

Dishes, Nami Tsuru

No other animal in Japan compares to the majestic beauty and representation of nobility than the tsuru, or white crane.

“They are very stately looking birds and can fly in spite of its large size,” said Company President Robert Iida, referring to the red crown crane with its long white neck and torso. They are the world’s tallest flying birds. Its image is the most popular symbol of **peace, love, loyalty and longevity** in the Asian culture commonly depicted on paintings and embroidered on kimonos.

The tsuru is believed to have a life span of 1,000 years, when they actually live only up to 100 years, because they appear in Japan only in the mating season.

During winter months, they fly south from Siberia to Japan and parts of China to breed and reproduce in warmer climates, he said. After nesting, they migrate back to Siberia in the summer with their offspring as a family unit. This cycle is repeated year after year.

The children know instinctively where to go back to their same nest in Japan, Iida said. Often called “Nami Tsuru,” the cranes fly close above the ocean to catch fish in its mouth. “Nami” means ocean waves in Japanese.

The cranes are a pair for life. The one with its head up high is usually the male. The crane with its head down low is usually the female.

“The tsuru doesn’t fool around,” he said. “That’s why humans ought to be like tsuru.”

Iida’s carries dishes, bowls and platters with the “Nami Tsuru” design typically bought as party favors or gifts of appreciation for celebratory events like birthdays, weddings, retirement and baby showers. The smallest dish, 4.25 inches in diameter, costs \$2.95 each. The largest is a 10 inch platter at \$12.95 each.

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