

Jie Shou National Music debuts at the Mingwu Port Festival, elegant music presented at the Japan Exchange

The Taipei Municipal Jieshou National Chinese Orchestra went to Nagoya, Japan on July 14 for performances and educational exchanges during the summer vacation, and returned to Taiwan on July 18.

The Jieshou Chinese Orchestra is an outstanding and winning team in music competitions in Taipei City. It has won the outstanding awards for Chinese music ensemble and string and bamboo chamber music in the National Student Music Competition for 14 consecutive years. We are honored to be invited by the organizer of the Nagoya Port Festival in Japan. Under the guidance of the orchestra's conductor Ren Yanping and the assistance of supporting parents, 120 teachers, members and parents went to Nagoya to participate in the Sea Day Port Festival concert and the educational exchange activities of Shioji Middle School.

The Namahage Day is a three-day holiday in Japan. Every July 15th, Nagoya Port also holds a festival including concerts, parades, dances, and fireworks.

It is a famous large-scale summer vacation event in Nagoya, including festivals in the surrounding shopping streets. 300,000 people participate each year.

The Taipei City Jieshou National Chinese Orchestra was invited to participate in the performance of the 78th Nagoya Sea Day Port Festival Shiokaze Concert. This is the first time that the organizer has invited foreign music groups to participate in the performance. The Jieshou National Chinese Orchestra appeared at the Nagoya Port Garden Pier and performed "Northwest Rain Rhapsody", "Yangming Spring Dawn", "Chasing Chasing", "Looking for Spring Breeze" and other songs, showing the characteristics of traditional instruments and music. The performance received a warm response and was well received. Speaker Naoesa Hirofumi of the Aichi Prefectural Council even brought his family to the scene to enjoy the performance. At the

same time, he thanked the members and parents of the Taipei City Jieshou National Chinese Orchestra from Taiwan for coming thousands of miles to the Nagoya Port Festival to participate in the event. We look forward to everyone watching after the performance.

Afterwards, enjoy the related activities of the Sea Day Port Festival and experience the unique Japanese culture.

The next day, the Jieshou National Orchestra went to Xilu Middle School for a music and education exchange performance. More than 500 teachers and students from Xilu Middle School gathered at the activity center. In addition to enjoying Chinese music, they also tasted pineapple cakes from Taiwan. The Jieshou Chinese Orchestra also prepared two Japanese anime songs, "Doraemon" and "Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba", to allow local Japanese teachers and students to feel the sounds of different instruments, play familiar melodies, and resonate deeply with them. When the Xilu Middle School Wind Orchestra performed famous songs from the competition such as "Treasure Island" and "Beautiful as the Night", the members of the Chinese Orchestra listened attentively and were deeply moved. The event on that day was also covered by Japanese media and published in the Sino-Japanese news reports the next day.

In addition to bringing beautiful and elegant Chinese music to Japan, this educational exchange activity also allowed teachers and students to experience Japan's local festival culture, dining etiquette, and food culture. They also went on stage to learn the gestures and steps of the Gujo Dance (Bon Dance) and appreciate the characteristics and techniques of the shamisen performance that accompanies the dance. Teachers and students also visited the World Cultural Heritage Gassho Village and the old Japanese government town of Takayama Old Street in the subsequent visit. This Taiwan-Japan exchange performance was a success and fruitful.

