

Flowers are replacing the snow as spring approaches, so please look below for a range of upcoming events well worth venturing out for.

Arts & Culture

Lost and Revived: 19th century Japanese culture and the Kanda Festival Lecture

In an illustrative lecture, **Professor Kinoshita Naoyuki** will explore the context of some of the lost aspects of Japanese culture, taking as an example the unique *Kanda Myojin Festival* held in Tokyo and its 'living history'.



Kanda Festival in the past

Date:
31st March 2009
from 6:30pm.

Venue:
The Japan Foundation,
London

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



Kanda Festival in modern-day

Our Touring Programmes Continue!

This month the Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme: *Reality Fiction: Japanese Films Inspired by Actual Events* tour will be visiting Belfast, Sheffield and Edinburgh.



image from *Live Today, Die Tomorrow*

2-5 March: QFT, Belfast
9-19 March: Showroom, Sheffield
11-19 March: Filmhouse,
Edinburgh

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

Similarly, the *out of the ordinary/extraordinary: Japanese Contemporary Photography* exhibition remains at the Oldham Gallery until March 28th.

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

Kuniyoshi at The Royal Academy of Arts



An exhibition of the work of **Kuniyoshi Utagawa**, considered one of the greatest Japanese print artists, displaying the full range of his staggering imagery.

Date:
21 March 2009 - 7 June 2009

Venue:
Royal Academy of Arts, London

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

Ghost of the drowned warrior Shimasura Danjo Takanon, and crabs, 1843-44, by Utagawa Kuniyoshi

Language (JFLLC)

Japanese Speech Contest for University Students

Robots, naked bathing and salarymen - the contest had it all!

[:: Click here](#) to read all about it.



Attention all StepOutNet volunteers

The next StepOutNet training day will be held in March.

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

[:: Click here](#) to apply.

[:: Click here](#) for more information about the StepOutNet Programme, through which schools can apply for free Japanese language taster sessions.



Head Start 2009

14 teachers came to learn about introducing Japanese at their schools.

[:: Click here](#) to read about the day's activities.

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

In Harmony with All Creation: Miyazawa Kenji



In association with the Japan Society, the Japan Foundation presents a special lecture by **Roger Pulvers** on **Miyazawa Kenji**. Increasingly viewed as Japan's greatest modern poet, his *Strong in the Rain (Ame ni mo makezu)* is the most memorized and revered poem of the 20th century.

Date: 4th March from 6:45pm

Venue: The Japan Foundation, London

Miyazawa Kenji

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[::](#) To register for this event, please send an email to events@japansociety.org.uk with your name, details and those of any guests.

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