displayed latest Japanese car models in the venue to advertise the Japanese products, which greatly attracted the attendants.



Mr. Yamaguchi with guests



Mr. Yamaguchi delivering a speech



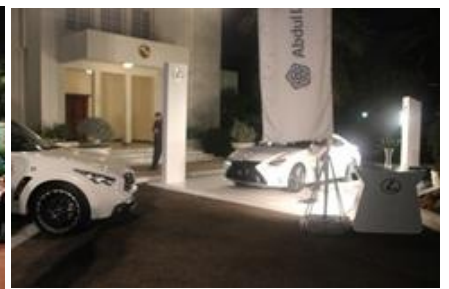
Cake cutting



Attendants at the reception



Attendants at the reception



Japanese automobile



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ACGC Film Festival 2015

On March 28, 2015, 8th 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. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Consul General of Japan, 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, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi made a welcome speech and a feature film "ROBO-G" was screened.

Total number of 206 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 foods prepared by chef of the Japanese Consul-General.



The unveiling ceremony



Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi delivering a speech



Participants in the venue

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ACGC Asian Food Festival 2015

The Asian Food Festival 2015 was held in the evening of March 13 at the Residence of the Consul-General of Indonesia as a finale of the 8th Asian Film Festival. The 13 Asian Consulates General opened their own stalls for offering their typical food.

As for the Japanese Consulate, it served Japanese Sushi and grilled chicken, which the visitors enjoyed to full extent.



Ribbon Cutting for Food Festival 2015



Participants waiting for the Japanese food



Participants enjoying Food Festival

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Orientation of study in Japan to Saudi Students

The Japanese Consulate and SAJGA (Saudi Association of Japan Graduates & Associates) co-hosted an orientation at the Japanese Consulate on March 19, 2015 for the Saudi students who are going to study in Japan from April.

In the orientation, SAJGA members, who had studied in Japan, explained about Japan in general and some of the specific topics such as personal belongings, Japanese life style, cultural difference and Japanese manner. The Japanese Consulate gave them a short lecture about useful Japanese phrases, and screened the Japanese Promotion Video, then Q and A session was held.

After the orientation, Consul-General Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi held a welcome dinner for the Saudi students and their family members. The board members of Japanese Association also attended. At the outset of the dinner, Mr. Yamaguchi made an encouraging speech for the students. While enjoying the Japanese food, they exchanged the information on Japan with members of SAJGA, Japanese Association and the Consulate.

The second attempt by the Japanese Consulate and SAJGA to hold the useful orientation and the dinner was very much appreciated by the Saudi students.



Speech from Dr. Samarqandi, President of SAJGA



Explanation from SAJGA members



Q&A session



Speech from Mr. Yamaguchi



Thanking speech from Dr. Samarqandi



Saudi students with Japanese Association

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Japanese Emperor's Birthday Reception

In celebration of the 82nd 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 9th, 2015.

H. E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Awlaki, Minister Plenipotentiary and Director-General of Diplomatic and Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Makkah Al-Mukarramah Region), Consul-Generals in Jeddah, Saudi Businessmen, and Japanese residents here attended the reception.

At the outset of the reception, national anthem of Japan and Saudi Arabia were performed by Japanese School students. Then Mr. Yamaguchi made a speech in front of the guests, touching on the anniversary of 60 years diplomatic relation between Japan and Saudi Arabia, existing scholarship and youth exchange program, technical cooperation, establishment of new joint ventures for non-petroleum field. He also stated that Japan is always ready to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in the demanded fields such as recyclable energy, railway project, water resource, and infrastructure development.

After the speech, all the attendants pleasantly enjoyed Japanese cuisine that was favorably praised by guests in friendly atmosphere.

Saudi local distributors of Japanese automobiles displayed latest Japanese car models in the venue to advertise the Japanese products, which greatly attracted the attendants.



Mr. Yamaguchi with Dr. Awlaki



National anthem performed by Japanese students



Mr. Yamaguchi delivering speech



Cake cutting



Attendants at the reception



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