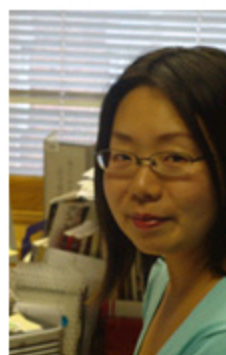


Farewell to Deputy Director, Akiko Machimura

Ms Akiko Machimura, our Deputy Director, will be returning to Japan at the end of July. Although we're sorry to see her go we wish her all the best upon her return to Japan.

:: [Click here](#) to read a short message from Ms Machimura.



JF News UK 1st Anniversary Goods Giveaway

Thanks to all those who entered our prize draw for the anniversary goods. If you haven't heard from us yet, unfortunately it means you weren't successful in the draw but watch this space for future competitions!

Arts & Culture

July is Japanese Cinema Month!



Minu by Akira Kurosawa

Japanese Gems Season at BFI South Bank

The BFI is hosting a season of Japanese films from 8 winners of the prestigious Kawakita Award. As well as the screenings of these films there will also be a symposium held on 12 July.

:: For more information, [click here](#).

Japanese Cinema: Up Close and Personal - Tadao Sato at the Japan Foundation

Japan's foremost film critic comes to the Japan Foundation to speak about his experiences and views of the Japanese film scene.

Date: 11 July
Venue: Japan Foundation, London



Tadao Sato

:: [Click here](#) for more information.

Japanese Cinema for Busy People II

The second series of the hugely popular *Japanese Cinema for Busy People* starts again in July. This course is for those itching to know more about Japanese cinema but were afraid to ask or hate to do homework.

Wednesdays from 9 July at the Japan Foundation, London.

:: For more information, [click here](#).

Language (JFLLC)

StepOutNet Training Day and Visit

June was a busy month for StepOutNet! Two volunteers visited a primary school in East Sussex to give a day of Japanese-language tasters, and the JFLLC held a training day for StepOutNet members.



:: To read a report on the visit to East Sussex, [click here](#).
:: [Click here](#) to read more about the StepOutNet Training Day.

Nihongo Cup 2008

This year's Nihongo Cup Japanese speech contest for secondary schools took place successfully at the Japanese Embassy in London.

:: [Click here](#) for a report on the day's activities.



Talking Contemporary Japan

Every Thursday in June the JFLLC held the latest of our popular Talking Contemporary Japan courses, 'Exploring Japan through Short Stories'.

:: For more information on the course, [click here](#).

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

Results of the 2007 Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Survey Released

In 2007 the Japan Foundation carried out a survey into the state of Japanese Studies in the UK. The results have now been compiled into a website which is now online. Many thanks to all the universities which responded to the survey.

:: To access the website, please [click here](#).

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