

# Step in, and "feel Japan".

Orlando Japan Festival 2006 オーランド日本祭り

— on Sunday, Dec.17th, at Rangetsu of Tokyo ■ By Teri Mitchell



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Again, a whole year is going to fly away...Japan Festival is next month! Mark December 17th (Sunday) on your calendar at Rangetsu, 1:00pm-4:00pm. It's going to be three fun and informative hours.

This festival is a nostalgic event for me as I now live on the other side of the earth from Japan. It's a precious opportunity for Japanese who live here to be exposed to the Japanese culture and introduce it to the community.

The festival is held at the largest authentic Japanese restaurant in town, Rangetsu of Tokyo, which displays little red lanterns all around the eaves. The architectural style and its Japanese garden present a solemn and peaceful atmosphere authentically representative of Japanese landscape and design.

This is a wonderful opportunity to FEEL Japan through the food, music, dance and shopping, or even from just being there. You can experience one of the Japan's favorite events 'Ennichi' 縁日 which is a traditional fair. The food will be sold at 'Yatai' 屋台 food stands. There will be a sequence of different performances on the stage. One of the exciting activities there will be hunting 'Japanese' stuff for great price-savings, provided by Mitsukoshi.

### Here's some very important info;

All funds raised in this festival support Orlando Hoshuko (Japanese supplementary school) to provide better education to the children. As I wrote in the last (October) issue, you will see the students' activities in this festival.

"Our special-feature programs will be the raffles, bazaar, Taiko drumming and classical Japanese dance. Don't miss buying raffle tickets to win valuable prizes such as air-tickets to Japan (provided by IACE Travel) or dining certificates for Japanese restaurants. Our bazaar is eye-popping. You can buy Japanese products for less than half the regular price (sponsored by Mitsukoshi). It will be interesting to try Japanese folkcraft toys such as a top, a battledore or a cup and ball, too. We prepare different types of food and drink for \$1 - \$5. For example, Yakisoba, Yakitori, Udon, Oden, Gyoza, Takoyaki, curry & rice as well as Sushi. And of course, Japanese beer and Sake will be featured. Also, of significant note, the Consulate General of Japan in Miami supports this festival and even has a booth at this event. They distribute booklets and brochures about Japan in their booth. This is the best time to ask the staff about Japan," says Mr. Kikuchi, the manager of Rangetsu. **AYU**



'Yatai' food stand



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Rangetsu Manager Mr. Kikuchi (left) and Hostess Ameera (right)

### Orlando Japan Festival 2006

**Date & Time:** 12/17(Sun), 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**Venue:** Rangetsu

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**\*\* Admission Free \*\***