

2005-2006 MALAYSIA JAPANESE LANGUAGE EDUCATION SEMINAR

Are your students enjoying learning Japanese?

Understanding our learners well would help make our lessons in the classroom more effective and fun. Based on the 2004 research on Malaysian learners' learning environment by the National Institute for Japanese Language, Japan, the seminar will look at the results from this research as well as similar researches done by the said institute in Japan, Thailand, Australia, Korea and Taiwan.

In addition to our main speaker, Mr. OGAWARA Yoshiro (NLI), we also have 4 guest speakers who will share their experience and thoughts with the participants.

This event is jointly organised by The National Institute for Japanese Language (NLI) and The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur (JFKL).

Date : 4 (Sat) & 5 (Sun) ^{March} January 2006
 Venue : ADK 1, Pusat Asasi Sains, Universiti Malaya, KL

Closing Date : **26 (Thu) January 2006**

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THE 11TH ASIA-PACIFIC YOUTH FORUM IN OKINAWA PREFECTURE, JAPAN

The Japan Foundation and Okinawa Prefecture organised the Asia-Pacific Youth Forum in Okinawa from 14 (Sat) - 24 (Tue) January 2006. The theme for this year's forum is "*Negotiating Diversity - Challenge to Global Citizenship*".

The forum, which had been formatted like a retreat, was convened to discuss common issues and concerns in the region, and to build a network among young Asia-Pacific intellectuals and professionals such as scholars, researchers, students, journalists, social and community workers, government officials and corporate personnel.

A total of 20 participants from all over the Asia-Pacific region were selected to the forum. Mr. Wira Budiman Azizan, an Advocate and Solicitor represented Malaysia.

PUBLIC LECTURE ON JAPANESE STUDIES



Malaysian Association of Japanese Studies (MAJAS), with support from The Japan Foundation will organize a series of Public Lectures on Japanese Studies by Professor TANAKA Akihiko, Director of the Institute of Oriental Culture, University of Tokyo. Professor Tanaka is a very distinguished Japanese professor specializing in International Politics and Japanese Foreign Relations. He has written numerous books and articles in Japanese and English, including '*The New Middle Ages: The World System in the 21st Century*'. Title of the lecture series will be "Japanese Policy in Asia under the Koizumi Administration".

The schedule of the lecture series:

27 Feb. 2006 (Mon) at University Malaya, Kuala Lumpur
 28 Feb. 2006 (Tue) at Universiti Sains Malaysia, Pulau Pinang
 2 March 2006 (Thu) at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Kuching
 (Time and venue to be confirmed)

For further details, please contact Mr. Hafiz at 03-2161-2104

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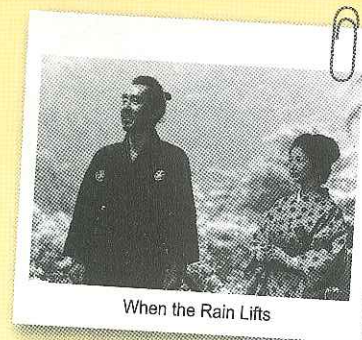
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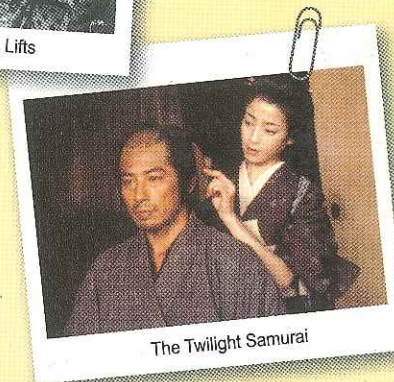
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TEMAN BARU



When the Rain Lifts



The Twilight Samurai

"TEMAN BARU" is distributed to JFKL members. JFKL membership is available upon application. Membership fee is RM10 per year.

