

A Japanese Traditional Koto Concert by Mr. Nobutaka Yoshizawa
was held on March 19-20

A Koto player Mr. Nobutaka Yoshizawa gave a performance of the traditional Japanese musical instrument Koto, at Komitas Chamber Music House in Yerevan (on March 19) and at the Gyumri Branch of Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory (on March 20). The Concert was held on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Armenia.

During the opening concert in Yerevan, H.E. Mr. FUKUSHIMA Masanori, Ambassador of Japan in Armenia, and Mr. Artur Martirosyan, Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports delivered welcome speeches and emphasized the importance of music as well as expressed hope for the promotion of exchanges between the two countries.

During the concerts Mr. Yoshizawa collaborated with Armenian artists: in Yerevan with Duduk player Mr. Artak Asatryan, Qanun player Ms. Marianna Gevorgyan and “Hover” Chamber Choir, and in Gyumri, with the professors of the Gyumri Branch of State Conservatory, Duduk player Mr. Karapet Shaboyan and Qanun player Ms. Anahit Valesyan, and a splendid harmony sounded in the venues.

Mr. Yoshizawa also performed during the Japanese Contest-Festival “Neiro”, organized by the Armenian-Japanese Center of Educational and Cultural Exchange “Iroha”, on March 19 at the Arno Babajanyan Concert Hall.

At both venues, Mr. Yoshizawa's traditional and contemporary performances and beautiful tones of koto fascinated the audience.



Welcome speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Speech by Deputy Minister Mr. Martirosyan



Mr. Yoshizawa is welcoming the audience



Performance by Mr. Yoshizawa



Joint performance with Duduk player Mr. Asatryan



Joint performance with Qanun player Ms. Gevorgyan



Joint performance with “Hover” Chamber Choir
(Conductor: Ms. Narine Voskanyan)



Audience in Yerevan



Welcome speech by Ambassador Fukushima in Gyumri



Welcome speech by the Director of the Gyumri Branch of
Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory Ms. Harutyunyan



Joint performance with Duduk player Mr. Shaboyan and
Qanun player Ms. Valesyan



Audience in Gyumri