

## Japanese Traditional Artisanal Works and the Design

-Traditional Artisanal Works in Tohoku (northeastern Japan) Region,  
and Japanese Manufacturing Technique-

Lecturer: Mr. Eisuke Tachikawa

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The MOFA dispatched, Mr. Eisuke Tachikawa, product designer, to Barcelona to hold lectures and workshops on the occasion of the 400th year anniversary of the establishment of Japan-Spain exchanges.

Mr. Tachikawa lectured about Japanese materials, techniques, and values that shape Japanese traditional artisanal works through presentation of Urushi (lacquer), Washi (Japanese paper) and Yosegi (parquet), as well as explained the current state of Japanese traditional artisanal works, especially the collaboration between designers and craftsmen after the Great East Japan Earthquake. The audience highly appreciated the quality of traditional artisanal techniques in the Tohoku region.

On this occasion, participants from Japan could exchange opinions and ideas with designers and the people associated with the affiliated industry. Such exchanges resulted in a plan for a future collaborative product development between Japan and Spain.

