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The Great Buddha at Nara



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Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan

The Embassy of Japan will conduct quiz and interactive sessions to stimulate interest and encourage students to learn more about Japanese arts, culture, society and Japan-Bhutan relations.

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Judo and Karate Demonstration

Bhutan Judo Association and Bhutan Karate Association will be conducting a demonstration of Judo and Karate to promote the martial arts among the people of Bhutan.

Bhutan Judo Association started as Pelkhil Judo Club in 2010, got recognition from Bhutan Olympic Committee and became Bhutan Judo Association in 2013. The BJA has held friendly tournaments with the national judo team of Nepal and the cadet team from Haryana, India.

Bhutan Karate Association was established in 2009 and is recognized by Bhutan Olympic Committee. So far, it has 7 clubs in various Dzongkhags of the country. Annually, it conducts National Karate Championships.

Origami Demonstration/Workshop

The Japan Foundation will be despatching Ms. Tomoko Fuse, Origami expert from Japan and Ms. Hitomi Ashta, Origami Oritai India to conduct demonstration/workshop of this art form.

Ms. Tomoko Fuse - Her first encounter with origami folding was at the age of seven. In the 1980s she found her passion about unit origami, created by joining together multiple folded paper sheets. She soon became a pioneer in the field and came to be called the "Unit Queen." She strives for designs with prominent straight lines, thus making the concept of "breaking" the paper pivotal in her work.



Japanese Language Seminar

Mr. Yojiro Tanaka, Assistant Director and Mr. Yasujiro Takei, Visiting Lecturer (Japanese Language) of The Japan Foundation New Delhi will conduct seminar and interactive sessions in Bhutan for Japanese language teachers, Japanese language students and also for regular students to encourage them to study the language.

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Japanese Film Show

Shodo Girls!! *Watashi tachi no koshien*

Color / NTV/2010 / 120 min/English subtitles/Dir: Inomata Ryuichi

A girls' coming-of-age film, based on a true story about high school girls in Ehime who stage a 'shodo' (calligraphy) performance tournament to revitalize their town. The film gives an uplifting portrayal of these high school girls as they pour their heart and soul into their calligraphy. Ehime's Shikokuchuo City is Japan's leading region in paper production but the recession hits hard and the town's shopping arcades are no longer bustling with customers. This troubles Satoko (Narumi Riko), captain of the calligraphy club at her high school. But one day, she spots substitute teacher Ikezawa (Kaneko Nobuaki) working on a huge piece of calligraphy, wielding a brush around to the music, and is caught in complete awe.





Happy Flight

Color/ Fuji Television Network, Altamira Pictures, Toho, Dentsu / 2008 / 103 min / English subtitles/ Dir: Yaguchi Shinobu

The setting of the film is an airport and airplanes. A great variety of “aviation professionals” such as pilots, flight attendants, the ground crew, mechanics, dispatchers, controllers, and the bird

patrol crew all support a single flight. They have only one mission: to secure the safety of the passengers!

Today was supposed to be any other day on the job, departing on schedule and heading safely to Honolulu, but...

The experience of seeing this film is fun and exciting, just like actually riding on a jumbo jet. A wonderfully entertaining film about the aviation industry chock-full of Shinobu Yaguchi’s love and fascination towards airplanes has been born!



Documentary films: High School Students’ Challenge, Communication Robots, Hydroponic Farming, Trendsetting Tokyo.

Date	Event
20 Sep (Sat)	<p>Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan & Film Show at Drukgyel Higher Secondary School, Paro (by invitation)</p> <p>10:30 – Japanese Language Seminar “Japanese Language in 1 hour” at Royal Thimphu College in Thimphu</p> <p>13:00 – Japanese Language Seminar “Role-play in Japanese” at The Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies in Thimphu (by invitation)</p> <p>16:00 – Film Show: <i>Shodo Girls</i> at City Cinema, Thimphu</p>
21 Sep (Sun)	<p>Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan & Film Show at Punakha Higher Secondary School (by invitation)</p>
22 Sep (Mon)	<p>16:30 – Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan & Film Show at Youth Centre, Department of Youth and Sports, Thimphu (by invitation)</p>
23 Sep (Tue)	<p>14:15 – Judo and Karate Demonstration at Clock Tower by Bhutan Judo Association, Bhutan Karate Association, Thimphu</p> <p>16:30 – Film Show: <i>Happy Flight</i> at City Cinema, Thimphu</p>
24 Sep (Wed)	<p>14:30 – Origami Workshop at Pelkhil School, Thimphu (by invitation)</p> <p>17:00 – Lecture/Demonstration of Origami at Royal Thimphu College (by invitation)</p>
25 Sep (Thu)	<p>16:30 – Origami Workshop with The Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies (by invitation)</p>