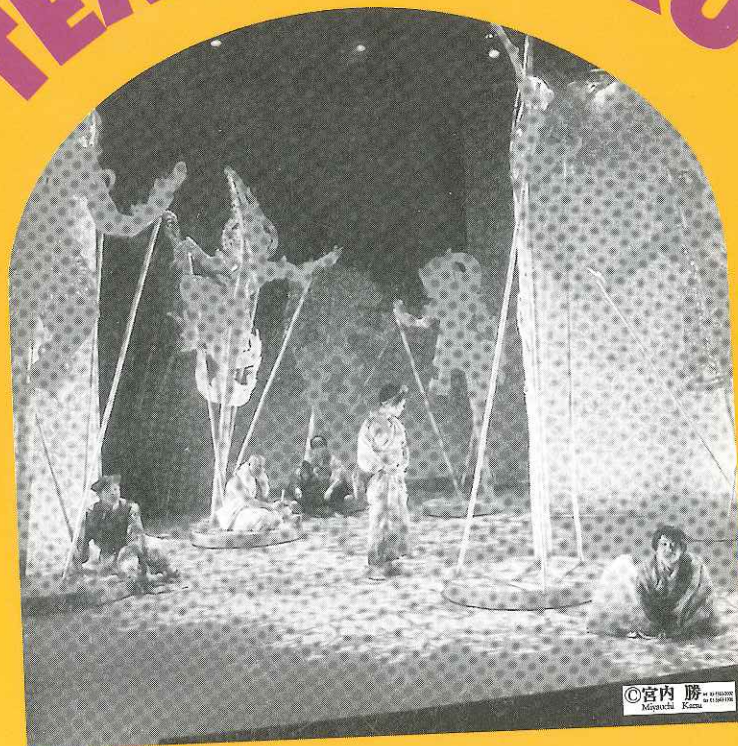


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# TEMAN BARU



A scene from theatre 'Pulau Antara'.



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**EVENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
"JAPAN FESTIVAL IN MALAYSIA"**

**HIDDEN JAPAN - A Look at Nature**

This exhibition presents black and white photographs by Kijuro Yahagi. His viewfinder catches stunning picturesque scenes from around Japan. "I wondered, if by taking a candid look at nature in Japan, I could also bring the modern face of Japan to life through the photographs".

The exhibition will be held at Museum and Art Gallery, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Penang from 6 to 27 August, 9.00 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

For enquiries, please call Consulate-General of Japan in Penang Tel: 04-2268222.

**THE 17th JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST**

**1. Open Category**

The contest is aimed at encouraging Malaysians currently studying Japanese language locally. Winners from the 4 preliminaries will vie the national title in the final, which will be held on 2 September 2001 at Japan Club of Kuala Lumpur.

The 4 preliminaries will be as follows:

- 28 July - Promenade Hotel in Kota Kinabalu
- 5 August - Japan Club of Kuala Lumpur
- 5 August - Excelsior Hotel in Ipoh
- 25 August - Kompleks Masyarakat Penyayang in Penang

For details, please call The Japan Foundation, Japanese Language Centre.

**2. Preparatory Category**

This contest is held annually to encourage learners to deepen their knowledge of the language and to provide an opportunity to show their talent and skills in the language acquired.

The contest will be held at the Ming Court Vista Hotel on 7 October.

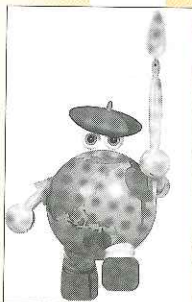
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**THE 5th ASIAN CARTOON EXHIBITION**

This year's theme is "Human Resources in Asia". About 90 works by famous Asian cartoonists will be exhibited throughout the exhibition, including ten works by Malaysian cartoonist, Mr. Mohamad Hanafiah or popularly known as Kerengge. Other cartoonists are from China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Myanmar, The Philippines, Thailand and Japan.

The exhibition will be held at The National Art Gallery (Gallery 2A), Kuala Lumpur from 22 September to 7 October.

For enquiries, please call The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur.



