

ICST-1 Welcome Reception

Monday 16th 2015, 17:00 – 19:00
Surugadai Campus of Meiji University
(Liberty Tower 23F)
Dress: Smart casual

16:30 Registration

17:00 Opening address:

Mr. Takashi Goto

(ICST-1 Organizing Committee Chair)

17:05 Welcome speech:

Mr. Mark P. Hayes

(Spring Expert, U.K.)

17:30 *Rakugo* [Traditional art of comic story telling]:

Gokurakutei Tachiouzyou [Mr. Isao Kato]

(ICST-1 Organizing Committee Member)

18:55 Closing address:

Mr. Takashi Goto

(ICST-1 Organizing Committee Chair)

19:00 Scheduled end

What is Rakugo?

It is a Japanese traditional art of comic story telling.

It is said that Rakugo began about 300 years ago.

The performance is the telling of a funny story by one person who takes on many roles to tell his story.

The performer wears a very simple Japanese traditional clothes, kimono.

He kneels on a small cushion on the stage, with only a fan and a towel as his props.

Through various gestures, voice inflections, facial expressions, different directions of his look, the performer is able to vividly portray imaginary multiple characters on stage.

The art of the performance is the ability of the performer to pull out the imagination of his audience.

Besides humans, he may take on the role of an animal, a bird or an object and then return to the narrator as the story continues.

The content is both drama and comedy, and it usually ends with a punch line.

The release of laughter at the end eases all tensions and has made Rakugo very popular in the past as well as the present for young and old alike.



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- 5 minutes on foot from Subway Chiyoda Line, Shin-Ochanomizu Station
- 5 minutes on foot from Subway Mita, Shinjuku, and Hanzomon Lines, Jimbocho Station



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Campus Map



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| ① Kishimoto Tatsuo HALL [23F] | ⑧ Meiji University Museum / AKU YOU Memorial Museum [B1F] |
| ② Dining Hall (Sky Lounge Akatsuki) [1-7F] | ⑨ Shikon Hall [1F] |
| ③ Classroom | ⑩ International Student Office [2F] |
| ④ Hidamari Plaza | ⑪ International Lounge [2F] |
| ⑤ Central Library [1F-B3F] | A Lounge Marronnier |
| ⑥ Liberty Academy | B Café Pensée |
| ⑦ Portrait relief of the founders of Meiji University | C Meidai Mart |