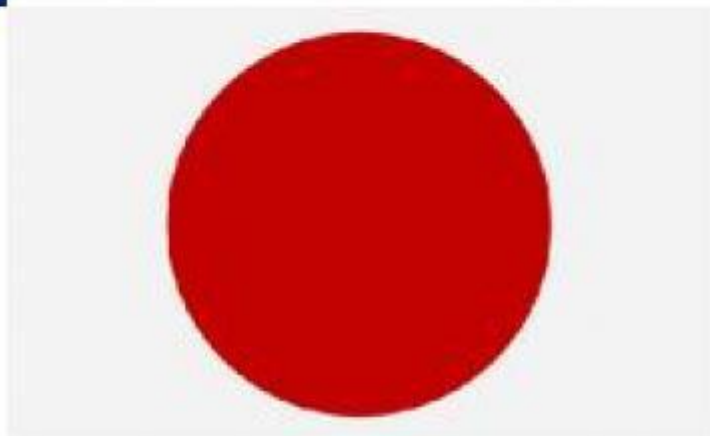


Renowned Japanese Illustrator in Havana



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Havana, August 11 (ACN-RHC) -- Well-known Japanese illustrator and presenter Seiichi Hayashi has inaugurated his exhibition "Bellas Japonesas," at the Gallery of the Ruben Martinez Villena Public Library in Old Havana's Plaza Armas.

Japan's ambassador to Cuba, Hiroshi Sato, said that the presentation on the island of works by one of his country's most important artists in this genre signified the strong bonds between the two countries over the past several decades.

The exhibition, he said, adds color and artistic beauty to the wide program of celebrations marking the long history of relations between the two peoples.

He invited participants in the ceremony to attend the lecture Masaki will give on Aug 12 at the Victor Hugo Center, and asserted that this is a unique opportunity to appreciate the varied artistic work of this creator.

Seiichi said that this is his first visit to Cuba and added that the exhibition was possible due to the cooperation of his country's embassy to Havana and of a large number of Cubans who love and appreciate Japanese culture.



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