



PERFORMING the sake ceremony on the Music Publishers Association of Japan (MPAJ) stand yesterday were JETRO's Masashi Oshita (left) with Marie Digby, the MPAJ's Haji Taniguchi and Ken Ohtake. Tonight Japanese/American singer Marie Digby will be performing at the Access Japan evening in The Lounge Bar at 18.30. "Marie is a great choice because she has a way of expressing her Japanese roots in a way that people who are not regularly exposed to our culture will understand," MPAJ executive director Ken Ohtake, said. "We are also seeing much more interest in Japanese artists from the younger generation who are exposed to the songs in Anime, so I expect to see Japanese artists being much more present in the European and US markets in the future."