Global Indigenous Forum

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Spirit of Ainu: Super Natural Environment of Kamuy

Learning Reciprocity and Environmental Preservation from the Ainu of Japan

Friday, November 4, 2016 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM and 1:30 - 3 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | GC 243

Ainu means "people" or "humans" and refers to the original indigenous people of northern Japan. Ainu continue their culture and distinct identity through their expression of the arts, music and dance. Their continuous efforts finally achieved official recognition by the Japanese government in 2008. For this special event, seven Ainu artists, "Akan Kokin no Kai" travel from Japan to perform traditional Ainu dances, songs and music using special Ainu instruments, such as Tonkori and Mukkuri.

First Session: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Learning reciprocity from elders by discussions, performing arts and storytelling.

Second Session: 1:30 - 3:00 PM. Learning environmental preservation by discussions and performing arts.

Both sessions have 30 minute workshops where participants can learn about their traditional instruments, such as Mukkuri, examine Ainu kimono and head band designs.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 305-348-2247.

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