



## **“WAY OF THE NINJA” FREE DEMONSTRATIONS BRING AN AUTHENTIC NINJA TO SOUTH FLORIDA**

Events on Sept. 5 to be held in Miami and Fort Lauderdale

**Miami** – (August 10, 2018) The Consulate General of Japan in Miami and its community partners, the FIU Asian Studies Program and the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, will present *Way of the Ninja* by a living descendant of the ancient Iga Ninja clan in free presentations in Miami and Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday, September 5.

Iga Ninja, Ninjutsu artist and Ninja stunt performer Tomoyoshi Ukita will demonstrate the use of Japanese swords, shuriken (throwing ninja stars), shichihode (the art of disguise), kaginawa (the art of grappling hook and rope) and kusarigama (the art of chain and sickle). Ukita has presented the Iga style of Ninja artists in appearances throughout the world including in the U.S., Spain, France, Italy, China and Korea.

“Ninjas have been widely portrayed in pop culture and we are excited to be able to introduce South Florida audiences to the true history of the Ninjas and offer them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet a Ninja and see him in action,” said Deputy Consul General Ogihara.

*Way of The Ninja* will be presented **Wednesday, September 5 at 10:45 a.m. at the Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center** at the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus located at 10910 SW 17th Street in Miami. No reservations are required.

The presentation will be repeated on **Wednesday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts** at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. After an evening performance at the Broward Center was filled within hours of its announcement, reservations are required for this added afternoon presentation and are limited to four tickets each. Reservations may be made at [www.BrowardCenter.org](http://www.BrowardCenter.org).

For more information visit the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami at [http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html) or call (305) 530-9090.

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**BRIEF:** The Consulate General of Japan in Miami presents ***Way of the Ninja***, a free demonstration and lecture by a living descendant of the ancient Iga Ninja clan. Iga Ninja, Ninjutsu artist and Ninja stunt performer Tomoyoshi Ukita will demonstrate the use of Japanese swords, shuriken (throwing ninja stars), shichihode (the art of disguise), kaginawa (the art of grappling hook and rope) and kusarigama (the art of chain and sickle). A morning event is co-sponsored by the FIU Asian Studies Program on **Wednesday, September 5 at 10:45 a.m. at the Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center** at the FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus located at 10910 SW 17th Street in Miami. An afternoon performance is co-sponsored by the Broward Center for the Performing Arts on **Wednesday, September 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Abdo New River Room at the Broward Center** located at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. While not required for the morning presentation at FIU, reservations are required for the afternoon performance at the Broward Center and are limited to four tickets each. Reservations may be made at [www.BrowardCenter.org](http://www.BrowardCenter.org). For more information visit the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami at [http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](http://www.miami.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html) or call (305) 530-9090.

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**Note to editors:**

Media coverage of the event is available at all three presentations:

**Wednesday, September 5**

**10:45 a.m.**

Herbert & Nicole Wertheim Performing Arts Center

FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus, 10910 SW 17th Street in Miami

**Wednesday, September 5**

**3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Abdo New River Room

Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale