

## Culture and Grants

July 3, 2015

**August 9th, 2016**

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The annual "Candle floating" was held at Tjörnin lakeside by Samstarfshópur friðarhreyfinga ("the collaboration group of pacifist movements"). This year marks the 32nd time since the 1st floating was held in 1985. About 200 citizens including Ms. Katrín Jakobsdóttir (Member of Althingi) and Ms. Steinunn Árnadóttir (Member of Althingi) participated in the floating and commemorated the victims of the nuclear bomb attack on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Candles were lit with the hopes for a world without nuclear weapons.



May 28th, 2016

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The annual " Multicultural Parade " held by Reykjavik City took place between Hallgrímskirkja and the Harpa, where after the parade, we introduced Japan at our booth. Also, a Japanese and an Icelandic student showed a "wadaiko" performance.



May 20th, 2016

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The annual "Cherry Blossom Gathering" was held at Tjörnin lakeside by the Iceland-Japan Society. These 50 cherry blossoms were gifts from the Japan-Iceland Society and the attendees both from Japan and Iceland cherished their friendship at the gathering. The Japan-Iceland Society members came all the way from Japan again to show „Nininbaori“ performance, magic, bonodori and so-on.





April 13th, 2016

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The granting ceremony of Scholarships from Watanabe Trust Fund was held at the University of Iceland. A total of 14 students and researchers received the grant.



April 11th, 2016

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The 12th Japanese Presentation Contest was held at the University of Iceland. Contestants were divided into the first-year and the second-year grade, and competed their skills to make presentation in Japanese on their respective topics such as anime and nature.



February 1st, 2016

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The certificate of [the Japan Foundation Sakura Network](#) membership was handed to the University of Iceland at the Ambassador's residence. The representatives from the Japanese language education institutions in Iceland including Mr. Benediktsson, the Rector of the University of Iceland attended the event.





January 30th, 2016

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The University of Iceland and the Embassy of Japan held the 12th Japan Festival. Over 5,000 visitors enjoyed Japanese culture such as tea ceremony and cosplay. Thank you very much for coming!



January 9th, 2016

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The International Art Festival, [Fresh Winds](#) , was held in Garður from 15th of December 2015 to 17th of January 2016. At the opening ceremony, Ambassador Shino gave a speech and artists, including Japanese artists, made their performances. About 300 visitors attended the opening.