THE WEEKEND FILM SHOW

Here are the 4 films to be screened in February and March. The films are in Japanese with English subtitles and the admission is free. All the screenings will be held at Mini Auditorium, Malaysia Tourism Centre (MTC). The dates, times and titles are as follows:

1 Saturday, 18 February (Two Screenings)



starting 4:30pm
"When the Rain Lifts"

Directed by KOIZUMI Takashi
1998, 92 min. Colour

A group of travelers is stranded at a small country inn due to the river in flood after heavy rains. Among them are Ihei, a poor ronin, or masterless samurai, and his wife, Tayo. The rain does not stop, and the group is unable to carry on their journey. Ihei goes to a dojo without telling Tayo to disputes a fight for the "prize-fighting". With the money he got, he buys food for the starving guests at the inn and makes them very happy. After the rain, he steps in to prevent a duel between two young samurai, member of the house of Shigeaki, the lord of the domain. Shigeaki is impressed with Ihei's skill, invites him back to the castle and offer to make him fencing master to the fief.



starting 7:00pm
"The Twilight Samurai"

Directed by YAMADA Yoji
2002, 129 min. Colour

A low-ranking samurai, Seibei, is a widower, barely supporting his two young children and old senile mother on his meager salary. Every evening at twilight, he goes home directly after work, refusing all offers to drink and eat with fellow samurai. His co-workers call him "Twilight Seibei" behind his back. Taking notice of his swordsmanship, the superiors of his clan order him to assassinate a certain samurai. This film was

nominated for the best foreign language film at the 76th Academy Awards.



2 Saturday, 4 March
starting 4:30pm

"Roar of the Crowd"

Directed by OSAWA Yutaka
1990, 103min. Colour

In 1964, the German measles that swept fiercely through America hit Okinawa equally hard. Pregnant women who contracted the measles give birth to quite a number of babies with hearing impairments. Fifteen years later, a junior and senior high school, Kitashiro School, was built just for these children. One summer, Toshio, a junior goes to see the high school baseball championship in Koshien Stadium and experiences an incredible thrill. He is impressed and eagerly to play baseball. He asks his teacher, Shinjo if they could start a baseball team. The new team finally manages to participate in the All Japan High School Baseball League's Okinawa Prefecture play-offs, everyone dreams of the championship.



3 Saturday, 18 March
starting 4:30pm

"AIKI"

Directed by TENGAN Daisuke
2002, 119 min. Colour

Taichi is a boxer aiming for the newcomer's championship. But a motorcycle accident leaves his lower body paralyzed. His dreams are shattered. He is unable to find a job, and can see no clear goal for the future ahead. A coincidence leads him to a job as a street peddler and Samako, whom he meets at the night market. Motivated to meet a new challenge, he visits the training gyms of various combat sports, but is turned down by all. One day, Taichi goes to see Samako at a Shinto shrine, and becomes fascinated with Aiki Jujutsu, a school of Aikido. The master Hiraishi receives the newcomer warmly. Taichi begins to think of his wheelchair as a part of his body, and makes gradual progress.

Challenge by disabled

HINAMATSURI - TEA CEREMONY & ORIGAMI



We will hold a Tea ceremony and Origami workshop to celebrate the Hinamatsuri or The Doll Festival. Hinamatsuri or Momo no sekku (Peach Festival) is celebrated on 3rd March every year in Japan. On this day, families pray for the growth and happiness of young girls in their household with exhibiting hina dolls. The Tea ceremony will be hosted by Ms. Takano, an instructor of Urasenke, and the Origami workshop will be conducted by Ms. Sube. The Hina dolls will be exhibited at the lobby of JFKL.

Date : 26 (Sun) February 2006
Time : Session 1 1:30pm - 3:00pm
Session 2 2:15pm - 3:45pm
Session 3 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Session 4 3:45pm - 5:15pm

Venue : The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur
Level 30, Menara Citibank,
165, Jalan Ampang, KL

Ticket : RM5 (Tickets collection at JFKL from 6 (Mon)
to 23 (Thu) February 2006)

* Telephone booking at 03-2161 2104
** Max 4 tickets per person
*** We cannot accept any walk-in participants

Office opening hours for tickets:

Mon 8:30am-12:30pm
2pm-4:30pm

Tue - Fri 8:30am-6:30pm

Sat 10am-6pm

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