

# Min'yo

## Echoes Of Japanese Folk Songs

**Touring Project To South-East Asia & South Asia  
By The Japan Foundation**

**Date : 16th and 17th December**  
**Time : 8.30 pm**  
**Venue : Auditorium Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur (DBKL)  
Menara DBKL 1, Jalan Raja Laut, 50350 Kuala Lumpur.**  
**Admission : Free (Passes available at JFKL)**

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When you hear "Japanese music," many people would think about musical instruments like *Taiko* (drum), *Shamisen* (three-stringed instrument) and etc.; however, Japan has tradition in singing as well. For example, songs have important roles in traditional performing arts like *Kabuki* or *Bunraku*, as storytelling which is performed by professional musicians. As for songs by "non-professional," Japan has rich culture in *Min'yo* (literally "songs for common people") or folk songs.

With this concert, we would like to introduce Japanese culture through *Min'yo* as a window for Japanese ordinary people's life.

Two prominent *Min'yo* singers, TANAKA Shoko specialising in western Japan and NAKAMURA Hitomi in eastern Japan are on the stage. The concert consists of *Min'yo* songs from all over Japan. *Min'yo* songs are played according to some topics like seasons and working sites for labor songs.

Singers are accompanied by four musicians - players for *Shamisen*, *Tsugaru-Jamisen*, *Syakuhachi* cum *Shinobue* and *Taiko* cum *Uta-bayashi*. Those are basic accompaniment for *Min'yo* and performed in traditional style without any modern arrangement.



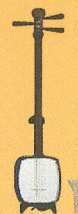
**TANAKA Shoko**  
(Vocal)



**NAKAMURA Hitomi**  
(Vocal)



**FUJIMOTO Atsuhide**  
(*Shamisen*)



**SAWADA Katsuharu**  
(*Tsugaru-Jamisen*)



**YONEYA Satoshi**  
(*Shakuhachi, Shinobue*)



**NISHIDA Miwa**  
(*Uta-Bayashi, Taiko*)



**HIRANUMA Jin'ichi**  
(Director)

#### Free Passes Collection

Free passes will be issued at JFKL as follows:-

Date : 1 (Tue) to 14 (Mon) December, 2009

(Mon to Fri, 9.00am to 4.30pm / Closed on Saturdays and Sundays)

Place : **The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur**  
18th Floor, North Point, Block B,  
Mid Valley City, Medan Syed Putra,  
59200 Kuala Lumpur

#### Notes:

Number of passes available is limited

Limited to two (2) passes per person. First come, first-served basis.



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