

Press Release

Japanese drum group “SAI” to hold 2 concerts in Malé
(50th Anniversary of Japan-Maldives Diplomatic Relations)



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As a commemoration of *the 50th anniversary of Japan-Maldives diplomatic relations* this year, the Embassy of Japan in Maldives and Public Service Media will jointly hold the following two concerts in Malé by Japanese traditional drum group “SAI”.

Concert 1: Monday, October 16, 16:15-17:30
Venue: Republic Square, Malé
Special collaboration with “*Habeys Boduberu*”
(Open to everyone)

Concert 2: Tuesday, October 17, 20:30-22:00
Venue: Television Maldives (TVM)
Special collaboration with “*Habeys Boduberu*”

Japanese drum group “SAI” originated in a drum group at the University of Tokyo. In 2012, “SAI” won the championship in the drum contest – “*Wadaiko Contest East Japan*” sponsored by the Japan Taiko Association. Subsequently, “SAI” started its professional career in 2013 and, since then, it has been delivering its performance more than 200 times a year.

“SAI” has appeared in a lot of Japanese TV programs, commercials of famous companies such as McDonald’s and Google, a latest Japanese film, and many programs and activities. “SAI” achieved a huge success in concerts in Azerbaijan and Latin American countries in 2016, and succeeded in three concerts in Iran in January 2017.

There is a Japanese expression – “*dogimo o nuku*” which means “to give spectators or audience an astonishing experience”. “SAI” promises to bring all of you “*dogimo o nuku*” moments during its performance in Malé.

There will be a special collaboration with “*Habeys Boduberu*” during the concerts in Malé.

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