

Press Release
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**Embassy of Japan
in New Zealand**

Japan Foundation's Travelling Exhibition

**The Spirit of *Budō*:
The History of Japan's Martial Arts**

**Tuesday 2 - Friday 26 July 2019, 9am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday
The Atrium, Faculty of Architecture and Design
Victoria University of Wellington, 139 Vivian Street**

The Embassy of Japan and Victoria University of Wellington, in cooperation with Japan Foundation, are very pleased to announce that the Japan Foundation's Travelling exhibition "The Spirit of *Budō*: The History of Japan's Martial Arts" will take place during the above-mentioned period at the Atrium, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Victoria University of Wellington.

This exhibition was planned and produced against a background of strong international interest in Japan's martial-arts culture. In it, you can expect to see the brief history of Japanese martial arts—from battlefield combat technique (*bujutsu*), to popular sports or physical exercise tempering body and spirit (*budō*).

There are two parts in this exhibition: in the first part, reproductions/originals of historical weapons such as bows and arrows, suits of armour, helmets, and so on are shown, and the development and changes of Japanese martial arts from 8th century to 19th century are explained. The second part deals with the reorganisation of *bujutsu* to *budō* in the 19th and 20th centuries, and how the spirit of martial arts is still inherent in the daily life of Japanese people today.



Please refer to the Embassy of Japan's website for more information:

http://www.nz.emb-japan.go.jp/culture_education/exhibition2019.html

Admission is **free**.

