

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON JAPAN (June 5)

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



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JAPANESE LANGUAGE SEMINARS (June 5)

Japanese Language Workshop - A Japanese language learning material edited by the Japan Foundation "Marugoto" was published in April this year by Goyal of India. In commemoration of this publication, the Japan Foundation New Delhi conducts demonstration class using "Marugoto" to Japanese language learners of Bhutan. In addition, an online learning site using the same contents "Marugoto" will be introduced.



Japanese Language Teacher Training - Japanese experts Lecturer (Japanese Language) of the Japan Foundation New Delhi will conduct a session for the Japanese teachers of Bhutan to discuss Japanese teaching methods.

Japanese Film Screening - The Japan Foundation New Delhi conducts Japanese film screening for learners of Japanese in Bhutan, "Shodo Girls" (2010).

Date	Time	Events
2 (Fri)	15:30	<u>Opening Event of JAPAN WEEK at Clock Tower, Thimphu (Public Event)</u> *Part 1: Sports Exchange (Japanese Martial Arts) *Part 2: Japanese Songs Presentation *Part 3 Performing Arts of Japan
	19:00	Opening Ceremony and Reception (by invitation)
3 (Sat)	AM	Workshop by Magisawa Kagura at The Royal Academy in Paro (by invitation)
4 (Sun)	15:30	Film show: Screening of Japanese Short Films at City Cinema, Thimphu (Film starts from 15:45) (Public Event)
5 (Mon)	09:00	Japanese Language Workshop (by invitation)
	13:00	Japanese Language Teacher Training (by invitation)
	14:30	Interactive Session on Japan & Short film screenings at Yangchenphug Higher Secondary School, Thimphu (by invitation)
	15:00	Film show: Shodo Girls at Luger Theatre, Thimphu (by invitation)

Updated event information of Japan Week 2017 will be posted on the website of the Embassy of Japan: <http://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/jointad/bt/en/index.html>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EmbassyofJapaninIndia/>

JAPAN WEEK 2017 in Bhutan June 2-5, 2017

*Her Imperial Highness Princess Mako of Akishino of Japan
will grace the Opening Event of Japan Week 2017*



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OPENING EVENT OF JAPAN WEEK at Clock Tower (June 2, 15:30 ~)

Part I : SPORTS EXCHANGE (Japanese Martial Arts) (15:30-16:10)

(1) Judo Demonstration by Bhutan Judo Association

The Bhutan Judo Association (BJA) was established in 2010. The BJA is affiliated with the Bhutan Olympic Committee and is a member of the Judo Union of Asia (JUA) and the International Judo Federation (IJF). Membership at BJA is open to all. Members train under a Japanese coach at the two dojos located in Pelkhil School and the YDF building. The BJA hosts the national Judo team which represented Bhutan at the South Asian Games in 2016 and the Children of Asia Games in Russia. The BJA will also represent Bhutan at the Youth Olympics in Argentina in 2018 and the South Asian Games in 2019. The BJA aspires to spread the spirit of jita kyoei among Bhutanese youth. Judo is a safe martial art that focuses on self-discipline and efficiency of technique to defeat one's opponent.



(2) 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. They have successfully conducted the BKA Senior Karate Championship 2017 at Taktse, Trongsa, hosted by College of Language & Culture Studies with support from Bhutan Olympic Committee. Bhutan Karate Association also participated in the 3rd South Asian Karate Championship 2016 at New Delhi, India and won Ten bronze medals.



Part II : JAPANESE SONGS PRESENTATION (16:10-16:15)

Students from Pelkhil School will sing Japanese song HANA WA SAKU. 'Hana wa saku' is very heartfelt song and known as a cheer up song for the victims of the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake.

Part III : PERFORMING ARTS OF JAPAN (16:15-16:45)

Magisawa Kagura

Magisawa Kagura is a folk performing art, also called as Nanbu Kagura, having widely been popular from the southern area of Iwate prefecture to northern of Miyagi, although mainly handed down in Magisawa district of Mashiba area in Ichinoseki borough of Iwate prefecture.

The art originally started in 1912, when Magisawa Kagura group of eight people had been founded to start the divine performance for shrine in the district. The performance is like a musical entertainment or theatre for Shinto gods, with toned narration and dance accompanied by gongs and a big drum to tell mythological stories or folk tales narrated by the dancers. The group will perform *Tori Mai*- dancing fowls for blessing and peace, and *Gajyo No Hashi*- the scene of the battle between samurais. The members are Shigeyuki Abe, Seiki Yoshida, Jun Iwabuchi, Hiroki Abe and Shinya Iwabuchi. Supported by All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd..



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JAPAN WEEK EVENTS (June 4 ~ 5)

SCREENING OF JAPANESE SHORT FILMS (June 4 & 5)

Embassy of Japan will showcase 4 outstanding short films directed by Japanese Film Directors and introduce Japanese culture and society through these films. Films are curated by Mr. Seigo Tono, Festival Director of Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia, who visited New Delhi and Mumbai to screen Japanese Short Films in March 2017.

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (www.shortshorts.org)

Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia (SSFF & ASIA), co-organized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, is an annual international short film festival in Tokyo. The festival is also supported by the Ministry of Environment, Japan Tourism Agency, Agency for Cultural Affairs and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The festival takes place in early June. With more than 5,000 short film entries from more than 100 countries per year, SSFF & ASIA has become one of the largest short film festivals in Asia.

Color of Life (13min 51sec)

Director : Goro Ushijima / 2014 / Documentary

The Shimuras, mother Fukumi and daughter Yoko, devote their daily lives in a lifelong pursuit to understanding and preserving the national treasure that is Japanese textiles.



Pieces of the Future (15min)

Director : Seiki Watanabe / 2016 / Drama

Working on the building site of a new house, apprentice carpenter Souta is asked by his boss, Oikawa, to build a shed by himself. Souta approaches this first real job, which will test his skills as a full-fledged carpenter, in high spirits. However, whilst making progress on the shed, Souta begins to wonder about the future owner, who he's never met...



Half & Half (15min)

Director : Takumi Saitoh / 2014 / Music Shorts

Revolving around desktop doodles, this is a love story between a high school girl and a boy who attends only evening classes.



Can & Sulochan (14min 02sec)

Director : Mitsuyo Miyazaki / 2014 / Music Shorts

An Indian named Sulochan has moved to Japan and is having trouble getting used to life there. Feeling lonelier and lonelier, one day meets "Can", a talking vending machine, and his life starts to change.

