

‘Osaka-Jime clapping’

Hand clapping is Japanese traditional culture at the end of celebrations. Generally, what we call, “Ippon-jime (one clapping)” and “Sanbon-jime (three clapping)” are popular way of ceremonial clapping. However, Osaka has its own clapping rhythm called “*Osaka-jime*.” The “*Osaka-jime*” rhythm clapping, developed as an important habit of Osaka merchants, is a familiar sound, especially at the stock exchange and economic organization meetings.

First, I say, “**Uchima-sho**,” and you clap hands twice, ① clap-clap. “Uchima-sho” means “Let’s make a deal.” Second, I say, “**Mohitotsu-se**,” and you clap hands twice one more time, ② clap-clap. It means “Let’s agree upon the conditions of the deal.” Then finally, I say, “**Io-te Sando**,” and you clap hands three times, ③ clap-clap-clap. This means celebrating the deal has been made successfully. I heard all of you are top salespersons, and I’m sure that you can do it without problem.

