

Japan Foundation activities continue throughout the summer so please look below for details of forthcoming events and reports from recent goings-on.

Arts & Culture

Makoto Nomura: The Sound of the Melodica



Makoto Nomura

The inspirational musician **Makoto Nomura** will give a talk exploring his passion for the melodica, followed by a brief concert with **Andrew Melvin** and **Yusuke Kataoka**. Don't miss this opportunity to experience some enchanting contemporary Japanese music.

Date: 8 July 2009, from 6:30pm

Venue: The Japan Foundation, London

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Japan Foundation Funding

For full details of all our funding programmes click on the following links:

::: [For Arts & Culture and Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange Programmes](#)

::: [For Language Programmes](#)

Japan Foundation Events in the UK

A full list of all events in the UK organised by, or with support from the Japan Foundation can be found on our website:

What's On

out of the ordinary/extraordinary exhibition moves to Rugby

The Japan Foundation Touring Exhibition 'out of the ordinary/extraordinary' is now open in Rugby.

Date: 30 June - 26 August 2009

Venue: Rugby Art Gallery and Museum, Rugby

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



Image by Miyako Ishiuchi, from the series Mother's, 2002

A Net of Eels - Jake Tilson with Kyoichi Tsuzuki



A Net of Eels, copyright Jake Tilson & Kyoichi Tsuzuki

The Japan Foundation supports an exhibition of new work by Japanese photography/cultural commentator **Kyoichi Tsuzuki** and British artist/writer/cook **Jake Tilson**. A playful and evocative exploration of the cultural and culinary significance of the eel in the UK and Japan.

Date: 10 July - 23 August 2009

Venue: The Wapping Project, London

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

Language (JFLLC)

Nihongo Cup

The 2009 Nihongo Cup was held on 20th June.

19 finalists came to showcase their Japanese skills and battle it out for some fantastic prizes.

::: [Click here](#) and scroll down to find out what happened.



StepOutNet Training Day



StepOutNet members came to the JFLLC to discuss teaching techniques and to hear about the latest visits to UK schools.

::: [Click here](#) and scroll down to read a report on the day's activities.

Japanese taster at Roding Valley High School

Memi Kato and Hiroko Tanaka visited the school to introduce the students to the Japanese language and culture.

::: [Click here](#) and scroll down to read more about it.



Talking Contemporary Japan - Japan's Past Meets the Present



June's course saw participants taken on a journey through time, exploring Japan's past and its relationship with the present day.

::: [Click here](#) to read what happened.

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

2009 Group Study Tour to Japan for Secondary School Teachers

The Japan Foundation is now inviting applications from secondary school teachers teaching about Japan to its annual, fully-funded two week Study Tour to Japan.

The deadline for applications is **20 July**.

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

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Mt Fuji, picture by 2007 participant Jim Hill

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