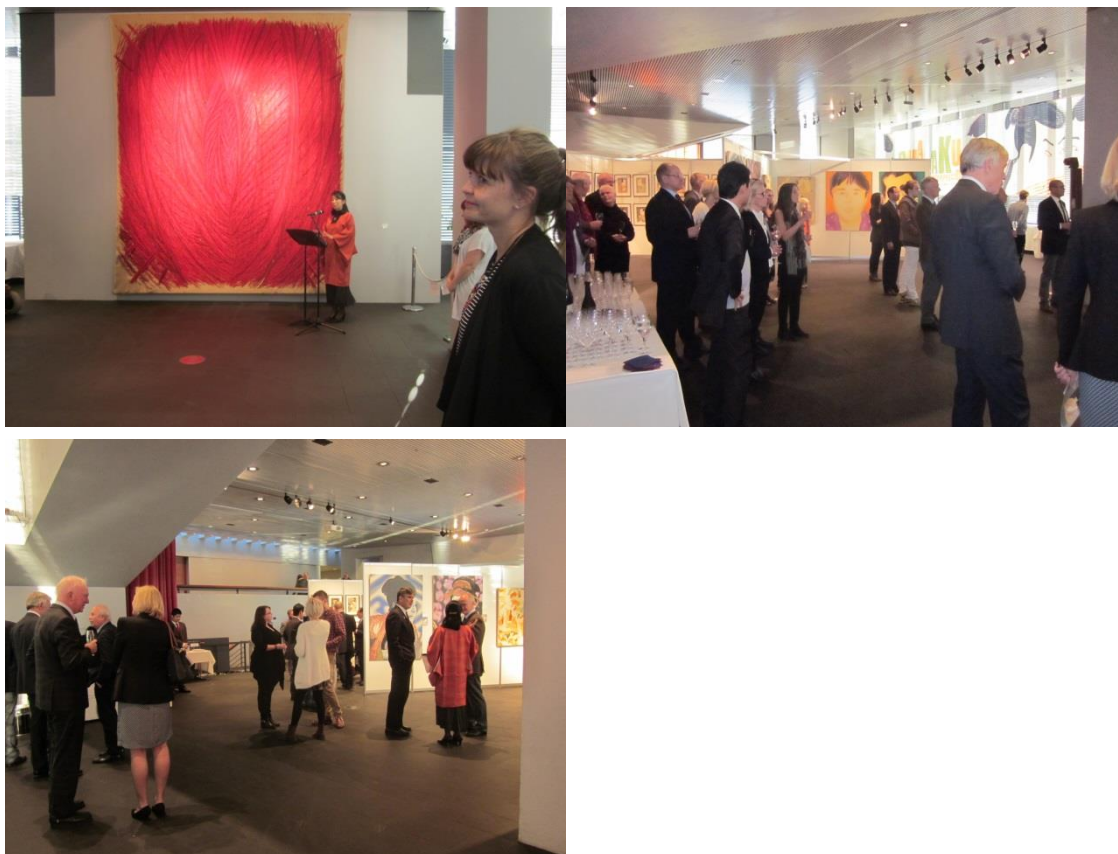




**November 4th, 2015**

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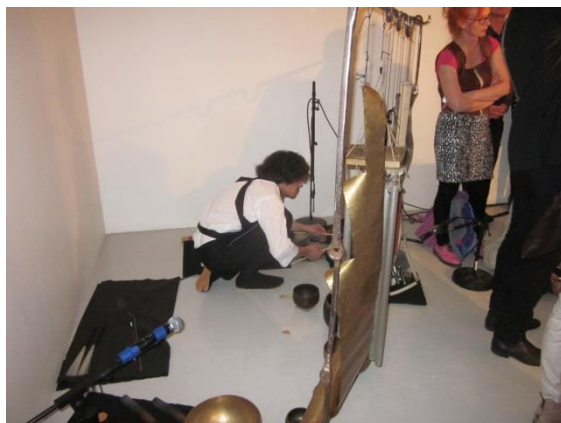
The exhibition 'Sharaku Interpreted by Japan's Contemporary Artists' was held in Reykjavik City Hall from 14th of October to 2nd of November. Approximately 7,000 visitors came to the exhibition. Thank you for visiting.



June 13th, 2015

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The art exhibition by Ms. Mireya Samper was held at Akureyri Art Museum from 13th of June to 16th of August. At the opening ceremony, Ambassador Shino gave a speech and Japanese artists made a performance. About 400 visitors attended the opening.



**May 15th, 2015**

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The annual "Cherry Blossom Gathering" was held at Tjörnin lakeside by the Iceland-Japan Society. This time, Japan Iceland Society members participated all the way from Japan to show karate performance, tea, magic and so-on.





May 9th, 2015

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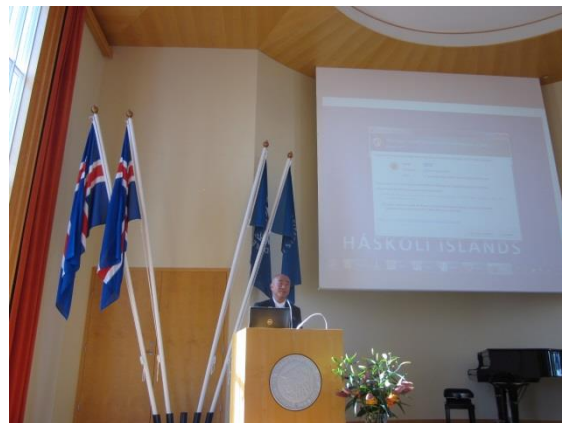
The annual " Multicultural Parade " held by Reykjavik City took place between Hallgrímskirkja and the City Hall, where after the parade, we introduced Japan at our booth.



April 29th, 2015

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The granting ceremony of Scholarships from Watanabe Trust Fund was held at the University of Iceland. A total of 7 students and researchers received the grant.



April 10th, 2015

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The 11th Japanese Presentation Contest was held at the University of Iceland. Contestants competed their skills to make presentation in Japanese on their respective topics. The presentations were very impressive due to the rich variety of theme.





January 31st, 2015

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The University of Iceland and the Embassy of Japan held the 11th Japan Festival. Over 1000 visitors enjoyed Japanese culture such as cosplay, anime and budo. Thank you very much for coming!

