



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

Thermae Romae 『テルマエ・ロマエ』

(Comedy/Directed by Hideki Takeuchi/English Subtitle/108 min/2012/DVD)

An adaptation of Yamazaki Mari's popular manga, which has won both the 2010 Manga Taisho (Cartoon Grand Prize) and the Tezuka Osamu Cultural Prize for Best Short Work. Abe Hiroshi and the rest of its cast of talented actors with sharply sculpted faces throw themselves into their roles as citizens of ancient Rome. Another striking aspect is its large open set built at Cinecitta, Italy's largest film studio. Lucius (Abe), an architect of spa baths for the Roman Empire, inadvertently travels through time and finds himself in a modern Japanese bathhouse. He takes elements of Japanese culture that he learns there back with him to Rome and is hugely successful, which leads the Emperor to command him to build a massive spa.



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A Tale of Samurai Cooking – A True Love Story 『武士の献立』

(Drama/History/Directed by Yuzo Asahara/English Subtitle/121 min/2013/DVD)

Funaki Dennai laid the foundations for Kaga clan cuisine in the Edo Period as a "kitchen samurai" who prepared food for the nobility. This heartwarming drama depicts the internal affairs of the Kaga clan from the perspective of a woman who marries Funaki's son. It features meals made according to the Funaki family's recipe collection "Ryori Mugonsho" and recreates the workings of samurai family kitchens at the time. Maid Haru (Ueto Aya) is a talented cook but stubborn, which leads her to divorce her husband after a year. However, she is asked by Kaga clan "kitchen samurai" Dennai (Nishida Toshiyuki) to marry his son and heir Yasunobu (Kora Kengo), and works to remedy his lack of culinary skills.



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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.



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/Online***)

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.



*To view these programs online, there are two options:

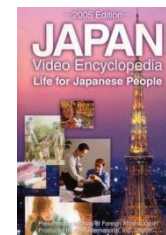
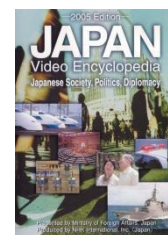
1. Website: <http://web-japan.org/jvt/> (streamed in a variety of options)
2. YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/JapanVidTopics/featured>

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.



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 of titles that are designated with this mark: . Titles without  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
5. Please submit requests well in advance of the screening date in order to ensure the availability of the title and consulate staff.

For more information or to schedule a screening, please contact the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle at culture@se.mofa.go.jp or call (206) 682-9107 ext. 136