



Exchange Year  
**2022**



# You are warmly welcomed to a **JAPAN WEEK IN BHUTAN 2022**



Date	Time	Events
15 Oct (Sat)	10:00~ 18:00	<b><u>Exhibiting Attractively Exciting Booths demonstrated by JICA Bhutan Office @ Clock Tower, Thimphu (Public event)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Japanese culture introduction booths, Exhibition of Japanese local Governments and the Activities of JICA Volunteers, Demonstration of making material for organic agriculture (Biochar &amp; BOKASHI) , Events by the alumni association of returned trainees (JAAB).</li> </ul>
	15:00~	<b><u>Opening Ceremony of JAPAN WEEK @ Clock Tower, Thimphu (Public event)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inauguration (Music Performance from Japanese Anime, Naruto by Pelkhil School students, Karate Demonstration by Bhutan Karate Association, Judo Demonstration by Bhutan Judo Association)</li> <li>Hand-over Ceremony of Supplies donated by Yudetamago, XTEND, Panasonic and Kobe Bhutan Friendship Association.</li> <li>Video Performance of Japanese Musical Instruments</li> </ul>
	18:00~	<b><u>Mini Japan Anime Film Festival @ Clock Tower, Thimphu (Public event)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anime Film 『The Garden of Words』 (2013/ 46 min)</li> <li>Anime Film 『5 Centimeters per Second』 (2007/ 63 min)</li> </ul>
16 Oct (Sun)	13:30~	<b><u>Mini Japan Anime Film Festival @ City Cinema Hall, Thimphu (Public event)</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anime Film 『The Place Promised in Our Early Days』 (2004/ 91 min)</li> <li>Anime Film 『Children Who Chase Lost Voices』 (2011/ 116 min)</li> </ul>
	14:00~	Inauguration Ceremony of the Japan Alumni Association Of Bhutan (JAAB) (by invitation)
17 Oct (Mon)	10:00~	Japanese Culture and Language Workshop 1 (by invitation)
	10:30~	Sports Promotion Event @ Judo Hall at Pelkhil School (by invitation)
	15:00~	Japanese Culture and Language Workshop 2 (by invitation)
18 Oct (Tue)	10:00~	Japanese Culture and Language Workshop 3 (by invitation)
	15:00~	Japanese Culture and Language Workshop 4 (by invitation)
	15:00~	Seminar on Study and Training in Japan (by invitation)



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# Details of the Public Events

**15 Oct, 2022 @ Clock Tower Square**



## **Part1: Attractively Exciting Booths (10:00-18:00)**

Japanese culture introduction booths, Exhibition of Japanese local Governments and the Activities of JICA Volunteers, Demonstration of making material for organic agriculture (Biochar & BOKASHI), Events by the alumni association of returned trainees(JAAB).

## **Part2: Sports Exchanges (Japanese Martial Arts)** **Karate Demonstration by Bhutan Karate Association**

Bhutan Karate Association is the sole organization promoting karate sports in the country since 2009. Today, Bhutan Karate Association has more than 10,000 karate members, 20 qualified referees and judges from 32 affiliated clubs from 9 districts. The association was introduced with the objective to promote karate sports in the country as well as to help our youth to secure and build a better future for enthusiast karate lovers in the country.



Some of the recent achievements of Bhutan Karate Association is the participation in the 5th South Asian Karate Championship held at Bangladesh and the participation in the 13th South Asian Games held at Nepal, where we were able to secure medals. On top of that the BKA will also feature in the upcoming Asian Games to be held in China 2023 for the first time.

## **Judo Demonstration by Bhutan Judo Association**

Judo was first introduced in Bhutan in 2010 by the Pelkhil Judo Club and later renamed Bhutan Judo Association after receiving affiliation from Bhutan Olympic Committee. BJA is now a member of Judo Union of Asia (JUA) and International Judo Federation (IJF). BJA runs 2 clubs in Thimphu, at Pelkhil School and at Zilnon Namgyelling School. At Pelkhil Dojo, membership is open to all. BJA is ready to open more clubs if suitable locations are available.



