

Date	Time	Events
24 (Sat)	10:00	<b>Soccer School</b> at National Stadium, Thimphu (by invitation)
	AM	<b>Deer Dance Workshop with the Royal Academy of Performing Arts</b> (by invitation)
	14:30	<b>Opening Ceremony at Clock Tower, Thimphu</b> (public event) *Opening remarks *Part 1: Performing Arts of Japan *Part 2: Japanese Songs Presentation *Part 3 Sports Exchange (Japanese Martial Arts) Exhibition: Photo-panels of JICA activities
	19:00	<b>Opening Reception of Japan Week</b> (by invitation)
25 (Sun)	10:00	<b>Soccer School</b> at National Stadium, Thimphu (by invitation)
	14:00	<b>Soccer School</b> at National Stadium, Thimphu (public event)
	15:00	<b>Film show: The Chef of South Polar at City Cinema, Thimphu</b> (Film starts from 15:20) (public event)
26 (Mon)	14:10	<b>Interactive Session on Japan &amp; Film show: 'From me to you', Motithang HSS, Thimphu</b> (by invitation)
27 (Tue)		(No event)
28 (Wed)	15:30	<b>Film show: 'Doraemon The Movie: Nobita's Dinosaur 2006' at City Cinema, Thimphu</b> (Film starts from 15:50) (public event)
29 (Thu)	17:30	<b>Film show: 'Hana no Ato' at National Land Commission's Conference Hall, Thimphu</b> (Film starts from 17:50) (public event)
30 (Fri)	10:00	<b>Japanese Language Proficiency Trial Test</b> at The Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies, Thimphu (by invitation)
1 (Sat)	10:00	<b>Japanese Language Seminar</b> at The Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies, Thimphu (by invitation)

#### Side Event :

#### **Tsangmo Competition & Symposium (Bhutanese Treasure Tsangmo)** (Public event)

September 24 12:30 -17:00 at Kelki Higher Secondary School, Thimphu

September 25 10:00 - 12:00 at Conference Hall, Hotel Phunesho Pelri, Thimphu

#### **Japanese Landscaping Technology to Make the Best Use of the Nature of Bhutan**

September 26 10:00 at Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (by invitation)

Updated event information will be posted on the website of the Embassy of Japan

<http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>



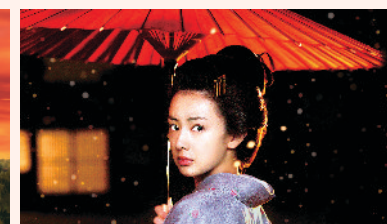
# Japan Week in Bhutan

Sep 24 – Oct 1 , 2016

commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Japan-Bhutan  
Diplomatic Relations celebrations



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## Part I : PERFORMING ARTS OF JAPAN (14:40-15:40)

### Shishi Odori (Deer Dance) by Gyozan School Maikawa Shishi Odori



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Shishi Odori is one of the folk performing art forms in the Tohoku region, Japan. It is danced as a part of rituals in different occasions, such as memorial service for ancestral spirits, expression of gratitude for an abundant harvest, etc. This time, the Gyozan School Maikawa Shishi Odori group will perform in their style of Drum Dance, to express our sincere gratitude to your heartfelt support for the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, which hit Tohoku region, and to celebrate the birth of His Royal Highness The Gyalsey on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Dancers are Koichi Sato, Shutaro Koiwa, Takeshi Yoshida & Kosuke Hachiya. In collaboration with the Royal Academy of Performing Arts (RAPA). Supported by All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd.



## Part II JAPANESE SONGS PRESENTATION (15:45-15:55)

Students from the Bhutan Centre for Japanese Studies will sing Japanese songs.

## Part III SPORTS EXCHANGE (Japanese Martial Arts) (16:00-18:00)

### (1) Presentation Ceremony (Soccer Ball & Sports wear)

The representative from Japan will hand over the Soccer Ball & Sports wear to the representative of Bhutan.



### (2) Judo Demonstration by Bhutan Judo Association

The Bhutan Judo Association (BJA) was established in 2010 and is affiliated with the Bhutan Olympic Committee. In 2016 the BJA also became a member of the International Judo Federation. Membership is open to all. Members train at the two dojos located in Pelkhil School and the YDF building under a Japanese coach. The BJA conducts two national tournaments every year. The national team represented Bhutan at the South Asian Games in 2016 and participated in the Jita Kyoei Judo Cup in Japan. Judo is a safe martial art that focuses on self-discipline and efficiency of technique to defeat one's opponent.



### (3) Karate Demonstration by Bhutan Karate Association

The Bhutan Karate Association (BKA) was established in 2009 and received its official affiliation from the Bhutan Olympic Committee in 2015. It has 10 clubs and 1000 members across the country. Its national team will be participating in the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> South Asian Karate Championship in New Delhi, India. It is planning to send representatives to the Asian Karate Championship in Indonesia, and the WKF World Senior Championship in Linz, Austria.



## EXHIBITION: PHOTO PANELS OF JICA ACTIVITIES IN BHUTAN (Sep. 24, PM)

Throughout the history of JICA's cooperation in Bhutan, agriculture enjoyed the topmost stature followed by communications infrastructure. The much desired "power tiller" is the farmer's best friend. Over the years, support has gradually shifted from production technology to quality enhancement and value addition in agricultural products. The Exhibition show its history.



## SOCCER SCHOOL PRESENTED BY J. LEAGUE (Sep. 24 and 25)

J.LEAGUE (Japan Professional Football League) presents "Soccer School" in collaboration with Embassy of Japan and the Bhutan Football Federation. Sports plays an important role in promoting international exchange and mutual understanding beyond borders, language and race, and this lesson will further encourage people-to-people exchange between Japan and Bhutan. Japan would also like many Bhutanese people to join the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo.



## JAPANESE FILM SHOW (Sep. 25, 26, 28, 29)

- \* *The Chef of South Polar*, Dir.: Shuichi OKITA (125 min) (Life of a chef at South Pole)
- \* *From Me to You*, Dir.: Naoto KUMAZAWA (128 min) (High School Students' life)
- \* *Doraemon The Movie: Nobita's Dinosaur 2006*, Dir.: Ayumu WATANABE (107 min) (Animation, fantasy)
- \* *Hana no Ato*, Dir.: Kenji NAKANISHI (107 min) (Samurai)



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## INTERACTIVE SESSION ON JAPAN (Sep. 26)

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

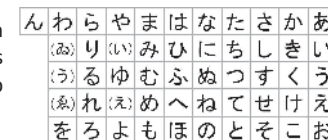


## JAPANESE LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TRIAL TEST ( Sep. 30)

Japan Foundation New Delhi conducts a trial test of the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT), which is conducted all over world, but not in Bhutan. Participants of this program will have a chance to take trial JLPT questions and experience what it is like, check the answers with Japanese experts, and also get information on the advantages of taking the JLPT.

## JAPANESE LANGUAGE SEMINAR (Oct. 1)

The Japan Foundation New Delhi conducts a seminar with interactive sessions for Japanese language teachers and students, as well as for other students in Bhutan, to encourage them to develop an interest in studying the Japanese language.



## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT (SIDE EVENTS OF THE JAPAN WEEK)



**Tsangmo Competition & Symposium (Bhutanese Treasure Tsangmo)** will be held by Japan Society for Bhutanese Folk Music Studies and Japan Institute for Bhutan Studies.

**Japanese Landscaping Technology to Make the Best Use of the Nature of Bhutan** will be lectured by Fukushima Taki-Sakura Bhutan Committee.