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Press Release

“Bonseki” Demonstration held in Karachi

On January 29, 2015, live “Bonseki” demonstration and lecture by Mrs. Midori Inomata, wife of the Ambassador of Japan in Pakistan, was held at the Pearl Continental Hotel in Karachi. This cultural event was co-organized by the Consulate-General of Japan and Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi.

Mrs. Midori Inomata gave a live demonstration and lecture of the ancient Japanese art form of “Bonseki” which was well attended and deeply appreciated by the art lovers in Karachi. Mrs. Midori Inomata, who has mastered this traditional Japanese art over the years, has already performed in Islamabad as well as in Lahore, and her performance in Karachi was her sixth one in Pakistan.

“Bonseki” is a traditional Japanese art in which scenery and nature are portrayed in miniature by placing natural stones on black lacquer trays, with various size and amounts of white sand used to add dimension. “Bonseki” enjoyed great popularity in Japan during the Edo Era (1603-1867). “Bonseki” scenes often depict mountains, such as Mount Fuji, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, seashores, and gardens. Small stones are used to represent mountains, shore lines or rocky islands that waves break upon.

“Bonseki” is also an art form of traditional Japanese culture, which consists of “Wabi” and “Sabi” (austere beauty and elegant simplicity). After completing the work, all works will disappear but the appreciation of the work remains in mind.

Mr. Akira Ouchi, the Consul-General of Japan in Karachi, in his speech stated that Japan is a land of unique mixture of traditional and modern culture and the beautiful natural landscape, with four distinct seasons which has strong influence on the cultural diversity and the unique spirituality of Japan. Consul-General Mr. Ouchi emphasized that through the “Bonseki” demonstration, he hoped the people in Karachi would appreciate the exquisite natural beauty and fascinating diversity of Japan.

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For further information, please contact the Japan Information and Culture Center at the Consulate-General of Japan at Karachi: 35220800 (Ext. 134). Also please kindly visit our web-site: <http://www.kr.pk.emb-japan.go.jp/> in regard to this Exhibition.

