

Japan Society North West presents:

An Expert Introduction to Japanese Fabric Design - Yuzen Dyeing & Kimono Dressing

Thursday 8 February 2007, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**An event to mark the visit of Nasu Sachio and his colleague
Sheila Cliffe to Manchester**

Nasu Sachio is a respected yuzen dyer who has spent all of his life decorating kimono using a traditional technique dating back 300 years. He is one of the fast dwindling Japanese craftsman who went through the traditional process of learning through the deshi (apprentice) system much favoured by Japanese craft culture.

Sheila Cliffe is a kimono collector who has lived in Japan for 25 years. She is a great enthusiast for all aspects of Japanese culture and qualified as a kimono dresser in a renowned kimono dressing school in Japan.

The event will include many slides of Nasu Sachio's work and a short video of him in his studio working on a kimono design. He will talk about his experiences as an apprentice and highlight some aspects of life as a Japanese artist/craftsman.

Sheila Cliffe will talk about kimono in Japan, and follow her talk with a kimono dressing. There will be time for questions and answers with silk kimono on hand for viewing.

This event is sponsored by The Japan Foundation, MMU, and Japan Society North West (JSNW). It will appeal to all those interested in Japanese culture and textiles.

**Venue: Cavendish Lecture Theatre
Manchester Metropolitan University**

Admission: £2 for JSNW members
£5 for non-members

If you would like to attend this event please contact the JSNW events co-ordinator at:

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