

### ***Tannepikoro* (Long Sacred Sword) and *Emus* (Sword)**

The *tannepikoro* (long sacred sword) and *emus* (sword) are both used for religious rituals, and are believed to have great power to protect people from evil spirits. The *tannepikoro*, used by individuals while praying, is meant to ward off demons that bring ill health. The *emus* is used in the *emus rimse* (sword dance) ceremony, in which men dance and simulate fighting in a display of strength designed to drive away demons that might bring disease to the community. Women provide a vocal backdrop to the ceremony with songs while men shout from the sidelines.