

Good morning, Excellencies, Ambassadors, and colleagues,

Thank you so much for joining with us in “Experience Japanese Food Culture: Try and Enjoy ‘Real’ Japanese Cuisine” co-organised by the Mission of Japan to ASEAN, the Miyagi Soba-making Society, and All Soba Association (Zenmenkyo), in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat and the Permanent Mission of Thailand to ASEAN.

We have invited eight Japanese Soba-making mastres, who will demonstrate “Teuchi Soba”, homemade Japanese buckwheat noodles.

Today’s Soba event is a pre-launch event for the celebration of the Special year, the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation in 2023.

Besides Soba, you may also taste Yuzu citrus juice and Konbu seaweed tea from Kochi Prefecture.

I sincerely hope that all of you from the Secretariat and the Missions to ASEAN will enjoy great Japanese food, WASHOKU, today to be ready to come over to Japan for the commemorative year of 2023 and beyond!

Thank you for your attention.