

Many thanks to all applicants for our Annual Grant Programmes - as we now busy ourselves with processing these applications, please look below for a range of Japan-related activities in the run-up to Christmas.

Arts & Culture

Japanese Contemporary Dance Today: A Talk by Akiko Tachiki

The Japan Foundation invites **Akiko Tachiki**, one of Japan's most active dance journalists and critics, who will lead this special event to talk about the current trends in Japanese contemporary dance, exploring what the future is likely to hold.



Date: 16 December 2009, from 6.00pm
Scene from THECO-zako, Photo by Yota Kataoka

Venue: Founders' Studio, The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London

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

The Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative - Rebecca Horn and Masanori Handa



The Japan Foundation is pleased to be associated with the 2009 Rolex Mentor and Protégé Arts Initiative. As part of this annual programme, the up and coming Japanese artist, **Masanori Handa** has spent time under the mentorship of the acclaimed German artist **Rebecca Horn**. As their year of working together comes to an end, they will be appearing in conversation at the Tate Modern on 5th December to talk about their experience of the programme.

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

Rebecca Horn and Masanori Handa, Copyright Rolex/Stefania Beretta

Japan Foundation Annual Touring Film Season

The Japan Foundation's Annual Touring Film Season will start in February 2010, due to visit 5 UK Venues (London, Sheffield, Belfast, Bristol, Edinburgh). The season will contain 6 contemporary titles focusing on portraits of Japanese women.



How to Become Myself (2007)
Dir: Jun Ichikawa

More details will be available in January.

Language (JFLLC)

Final Call for our Survey of Japanese Language Teaching!

We are undertaking a comprehensive survey of all the schools, colleges, universities, language centres and other UK institutions that teach Japanese. This is part of a worldwide survey that the Japan Foundation carries out every three years. If you still need to return your survey to us, please do so as soon as possible. If your institution has not yet been contacted about this survey, please email japanese_survey@jpf.org.uk or call 020 7436 6698. Thank you for your cooperation!

Squabbling Spouses - Dramatic Comedy

The latest 'Talking Contemporary Japan' course focussed on Japanese TV comedy-drama. These courses are free and open to advanced Japanese language learners.



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

StepOutNet Training Day



Participants looked at ideas for Christmas activities, ways to introduce Japanese characters and also heard about recent school visits.

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

Japan Foundation at the Language Show

The Japan Foundation ran a very busy stand at this year's show.



:: [Click here](#) and scroll down for a short report on the event.

Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange

Reminder for Movers & Shapers Seminar on Kumagusu Minakata



Kumagusu Minakata

As part of our continuing series looking at key individuals in the history of UK - Japan relations, **Professor Ryugo Matsui** will be exploring how the achievements of this unique and intriguing scholar of folklore and natural history were deeply rooted in the academic influences received while Minakata was in London.

JAPAN FOODING Ltd. will be serving Japanese Sake as part of the drinks reception following the lecture.

Date: 10 December 2009, from 6.30pm

Venue: The Japan Foundation, London

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

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