

Presented by the Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan (JICC)

# SPECIAL SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am-4pm

Please note that this event will take place at:

**Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC), Embassy of Japan**

Lafayette Centre III (lower level) 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Washington D.C. 20036

Metro: Dupont Circle, Farragut North (Red)/ Farragut West (Orange / Blue)

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**No reservations necessary!**

As part of Passport DC's Embassy Open House, the Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC), Embassy of Japan invites you to take advantage of our special Saturday hours and experience Japanese culture here in the heart of Washington, DC! This is the perfect chance to view the JICC's current netsuke exhibit, which has drawn hundreds of visitors since it opened last month. Try your hand at *origami*, or learn how to write your name in Japanese. Admire the beauty of every movement as you witness an authentic Japanese tea ceremony. Learn about traditional Japanese culture through lectures and films! The JICC staff will be happy to answer your questions about Japan, Japanese culture and travel.

**Special Saturday Viewing!**

**Netsuke: Miniature Art in the Palm of Your Hand**



Brief guided tours beginning at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 pm.

Before the introduction of Western fashions, Japan was a "world without pockets." Men carried their belongings in small pouches or boxes suspended from the sash of their kimono with cords and a toggle, or *netsuke*. Today the traditional craft of netsuke carving has evolved into a vibrant international art form. Over fifty of these contemporary miniature masterpieces from the collections of Joe and Etsuko Price and Robert Kinsey will be on display, including a set of box-style *netsuke* modeled after a series of Edo period hanging scrolls and unique series of the twelve zodiac animals by British artist Nick Lamb.

**Tea Ceremony Demonstration**

**by the Chado Urasenke Tankokai**

Guests will be able to watch as the Chado Urasenke Tankokai performs a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. 15 lucky guests will have the chance to enjoy the unique taste



of frothy, powdered green tea, followed by a question and answer session.

**All tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.**

11 AM session: Tickets will be distributed beginning at 10 am.

3 PM session: Tickets will be distributed at 1 pm.



### **Kendo: “The Way of the Sword”**

20 minute demonstrations of Japan’s “Way of the Sword” will begin at 12 pm and 1:30pm.

### **Try your hand at *origami* and *shodo*, Japanese calligraphy!**

From 10 am-11 am and 1 pm- 2 pm

### **An Introduction to Japanese Culture:**

Lectures beginning at 12:30 pm and 2 pm.

For more information about Passport DC’s Embassy Open House visit <http://www.culturaltourismdc.org>.

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