

New DVDs Available for Viewing from the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

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/July 2011)

In 2008, 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 『春の旅』

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

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/Oct 2011)

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/Aug 2011)

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.



Other New DVDs

The Story of Sendai International Airport by Consul General Kiyokazu Ota (8 min/2011)

Messages from Friends by MOFA (Narration in English/45 min/Feb 2012)

Thank you from Japan by NHK World (NHK World/Subtitles in English/30 min/2011)

Japan: Fascinating Diversity (MOFA Documentary/Narration in English/120 min – abridged version: 15 min/Feb 2012)

Japan Rebuilds Hope – One Year on from Triple Disaster (Japanese Red Cross Society/ JP & ENG /7 min/2012)

SCREENING GUIDELINES

In order to hold a screening of the DVD the following guidelines must be followed:

1. The DVD screening must be held through an event held in cooperation with or held by the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle.
2. The DVD screening must be held free of charge.
3. A member of the Consulate-General of Japan must be present at all times during the screening.
4. An application for a DVD screening must be completed 1 month before the date of the screening.

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