

Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi

Press Release

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Japan Foundation's Traveling Exhibition

Yokai Parade – Supernatural Monsters from Japan

Monday, October 28, 2024 – Wednesday, October 30, 2024

State Bank of Pakistan Museum & Art Gallery, Karachi

A Japanese supernatural monsters' exhibition: *Yokai Parade* – Supernatural Monsters from Japan inaugurated at the State Bank Museum on October 28

On October 28, a Japanese supernatural monsters exhibition named *Yokai Parade* – Supernatural Monsters from Japan was inaugurated at State Bank of Pakistan Museum & Art Gallery, Karachi. This traveling exhibition by the Japan Foundation is among the activities by the Consulate-General of Japan in Karachi to promote cultural exchange between Japan and Pakistan. This year, the exhibition is jointly organized with the State Bank Museum and Pakistan Japan Cultural Association (PJCA), Sindh.

The exhibition, curated by Yumoto Kōichi, Director Emeritus of the Yumoto Kōichi Memorial JAPAN YOKAI MUSEUM (Miyoshi Mononoke Museum), runs until Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The *Yokai Parade* exhibition introduces Japan's *Yokai* culture that has been depicted in picture scrolls and *Nishiki-e* (a type of Japanese multi-colored woodblock print) since ancient times. In the exhibition, four chapters with various scrolls, books, statues, colored woodblock prints, and more are displayed.

By presenting more than 80 pieces of *Yokai* exhibits from the earliest examples to contemporary work, this exhibition provides an excellent opportunity to people of Pakistan to experience a sensibility and aesthetic unique to Japan.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, chief guest Mr. Saleem Ullah, Deputy Governor State Bank highlighted that Japanese culture in particular has always been a topic of interest and attraction to the public in Pakistan.

Mr. HATTORI Masaru, Consul General of Japan was delighted to see the interest in Japanese culture by the Pakistani audience. He described that the *Yokai Parade* exhibition explored Japan's *Yokai* culture, showcasing supernatural beings from the Edo period to today. Chapters covered early artwork, colorful woodblock prints, playful adaptations, and *Yokai's* role in modern media. Hosted by the Japan Foundation, this exhibition aimed to promote Japanese culture globally, strengthening Japan-Pakistan relations.

The PJCA President, Ms. Sadia Rashid also attended the opening ceremony. The audience was introduced to the awe-inspiring exhibition by Ms. Maliha Rao, a *Yokai* enthusiast and Pakistani fiction writer.

Along with the *Yokai* exhibition, various activities including Origami workshops and Ju-Jitsu demonstration will be organized by the Consulate at the venue.

The exhibition is open to public, with free entrance from Monday, October 28 to Wednesday, October 30. Further information about the exhibition and other activities is available at the Consulate website and social media pages.

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