

# Kodo Cultural Foundation

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Thanks to the support of many friends, the Kodo Cultural Foundation was established in 1997 in order to increase Kodo's capacity for outreach projects on our home of Sado Island. Its primary mission is to carry out non-profit activities focused on social education and the notion of giving back to the local community. The Kodo Cultural Foundation is committed to the cultural and environmental preservation of Sado Island and oversees many ambitious projects. From the conservation of local habitats to the revitalization of rare craft traditions and Noh theaters throughout Sado Island, the highly collaborative Kodo Cultural Foundation supports many vital initiatives. If Kodo's performances were likened to a garden, then the foundation would be the roots of the plants growing there. Its activities include holding workshops, planning the annual Earth Celebration, creating a research library, managing the Kodo Apprentice Centre and the Sado Island Taiko Centre, and carrying out research in the performing arts.



"O-daiko" performance at the Kodo Apprentice Centre commemorating the birth of the Kodo Cultural Foundation in 1997



## Friends of Kodo

Friends of Kodo is a support group maintained by the Kodo Cultural Foundation established to bring Kodo closer to its audience and fellow taiko enthusiasts. Membership is available to all. As well as receiving the latest information by postal mail, members also get special advance ticket reservations for selected concerts in Japan, the chance to buy original goods available only to members, and selected discounts on a range of Kodo goodies. They are also given priority placement in certain Kodo workshops. Through this group, we enjoy getting to know the people who support our activities by name.

## Earth Furniture

Kodo cares deeply about the natural environment of its home, including Sado's lush forests. To create a model of how a local resource could be sustainably managed, Kodo designs and manufactures interior furnishings from native, renewable timber. Cured by the sea, built by hand, and designed by Kodo Cultural Foundation chairman and renowned designer, Makoto Shimazaki, it is sold under the name Earth Furniture.