BJA hosts the Bhutanese national Judo team which has represented Bhutan at the South Asian Games (2016, 2019), World Championships Tokyo 2019, Tokyo 2020 etc. BJA members have so far won 4 international bronze medals. BJA has also been selected to represent Bhutan at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China and at the South Asian Games 2023 in Pakistan.

## **Part3: Music Performance from Japanese Anime, Naruto**

Japanese animation is very popular all over the world and Bhutan is no exception. Many Bhutanese children are fond of Naruto, One-Piece & Attack on Titans. This time, Pelkhil School will present 'Blue Bird' from Naruto with recorders. Enjoy our performance and let's sing together!!



## **Part4: Video Performance of Japanese Musical Instruments**

Japanese Traditional Music has always been attracting many people since ancient eras as the melody makes them feel comfortable and passionate. This time, two Japanese musicians, Mr. Taichi HIKIDA and Mr. Takayuki HASHIGUCHI will perform the Japanese music with their instruments, Tsugaru-Shamisen (Japanese traditional stringed instrument) and Wadaiko (Japanese traditional drum) through video. It must be attractive to all of you.





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## MINI JAPAN ANIME FILM FESTIVAL

The Film Festival will feature on animation films directed by Makoto SHINKAI, who is a well-known Japanese director, animator, cinematographer and manga artist. Mr. SHINKAI was born in Nagano, Japan in 1973. He made his commercial debut in 2002 the short film he produced on his own, "Voices of a Distant Star." He subsequently released "The Place Promised in Our Early Days" (2004), "5 Centimeters Per Second" (2007), "Children Who Chase Lost Voices" (2011) and "The Garden of Words" (2013). The 2016 release of "Your Name" was a blockbuster hit that caused a social phenomenon, and "Weathering With You," released in 2019, was the highest-grossing film at the domestic box office in the same year, receiving high acclaim and attention both in Japan and abroad.

**15 Oct, 2022, 18:00~ @ Clock Tower Square**



### 『The Garden of Words』 (2013/46 min)

When Takao, a high school student dreaming of becoming a shoemaker, skips school to sketch shoes in a rainy garden, he has no idea how much his life will change when he encounters the mysterious Yukino. The two strike up an unusual relationship through chance meetings in the same garden on each rainy day. But the rainy season is coming to a close, leaving many things left unshared between them...

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### 『5 Centimeters per Second』 (2007/63 min)

After transferring to the same elementary school, Takaki and Akari became best friends. However, their lives change when the families of both are forced to relocate. After a year of separation, Takaki is about to reunite with Akari. As he sits on the train from Tokyo, memories of the past rush through Takaki's head, his meeting time with Akari drawing ever closer. Takaki and Akari begin to wonder if they will ever be able to see each other again, and share their secret feelings. Join Takaki on a journey into three interconnected tales of love and lost innocence that span the minutes and months of their lives.

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**16 Oct, 2022, 13:30~ @ City Cinema Hall**



### 『The Place Promised in Our Early Days』 (2004/91 min)

In an alternate timeline, post-World War II Japan has been divided and occupied by two rival powers. Hokkaido has been annexed by the "UNION" while Honshu and the other southern islands have come under U.S. occupation. Hiroki, Takuya and Sayuri are two young boys and a girl living in Aomori, the closest province in Honshu to Hokkaido. These three young classmates become fascinated by the gigantic yet mysterious tower that they see across the Tsugaru Strait, promising that one day they will build and fly an aircraft to the tower to unravel its mystery. However, their project is abandoned after the disappearance of Sayuri. Three years later, Hiroki finds out that Sayuri had been in a coma for the past three years, and asks Takuya to help him find a way to revive her. What they don't know yet is that Sayuri's unconsciousness is somehow linked to the secrets of the UNION tower...

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### 『Children Who Chase Lost Voices』 (2011/116 min)

One day, a girl named Asuna hears a mysterious song on her crystal radio, a memento of her father. She is never able to forget it, as it sounded almost like someone's very heart itself made into song. On the way to her favorite mountain hideout, she is attacked by strange beast and it saved by young man named Shun. Coming from a faraway land called "Agartha", he tells her he came to the surface because he wanted to meet someone, and had something he wanted to see. The two begin to open their hearts to each other, but Shun suddenly disappears and Asuna is not able to find him.

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