

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 Short Stories

the second in a series of courses planned for 2007/08 – classes will be held in Japanese

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読書の秋、日本語で読んで語ろう！

テーマ：時空を超えて

むらかみはるき えくにかおり よしもと にんきさつか たんべんしょうせつ まいかい よ
村上春樹、江國香織、吉本ばなな といった人気作家の短編小説を、毎回ひとつずつ読んで
かん 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。

4 October – 25 October 2007 (Thursdays, 4 weeks) 18:30 – 20:30
Deadline for applications: Friday 21 September 2007

Course outline:

Each week, participants will discuss a different short story written by a contemporary Japanese author. The selection of stories below is subject to change.

1. 『4月のある晴れた朝に 100 パーセントの女の子に出会うことについて』 Haruki Murakami
2. 『草之丞の話』 Kaori Ekuni
3. 『みどりのゆび』 Banana Yoshimoto
4. 『いつか、ずっと昔』 Kaori Ekuni

Prior to the sessions, participants will receive copies of the selected short stories (about 3 - 5 A4 pages each) and comprehension notes, 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 read aloud some passages and dialogues, and 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 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. The course will be taught by a native speaking advisor based at the JFLLC.

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.