## The Japan Foundation: Traveling Exhibition Contemporary Wood-Curved NETSUKE



The Japan Foundation's Traveling Exhibition "Contemporary Wood-Curved NETSUKE<sup>1</sup>" was held from 11<sup>th</sup> October to 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Lalit Kala Akademi Chennai, organized by Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai and ABK-AOTS Dosokai Tamilnadu Center. In this exhibition, totally 65 NETSUKE were displayed and most of them were created by modern NETSUKE artists. Visitors appreciated the detailed work on each NETSUKE.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As Kimono culture flourished during the Edo period (1603-1868), *netsuke*, small carvings, were created as toggles to hold pouches and cases containing tobacco and medicine in place on the obi sash worn with the kimono.





