## Special Seminar on Friendship of Erik Laxman and Daikokuya Kodayu – From the Finnish and Japanese encounter to global connection

## **Seminar program**

Opening remarks

Ambassador of Japan Fujimura Kazuhiro

Parliament Member, Chair of Parliament's Finnish-Japanese Friendship Group **Mats Löfström** 

Acting Director General of National Archives **Päivi Happonen**Prof. **Ohashi Toshiro**, Director, Europe Office in Helsinki, Hokkaido University

Encounter of Daikokuya Kodayu and Laxmans
Professor **Tanimoto Akihisa**, Hokkaido University

Meeting of Erik Laxman and Daikokuya Kôdayû in Japan in the narrative of history and in the oral tradition

Master of Arts Chikage Konishi-Räsänen

Natural Scientist Erik Laxman and Finland
Professor Emeritus **Markku Löytönen**, University of Helsinki

The French connection of the Laxman story Professor **Osmo Pekonen**, University of Jyväskylä

Establisment of the Laxman Society
PhD **Pellervo Kokkonen**, Laxman Society

Closing Remarks

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