

# Talking Contemporary Japan 日本語で学ぶ日本事情

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

### Exploring Contemporary Japan through Kurosawa's film 'Dreams'

*The third in a series of courses planned for 2007/08*

*– Classes will be held in Japanese*

くろさわ えいが ゆめ み にほんご かた  
黒澤の映画『夢』を見て日本語で語りましょう！

だいがい 題材： くろさわ えいが 黒澤 明 監督作品 『夢』 (8つの短いストーリーの映画です。)

まいかい 毎回ひとつずつ短いストーリーを見て、感じたことをどんどん語り合うインターアクティブな講座です。さまざまなアクティビティーを通じて、日本語の四技能を高めましょう。

**24 January – 14 February 2008 (Thursdays, 4 weeks) 18:30 – 20:30**

**Deadline for applications: Friday 18 January 2008**

**Limited to 20 people (first come, first served)**

#### Course outline:

Each week, participants will discuss a different short story from Kurosawa's film 'Dreams'. The selection of stories will be from the following:

第1話 『日照り雨』 第2話 『桃畑』 第3話 『雪あらし』 第4話 『トンネル』  
第5話 『鴉』 第6話 『赤富士』 第7話 『鬼哭』 第8話 『水車のある村』

Prior to the sessions, participants will receive pre-watching activity sheets, designed to support you in preparing for the sessions in your own time. During each lesson you will be able to check your understanding of contents and language by talking in pairs and small groups, lead by the teacher. You will be given the opportunity to talk about your interpretation of the story and how you relate to its contents in comparison to your own experiences and thoughts.

'Talking Contemporary Japan' is a four week series of evening classes, designed for adult learners interested in updating and refreshing their knowledge about Japan whilst practising their Japanese language skills. It is aimed at those with advanced Japanese (JLPT Level 2 or above) and it is held at the Japan Foundation London Language Centre. This term, the course will be taught by Shoko Iizuka Middleton, a native speaking advisor based at the JFLLC, who led the short story series in the previous term.

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 your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.