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Happy New Year!

Staff here at the Japan Foundation London Office wish all readers of our e-bulletin a very Happy New Year. Please scroll down to find out about the selection of activities taking place over the coming months.

Arts & Culture

A Play-reading of *Halcyon Days*

A rare and exciting opportunity to experience, in English, a reading of *Halcyon Days*, by **Shoji Kokami**. One of Japan's most popular writers and directors, Mr Kokami will be attending.



Date:
16th January 2009 from 6:20 p.m.

Venue:
The Japan Foundation, London

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

Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme - Reality Fiction: Japanese Films inspired by actual events



image from *Who's Camus Anyway?*

Six Japanese films are featured in the 2009 Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme.

Date: 6 February 2009 - 19 March 2009

Venue: Nationwide - including ICA, London; Watershed, Bristol; QFT, Belfast; Showroom, Sheffield; Filmhouse, Edinburgh.

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

***** Competition *****

We have two pairs of tickets to screenings at each of the five venues around the UK up for grabs. To have a chance of winning, please send your answer to the question below, with your name and nearest venue, to event@jpf.org.uk.

Question: Who is the youngest director featured in this year's Japan Foundation Touring Programme line-up?

For tickets to screenings at venues in February, entries should be received by the 28th of January and entries for tickets to screenings in March should be received by the 20th of February.

Reminder for Japanese Contemporary Photography Exhibition

The *out of the ordinary / extraordinary* exhibition will be at the Oldham Gallery from 24 January.

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

Language (JFLLC)



Introduce Japanese at your School!

Sign up now for the 2009 Head Start Course.

It's a free one day course on introducing Japanese at your school, plus a language taster session, aimed at senior teachers and language advisors.

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

:: [Click here](#) for the day's schedule.

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Need resources? Help is at hand!

The Minna no Kyozaï website was recently relaunched.

- Activities
- Pictures
- Photos
- Grammar
- Reading
- Forum



It's got the lot! :: [Click here](#) to check it out.

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Japan Conference for Schools - speakers confirmed

Workshop leaders and topics are now confirmed. Please contact info.language@jpf.org.uk for the latest details if you are interested in attending.

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

Special Choshu Five Movers & Shapers Lecture



As a complement to the screening of **Sho Igarashi's** film *Choshu Five*, as part of the Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme, **Dr Andrew Cobbing** will give a special lecture on the historical context of the Choshu Five.

Date:
13th February from 6:30 pm

Venue:
The Japan Foundation, London

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

:: To register for this event, please send an email to event@jpf.org.uk with your name, details and those of any guests.

Reminder for next Movers & Shapers Event

Professor Richard Bowring will be talking about the life of eminent 19th century Japanologist **Basil Hall Chamberlain** at the Japan Foundation on 5th February.

Spaces are filling up so please register soon.



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