

## English Rakugo Performance

On Thursday, August 29, a special English performance of the traditional humorous storytelling art of Rakugo was held at the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington (JCCCW ) in Seattle, co-hosted by Hyogo Prefecture, the Consulate General of Japan, and the JCCCW. This was the third performance of English Rakugo in the area, this time by Mr. Katsura Sunshine, the only non-Japanese professional Rakugo storyteller in Japan. Ms. Chiho Kitagawa, a translator specializing in Rakugo, delivered an accompanying lecture about the art. An audience of 60 enjoyed the performance, and the venue was full of laughter.



Senior Consul Dodo making remarks



Ms. Kitagawa delivering her lecture



Mr. Sunshine Katsura presenting rakugo