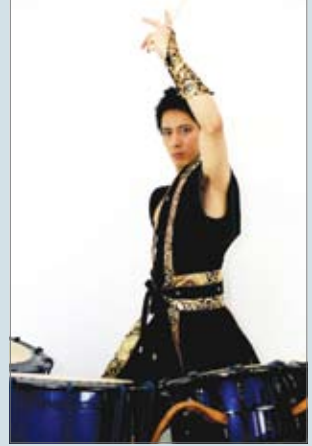


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Presentation Ceremony of Judo Uniforms

In June 2014, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held a Summit Meeting in Tokyo with H.E. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay, Prime Minister of Bhutan. One of the topics discussed during the meeting was people-to-people and sports exchange. Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan's intention to donate 100 judo uniforms to Bhutan as a way of strengthening sports exchange and Prime Minister Tobgay responded with gratitude.

The representative of the Government of Japan will hand over the Judo uniforms to the representative of the Royal Government of Bhutan at the Presentation Ceremony.

Judo and Karate Demonstration



The Bhutan Judo Association (BJA) was established in 2010 and received its official affiliation from the Bhutan Olympic Committee in 2015. JICA Bhutan supports the BJA by sending a national Judo coach. The BJA conducts two national tournaments every year. In May 2015, the BJA organized a friendship

tournament with the Students Olympic Association, India, which sent their national champions from different states of India. On top of that, the BJA will organize its first international Judo seminar from 6 to 12 September 2015, which will be conducted by a top Japanese Judo sensei and an Austrian Judo Olympian.

The Bhutan Karate Association (BKA) was established in 2009 and received its official affiliation from the Bhutan Olympic Committee in 2015. It also got its provisional membership affiliation from the World Karate Federation (WKF) in 2015 and will soon be attending the WKF programs with support from the Bhutan Olympic Committee. It has 7 clubs and 500 members across the country. Annually, it conducts the U21 karate championship and the BKA senior championship. Recently it has successfully conducted the first BKA referee and instructorship seminar.



Japanese Drum Live Performance by Taiko Project “INDRA”



INDRA, founded in 2013, is a Japanese drummers' group specializing in the traditional Tokyo-style of playing Japanese drums (taiko). They are trying to create a new evolutionary style of taiko ensemble through their fusion of music, combining Japanese traditional Noh and Kabuki with Western Classical essence, which sounds very powerful.

This time, Yuhei Motoyama, Masashi Okawa and Eri Ishizuka are coming to Bhutan to present their signature Indra-style Taiko performance. Please enjoy their energetic and powerful stage performance. The event is supported by Japan Airlines.

Quiz & Interactive Session on Japan

The Embassy of Japan will be conducting quiz and interactive sessions to stimulate interest and encourage students to learn more about traditional Japanese culture, modern lifestyle and society as well as Japan-Bhutan relations.

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Shirakawa-go



Himeji Castle



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Somen (noodles)



Daigoji Temple

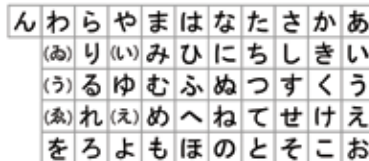


Hiroshima Yume-Minato
Fireworks Display

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Japanese Language Seminar

Mr. Yojiro Tanaka, Assistant Director, and Ms. Chisato Murakami, Visiting Lecturer (Japanese Language) of the Japan Foundation New Delhi will conduct a seminar with interactive sessions for Japanese language teachers and students as well as for other students in Bhutan to encourage them to study the Japanese language.



Japanese Film Show

Water Boys

Color/Altamira Pictures / 2001 / 91 min / English sub-titles / Dir: YAGUCHI Shinobu

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It's springtime in Japan and the Tadano High School swim team is barely keeping afloat, when a pretty new coach turns up with the nutty idea of creating a top synchronized swimming team of her own. She has just a few problems to overcome. First, she's teaching at an all-boys school; second, the 5 boys who have committed to the team are all hopelessly bad swimmers; third, she suddenly discovers she's 8 months pregnant and due for maternity leave.

Happy Flight

Color/Fuji Television Network, Altamira Pictures, Toho, Dentsu / 2008 / 109 min / English sub-titles/ Dir: YAGUCHI Shinobu



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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!

This film is being shown as a part of the official side events of “Shine Weeks”, the designated period from July 1 to October 31, 2015, when various organizations will hold women-related events in and outside Japan, which generate movements for “A Society where Women Shine” as part of the World Assembly for Women in Tokyo: WAW! 2015.

5 Centimeters per second *Byosoku 5 centimeters*

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Color/CoMix Wave Films, Shinkai Creative /2007/63 min/English sub-titles/Dir. SHINKAI Makoto

Tono Takaki and Sinohara Akari had been apart since they left elementary school. However, they kept in touch through correspondence as they had feelings for each other. One day in winter, Takaki left Tokyo and set off for Tochigi, where Akari lives. The train is delayed by heavy

snow and he is alone in his carriage, as the time ticks away. Long after the agreed meeting time, the two are finally reunited in a waiting room at a small station.

Date	Events
08 (Tue)	16:00 Opening and Presentation Ceremony of Judo Uniforms 16:15 Judo and Karate Demonstration by Bhutan Judo Association, Bhutan Karate Association Japanese Drum Live Performance by Taiko Project “INDRA” at Clock Tower, Thimphu
09 (Wed)	11:00 Japanese Drum Live Performance for students at Pelkhil School, Thimphu (by invitation) 15:00 Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan & Film show: Happy Flight at Punakha High School (by invitation)
10 (Thu)	14:00 Quiz/Interactive Session on Japan & Film show: Happy Flight at Drukgyel High School, Paro (by invitation)
11 (Fri)	14:00 Japanese Language Seminar at The Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies, Thimphu (by invitation)
12 (Sat)	14:00 Film shows: Water Boys, 5 Centimeters per second at Royal Thimphu College (by invitation)

Updated event information will be posted on the website of the Embassy of Japan http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/index_bhutan.html