

Press release



## **JAPANESE KIMONOS**

**by the Kimono Artist Masu Yamamoto**

25 april – 8 june 2008

Opening friday 25 April at 5 pm

The internationally renowned Japanese textile artist Masu Yamamoto exhibits in Denmark for the first time at the Danish Museum of Art & Design. Twenty silk kimonos especially chosen for this exhibition will be on show.

The opening of the exhibition is attended by the patroness of the festival Her Highness Princess Elisabeth, the Japanese Ambassador to Denmark H.E. Masaki Okada, and Mayor Claus Bondam.

Japanese craftsmen will exhibit works in the museum garden. The tea ceremony can be experienced as well as Taiko drums played by children from Seidokan Karateskole.

In the workshop of Masu Yamamoto every process from the cultivation of the silkworm – the mulberry spinner – the winding off of the silk, the spinning and dyeing of the thread with natural dyes, and the hand weaving of the cloth for silk kimonos is performed. The richness in both colour and pattern and the austere simplicity of Japanese craftsmanship which has enchanted for centuries continue to be a source of inspiration to many European artists. During the 1990ies Masu Yamamoto had the honour of creating kimonos for the Imperial Family of Japan.

The exhibition is arranged in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan and funded by the Toyota Foundation.

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**Wednesday 30 April** two lectures on the Japanese kimono will be held at the museum. At 1 pm Masu Yamamoto will lecture on her work and at 2.30 pm clothing designer Karoline Kjeldtoft shows pictures and lectures on her study visit at the 250-year-old kimono industry V. Takeda Co.

**Copenhagen Sakura-Festival** - The exhibition marks the start of the festival – celebrating of the blossoming of the cherry trees - which takes place on 26 and 27 April from 10 am to 5 pm at Langelinie Park.

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