Recognizing Japanese Food Culture

The word ‘sushi’ might just be the most traveled word in Japanese. All around the world, Japanese cuisine is appreciated, respected and most of all, enjoyed. Because of its uniqueness, a panel of experts under the agriculture ministry is calling for Japan’s culinary culture to be included on UNESCO’s list of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Japanese food culture is not in any danger of becoming extinct. Indeed, it is thriving. In large cities and the countryside, restaurants showcase fantastic local products and specialty items. In Japan, delicious food is not just big business and a national pastime; it is an inalienable right.