

CLS Japanese Culture Series

# Japanese Traditional Music Concert

## featuring Shakuhachi, Taiko and Koto



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, Friday 6:30-7:30pm  
Lecture Theatre 13, NUS

### Instruments

**Shakuhachi** 尺八 is a bamboo vertical flute and was used by ex-samurai monks who became Zen Buddhists and practiced Suizen, blowing meditation. Shakuhachi means "one foot eight" equivalent to approximately 55 cm, the standard length of a shakuhachi.

**Taiko** 太鼓 is percussion and originally was used for various festivals, and has been an important instrument since ancient times. Taiko is not just about music, but it is regarded as a performing art and a sport also.

**Koto** 箏 is a horizontal stringed instrument which has 13 strings and 13 movable bridges. It has the same origin of Chinese zither (Guzheng 古筝).

### Performers

**Mr. UENO Koshuzan:** Shakuhachi Master and Special Advisor for Cultural Exchange, Agency for Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Japan.

**Ms. Namiko SAKAI:** the Leader of TENKO, Taiko group

**Ms. HASHIDA, Ms. KOBORI and Ms. TOYOHASHI:** Japanese Association Singapore, KOTO group

**Ms. LIAN, Mr. CHUA and Mr. LIM:** Shakuhachi Ensemble

**Ms. KITAI Saeko:** Koto Master and the organiser of Koto Ensemble "KotoKottoN" in NUS

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you are currently studying Japanese Language module in CLS,  
you are encouraged to attend this concert as well as 「おしゃべり会」 from 5-6pm on the same day!  
For enquiries, please contact [clskita@nus.edu.sg](mailto:clskita@nus.edu.sg)

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