

## Profile of Maruhashi Hiromi, Winner - 1st NIHON KAIRALI KERALEEYAM AWARD 2019



- Ms. Hiromi was born in Utsunomiya, Tochigi prefecture, Japan.
- Learned Mohiniyattam under the instruction of Dr. Kalamandalam Leelamma and completed a short-term course on Mohiniyattam at Kerala Kalamandalam, a public institute for art and culture.
- Learned Nangiarkoothu under the instruction of late Smt. Margi Sathi.
- Learned classical martial arts - Kalari Payat at CVN Kalari.
- She was selected as an artist in overseas internship from the Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan in 2001.

### Awards

- First Cultural Award from Tennali Japan-India Association
- Award for Dance Performance Merit from South Indian Art Center, Singapore
- Placed in the top 4 at Soorya Dance Festival in 2008
- Special Award from Fuji Ganga Thodupuzha in 2014 for the performance of "Yamata-no-Orochi" and "Ama-no-Iwato", episodes from Kojiki, the oldest Japanese history book.



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## Films

“Nottam”, Malayalam film in 2006

## Books

- Talking Indian Dance (2018)
- Fascinated with Kerala; Mohiniyattam, the Most Expressive Indian Classical Dance (2018)

## About Kerala Planning

Ms. Hiromi established Kerala Planning in April 1999, a cultural project designed to spread performing arts of Kerala; Mohiniyattam, Koodiyattam, Nangiarkoothu, Kerala Natanam, and Kathakali, throughout Japan.

Developing new style of performing arts by taking advantage of Indian classical dance techniques of Kerala. Encouraging cultural understanding and social interaction between India, State of Kerala and Japan.

Organized various events in Japan supported by the Embassy of India as follows

- Mohiniyattam stage at Shinjuku Bunka Center, 1999
- Mohiniyattam stage at Tokyo Opera City, 2000
- Mohiniyattam stage at Shinjuku Ushigome Tansu Center, 2001
- Mohiniyattam stage at Musashino Public Theater, 2002
- Mohiniyattam stage at Edo-Tokyo Museum, 2004
- Mohiniyattam stage at Musashino Performing Arts Theater, 2005
- Mohiniyattam stage at Kichijoji Theater, 2007
- Mohiniyattam stage at Nakano Zero, 2009
- Mohiniyattam and Kerala Natanam stage at Za-Koenji Public Theater, 2010 and 2012
- Mohiniyattam stage at Shinjuku Bunka Center, 2013
- Kerala Natanam stage with Kodan narration at Nakano Zero, 2014
- Mohiniyattam stage with Japanese shadowgraphs at Za-Koenji Public Theater, 2015
- Mohiniyattam stage with Dance drama at Za-Koenji Public Theater, 2016
- Mohiniyattam stage with Dance drama at Za-Koenji Public Theater, 2017
- Mohiniyattam stage with memorials of Dr.kalamandalam Leelamma at Za-Koenji Public Theater, 2018



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