Cartoon Exhibition

**PESSIMISM, OPTIMISM AND REALISM OF THE JAPANESE ECONOMY**

**- A PUBLIC LECTURE BY PROF. HIDEO SUZUKI**

Prof. Hideo Suzuki from Meijo University in Japan will talk about the Japanese Economy. He obtained a Ph.D. degree in Economics from University of New South Wales, Australia and was a Visiting Professor at Essex University, United Kingdom.

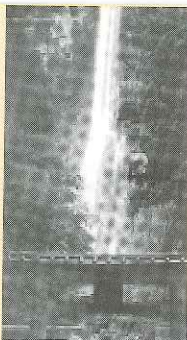
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**OTHER PROGRAMS**

**"ISLAND IN BETWEEN - Pulau Antara"**

**THEATRE PERFORMANCE**

The Japan Foundation will co-organize a Theatre Performance entitled "Island In Between - Pulau Antara". This collaboration project among Setagaya Public Theatre in Japan, Instant Cafe Theatre



A scene from *Island In Between - Pulau Antara*

Company in Malaysia and the Japan Foundation hit the tremendous success in Tokyo last February.

The story written by Jo Kukathas and Kam Raslan will be directed by Jo herself, and some leading Malaysian actors like Zahim Albakri, Chowee Leow and Arifwan Shaharudin will be on stage. The performance in Malaysia is also in co-operation with the Istana Budaya, Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism, Malaysia.

The performance will be as follows:

- Date : 9 to 19 August
- Time : 8.30 p.m. (Sundays Matinee only from 3.00 p.m)
- Venue : Experimental Theatre (ET)  
Jalan Tun Ismail, Kuala Lumpur

Please call The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur or Instant Cafe Theatre Company at Tel: 03-21485192 for further details and ticket prices.

**WEEKEND JAPANESE FILM SHOWS**

(July / August)

**14 July - Haunted School**

Directed by Hirayama Hideyuki 1995, 100 min. Color, Vista

Haunted school was a commercially successful blending of old Japanese ghost tales with relatively modern special effects. The blend of fantasy, as horror, and comedy, and the setting made the film popular with young audiences.



A scene from *Haunted School* in the weekend Japanese film shows

**21 July - My Son**

Directed by Yamada Yoji, 1991, 121 min. Color, Scope.

The score of the story is the deep connection between father and son. This highly praised film comes from Yamada Yoji, the director of the Tora-san series.

**11 August - A Class To Remember**

Directed by Yamada Yoji, 1996, 122 min.

Aoyama Ryuhei is a teacher at a special high school for the learning impaired. One day Takashi and Yuka arrived in his class. Takashi did not suffer from too much of a disability, but the bullying he experienced in middle school had left him shut up. Yuka was more of a problem. One day they have just disappeared.....

**18 August - Takeshi Childhood Days**

Directed by Shinoda Masahiro, 1990, 117 min.

This is a portrait of the friendship and friction between young boys in a village and the new boys who have fled there from the city during World War II.

**25 August - What Will Tomorrow Bring?**

Directed by Nakayama Setsuo, 1994, 100 min.

This story is based on the real-life account of a school students being forced to forego the pleasures of childhood to attend late into the night special cram schools.

All films are with English subtitles and the shows are as follows:

- Venue : National Art Gallery
- Time : 3:30 pm
- Admission : Free

For enquiries, please call The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur or The National Art Gallery at tel: 03-40254990.

**PUPPET SHOW AND WORKSHOP ON PUPPETRY BY HOPPY GROUP FROM JAPAN**

The Japan Foundation and Sekretariat Pintas Negara (PINTAS) and Ministry of Rural Development, Bahagian Kemajuan Masyarakat (KEMAS) will be co-organizing puppet show and workshop by hoppy group from Japan. The show and workshop will be held at three venues as follows:

- 16 August - MPAJ Auditorium Kuala Lumpur : 2 shows and 1 workshop
- 17 August - PINTAS Kuala Lumpur : 1 show
- 18 August - PLK Malacca : 1 show and 1 workshop

This show and workshop will be the seventh performances in Malaysia.

For further details, please call PINTAS at 03-90804211

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