

Talking Contemporary Japan 日本語で学ぶ日本事情

FREE Course at the The Japan Foundation London Language Centre (JFLLC)

- **Exploring Okinawa** the first in a series of courses planned for 2007/08

Japan is often perceived as a country of harmony and homogeneity. The real Japan however is rich in cultural and social diversity. This four-week course will focus on Okinawa, a region which is known for its distinct history and culture.

Sources will be newspapers, magazines, audiovisual clips from films and TV programmes and interviews – **classes will be held in Japanese**

6 June – 27 June (Wednesdays, 4 weeks) 18:30 – 20:30

Deadline for applications: Friday 25 May 2007



Photos provided by the Okinawa Convention and Visitors Bureau

Course outline:

Where does the Okinawan identity come from? How do people in Okinawa live today? If you're interested in learning about the rich culture of Okinawa, and you've got Upper Intermediate level of Japanese, this is for you! The course will provide you with an opportunity to explore and discuss a variety of topics related to Okinawa whilst practising and polishing your Japanese language skills. Throughout the course you will use a variety of media including articles from newspapers and magazines, audio-visual clips from films and TV programmes as well as recordings of interviews. Topics will include: Festivals and Music, Food and Lifestyles, Language and Literature, U.S. Military Base and Tourism.

'Talking Contemporary Japan' is designed for adult learners interested in updating and refreshing their knowledge about Japan whilst practising their Japanese language skills in a series of evening classes at the Japan Foundation London Language Centre.

Whilst providing a genuine chance to look behind some of Japan's contemporary cultural issues, the course will also provide you with an ideal opportunity to improve all four skills of Japanese.

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