

# Japan Foundation's Travelling Exhibition

## Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques

25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, 9am - 4pm, 7 days

Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre, Upper Hutt

The Embassy of Japan, in cooperation with Expressions Whirinaki Arts & Entertainment Centre, is very pleased to announce that the Japan Foundation's Travelling exhibition – "Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques" – will take place from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, at Upper Hutt's Expressions Whirinaki, Arts and Entertainment Centre.



This travelling exhibition introduces two different groups of craft objects; works nurtured within and for daily life, and creative works made in a workshop environment.

The works used in daily life are crafted from raw materials with techniques appropriate to bringing out the best of its medium, creating works balancing ease of use with aesthetic appeal. The other works are those crafted in small-scale regional workshops which persisted through an age of industrialisation, when much of Japan's craft objects became mass produced. This gave rise to superior artisans and idiosyncratic artists who influenced each other to create the well-known depth and quality of Japan's handcrafted goods.



You can expect to see materials including ceramics, textiles, metal work, lacquer ware, wood, bamboo, paper and many others. The Embassy of Japan's website at <http://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp> has more information.

### Special Lecture

The lecturer Mr. Shinya Maezaki, Associate Professor of Kyoto Women's University, Faculty of Home Economics, Department of Apparel and Space Design, whose research field is in Aesthetics and History of Art, will hold a special lecture from 4:00pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, giving insights into the Japanese crafts as seen in Handcraft Form: Traditions and Techniques.

Admission will be free



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