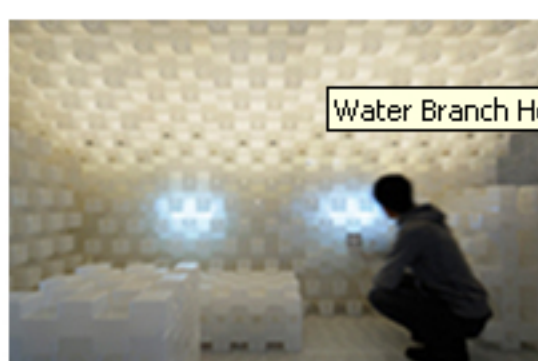


A very Happy New Year to one and all.

**Arts & Culture**

**Whiter Than White: New Directions in Japanese Architecture and Design**

**Vicky Richardson**, editor of leading architecture and design magazine *Blueprint*, will give an illustrative presentation about Japanese design and architecture, as well as taking part in discussion with Tokyo-based architect and writer **Souhei Imamura**.



Water Branch House (2008) by Kengo Kuma

Date: 27 January 2010, from 6.30pm  
Venue: The Japan Foundation, London

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

**Girls on Film: Females in Contemporary Japanese Cinema - a preview talk by Jasper Sharp**

Preceding the start of the 2010 Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme *Girls on Film* taking place around the UK, **Jasper Sharp** will give a talk at our London office discussing the relevance and importance of cinema made by and for women in Japan.



Kamome Diner (Kamome Shokudo) Dir: Naoko Ogigami, 2006

Date: 4 February 2010, from 5.30pm  
Venue: The Japan Foundation, London

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

**2010 Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme**

For more information about the Touring Film Programme itself, please [click here](#). Forthcoming dates for your diary are

9 to 17 February - ICA, London  
22 February to 4 March - Showroom Cinema, Sheffield

**\*\*\*Competition Time!\*\*\***

We have a pair of tickets to see a film at each of the venues taking part in this year's Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme to give away. If you would like to enter the draw to be in with a chance of winning a pair of tickets to any of the films in the season, just answer the question below and email your answer and full name, telling us which is your closest venue, to [info@jpf.org.uk](mailto:info@jpf.org.uk)

Question: Which of the films in this year's Japan Foundation Touring Film Programme line-up is set in Helsinki?

**Call for Evaluators**

We are looking for a few individuals who would like to act as evaluators of this year's touring film season. In exchange for a complimentary ticket, you will need to attend two screenings and answer an extended questionnaire giving your opinions on the season and films you have seen. If you are interested in acting as an evaluator, please email [info@jpf.org.uk](mailto:info@jpf.org.uk), again telling us your full name and which is your closest venue.

**Japan Foundation Twitterings!!!**



From this month the Arts & Culture department of the Japan Foundation London office will be providing updates about forthcoming events using Twitter.

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**Language (JFLLC)**

**CHIKARA workshops for GCSE Japanese**



The next workshops will be held on 18th and 19th February. One session will be held in Japanese and the other will be held in English. Sign up soon in order to be sure of your place.

:: [Click here](#) for more information and an application form.

**StepOutNet Training Day**

A training day for StepOutNet Volunteers will be held on 9th February.

:: [Click here](#) if you would like to attend.

:: [Click here](#) for more information about the StepOutNet Programme, which provides Japanese language taster sessions for schools in the UK.



**Japanese Language Proficiency Tests**

809 people took the JLPT in the UK on 6th December 2009. The next set of tests in the UK will be held in December 2010.



From 2010 the JLPT will operate under a new format, with 5 levels instead of 4. Guides, together with sample tests, are available online.

:: [Click here](#) for a guide in English  
:: [Click here](#) for a guide in Japanese

**Japanese Studies & Intellectual Exchange**

**World Heritage Photo Panels Available**

A stunning series of 64 photograph panels by **Kazuyoshi Miyoshi** are available to hire free of charge, showing the diversity and beauty of Japan's World Heritage sites. As either a stand-alone exhibition or complementing a Japan-related event, the panels have been a great success around the country at schools, universities, galleries and town halls.



Rokuonji Temple, by Kazuyoshi Miyoshi

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