



Mr. Eiichi Kawahara, Consul General of the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami and Mr. Harris Rosen.



Emcee: Mikako Sato Stetson



Matsuriza Taiko



Robert F. Stuart - District 3 Commissioner presents proclamation on behalf of Mayor Buddy Dyer.



Emcee: Mr. Stetson



“Ganbare Nippon” shouted throughout the Festival

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Orlando Japan Festival, the largest Japanese festival in Central Florida organized by Japan Association of Orlando, is an annual celebration of Japanese culture designed to promote the understanding between Japanese and Americans. More than 3,000 participants immerse themselves in Japanese culture such as Taiko drumming, cultural dances, Koto music, and Japanese Martial Arts that day despite a few sprinkle. Different from the previous years, the festival served an earthquake and tsunami efforts for Japan. Total of US\$5,000 was raised and was donated to Orlando's Sister city, Urayasu City, as contribution.

“We would like to thank for all the sponsors, vendors, participants, and many volunteers for the Japan Festival 2011. With your help, we had a very successful Festival this year,” said Takemasa Ishikura, President of Japan Association of Orlando.

Japan Association of Orlando would like to thank:

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