

# Films Available for Viewing from the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle

## **BRAVE STORY** 『ブレイブストーリー』

(Adventure/Koichi Chigira/English Subtitle/111 min/2006/DVD)

A primary school pupil, Wataru, lives with his mother as his parents are divorced. His mother slips into critical condition. "If you go to the other side of that door, you can change your fate," says his new classmate, Mitsuru. Wataru follows his words and sets off on a journey into the world of Vision.

Based on a fantasy masterpiece by best-selling author, Miyabe Miyuki.



## **ALWAYS-Sunset on Third Street-3** 『ALWAYS 三丁目の夕日 '64』

(Drama/Takashi Yamazaki/English Subtitle/142 min/2012/DVD)

The year is 1964. With Tokyo preparing to host the Olympics, buildings and highways are being constructed at a feverish pace, and excitement fills the air. Amidst all the change and commotion, the people of Third Street continue to carry on with their lives, as colorful and vibrant as ever. What future awaits the people of Third Street?



## **LIGHT UP NIPPON** 『日本を照らした奇跡の花火』

(Documentary/Kensaku Kakimoto/English Subtitle/90 min/2012/DVD)

LIGHT UP NIPPON documents the trials and triumphs of dedicated volunteers led by Yoshitake Takada. Together they light up the skies in 10 locations over the Tohoku region of Japan, just five months after the devastating Great East Japan Earthquake. LIGHT UP NIPPON is available for loan.



## **WANKO – The Story of Me, My Family and My Dog** 『ロック～わんこの島～』

(Drama/Isamu NAKAE/English Subtitle/123 min/2011/DVD)

In 2000, a large-scale volcanic eruption forced all residents of Miyakejima, Izu Islands, to evacuate to Tokyo, except one dog, left behind and separated from his family. This film reminds us of the importance of emotional connections, family bonds, love of the homeland, and the will to live. Based on true events.



## **Haru's Journey** 『春との旅』

(Drama/Masahiro Kobayashi/English Subtitle/134 min/2010/DVD)

Haru's Journey tells the story of a family rooted in the tradition of a small fishing village in Hokkaido. When Haru's job disappears, she works to take her grandfather to live with her in Tokyo where she will find more opportunities, but their journey is one that tests their spirit and shows the strength of their bond as a family.



## **Fukushima Hula Girls**

『がんばっぺフラガール! ～フクシマに生きる。彼女たちのいま～』

(Documentary/Masaki KOBAYASHI/English Subtitle/100 min/2011/DVD)

Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture. After the earthquake on March 11th, the staff and hula dancers of a resort faced everyday energy problems and struggled daily until the re-opening of their beautiful resort hotel facilities called "Spa Resort Hawaiians" as a first step toward the reconstruction of Fukushima.



## **Can You See Our Lights? – The First Festival after the Tsunami**

『NHK スペシャル「東北夏祭り～鎮魂と絆と～」』

(NHK Documentary/Narration in English/48 min/2011/DVD)

Japanese summer festivals serve as memorial services for the souls of the departed. Despite the devastation by the disasters of March 2011, the people of Rikuzentakada, Soma, Minami Soma and other cities in Iwate Prefecture decided to commemorate their century-old summer festivals.



## **Japan: Messages from Friends**

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/45 min/2012/DVD)

Nearly a year after the Earthquake of March 11, 2011, With generous support from all over The world, Japan is now on a steady path to recovery. Japan's friends from abroad, who recently Visited Japan, sent messages sharing their experiences and impressions of Japan.



## **Japan: Fascinating Diversity**

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/120 min, abridged version, 15 min/2012/DVD)

In this documentary, five well known foreign specialists explore the fascinating diversity in five episodes: *Oishii: The Magnificent Flavors of Tohoku, Kawaii!: Inside Japanese Pop Culture, Takumi: Japan's Artisan Tradition, Omotenashi: Japanese Way of Hospitality, and Mirai: Technology for a Better Future*. In this film viewers around the globe can rediscover the appeal of Japan.



## Japan Video Topics 『ジャパン・ビデオ・トピックス』

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/15 min each/Ongoing Publication/DVD&VHS)

Japan Video Topics are the ideal resource for anyone who wants to find out more about Japan. They consist of short videos introducing the latest trends, Japan's seasonal festivities, nature, culture, customs and manners, and international contributions.

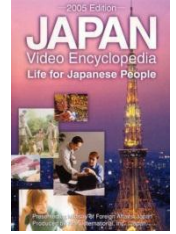
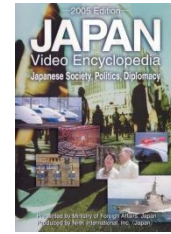
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## Japan Video Encyclopedia 『ジャパン・ビデオ・エンサイクロペディア』

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/Vol. 1, 62 min/Vol. 2, 72 min/2005/DVD)

Vol 1: *Lives of Japanese People* shows the lifestyles and customs of Japan.

Vol 2: *Japanese Politics, Society & Foreign Policy* presents Japan's politics, society and foreign policy.



## Fantastic Destinations in Japan 『観光三部作』

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/3 Vol., 15 min each/2008/DVD&VHS)

*Travel in Japan* showcases classic Japanese scenery in three episodes:

*Mount Fuji - A Timeless Beauty*, *The Japanese Onsen - Healing the Body, Soothing the Spirit*,  
*Winter in Japan - Sparkling Ice, Gleaming Show*.



## Hello Japan

(MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/9 min/2007/DVD&VHS)

A panoramic view of Japan suitable for viewing by upper elementary to middle school children.



## TOUCH on JAPAN

(MOFA Short Film/Music Only/9 min/2006/DVD&VHS)

The short film introduces today's Japanese people and showcases miniature gardens, anime, industrial design, Harajuku Fashion, and Kabuki theater in a music video format.

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## Japanese Youth 『若者三部作』

(MOFA Short Film/Narration in English/3 episodes, 15 min each/2003/VHS)

A three-part series featuring *Music with a Message J-POP - Japanese Pop Music*, *Anime - Japan's Thriving Animation Culture*, *Japanese Youth - My Dream*.

## SCREENING GUIDELINES

In order to hold a screening of the movies listed, please note the guidelines below:

1. Some titles require that screenings must be held in cooperation with the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle.
2. Screenings must be held free of charge.
3. Staff of the Consulate General of Japan must be present at all times during the screening, except for titles that are marked with this mark: . Titles marked with  are available for independent viewing.
4. For information how to borrow media available for independent viewing, please see our additional guidelines at [www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/culture/videorental.htm](http://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/culture/videorental.htm)
5. Please apply well in advance of your screening date in order to ensure the availability of the title and consulate staff.

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