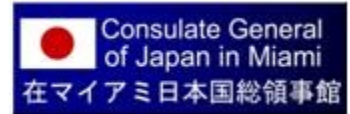


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### **26th Annual Asian Culture Festival Offers Fun for Everyone March 5 and 6** *Consulate of Japan in Miami sponsors Taiko drumming performance by Fushu Daiko*

**MIAMI, Fla.** (March 3, 2016) – The Consulate-General of Japan in Miami invites guests of all ages to attend the 26th Annual Asian Culture Festival taking place on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fruit & Spice Park, located at 24801 S.W. 187th Avenue in Homestead. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages six to 12 and free for children under six.

Sponsored by the Thai-American Association of South Florida, the Miami-Dade County Asian Advisory Board and Miami-Dade Parks & Recreation Department, the festival allows guests to experience a variety of Asian cultures, arts, crafts, entertainment and exotic cuisine.

Asian dance performances taking place during the festival include Persian classical dance, Bangladeshi folk dance, Chinese singing and dance, Filipino folk dance, Thai folk dance, Indonesian traditional dance, and belly dancing.

The Consulate-General of Japan in Miami is sponsoring a Taiko drumming performance by Fushu Daiko and Ikebana demonstrations (the art of Japanese flower arrangement) by the Miami chapter of Ikebana International. The Consulate invites guests to stop by the Japan tent to participate in its origami folding corner, write their names in Japanese calligraphy and learn more about Japanese culture.

On Sunday, March 6 at 1 p.m., Consul General Ken Okaniwa of the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami will give remarks prior to a dynamic Taiko drumming performance by Fushu Daiko. Additionally, remarks will be made by Miami's Taipei Economic & Cultural Office Director General Philip Wang and the Li Kung Fu Academy will perform a Chinese lion dance.

Miami-Dade County District Eight Commissioner Danielle Levine Cava will join the Miami-Dade County Asian American Advisory Board for a presentation and give final remarks to attendees.

For more information about the Consulate of Japan's involvement with the Asian Culture Festival, please visit <http://asianculturefestival.net/en/about/> or contact Lauren Sorondo at [Lauren.Sorondo@mi.mofa.go.jp](mailto:Lauren.Sorondo@mi.mofa.go.jp) or (305)-530-9090.

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