

# Japanese Film Festival

Sydney

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Historical romance in *The Cherry Tree in the Hills* (above) and mystery in *Gravity's Clowns* are just two of the offerings.



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Now in its 13th year, the Japanese Film Festival returns to Sydney with so many movies it may be difficult to choose! Perhaps we can put it down to the GFC, but this year the festival organisers seem determined to give us something to smile about, with 8 comedies among the 20 different films to screen in Sydney. Dramas depicting contemporary Japan are well represented, ranging from mystery, romance, historical drama and quasi-documentary. Action and adventure can also be found in fantasy and ninja movies. The festival includes many award winning films from the past two years.

[13th.japanesefilmfestival.net](http://13th.japanesefilmfestival.net) provides you with synopses to help you with your choice and has details of special screenings. The venue is Event Cinemas on George Street, Sydney.

The **Australia-Japan Student Film Forum** will be held during the Sydney festival on Monday 30 November (free tickets, see website). Short films by emerging filmmakers from Japan and Australia will be shown over 3 hours (with intermission and presentation) and students will compete for the JAL Best Australian Film which will see the winning director have the opportunity to participate in the Kawasaki ShinYuri Film Festival.

Tickets for Sydney are on sale from 2 November. See <http://13th.japanesefilmfestival.net> for details.

## Applications open for the 2010-11 JET Programme

The **Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme** was established in 1987 by the Japanese Government. The Programme seeks to enhance internationalisation in Japan by promoting understanding between nations.

Specifically, the JET Programme aims to enhance foreign language education in Japan and to promote international exchange at the local level by fostering ties between Japanese and young people from other countries.

### The Positions

There are two main positions on the program.

**Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs)** work with Japanese English teachers at Japanese primary, junior high and senior high schools.

**Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs)** work with local government bodies to promote international exchange.

Both roles involve sharing knowledge of your own culture and offer a wonderful opportunity to experience Japan, the people and culture.

### Interested in applying?

Applications for the 2010-2011 programme are now available.

**Applications close** on Tuesday 1 December 2009 and must be received by close of business by the Embassy.

For further information, contact the JET Desk on (02) 9231 3455 or visit:

[www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/JET](http://www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/JET) .



New South Wales' 2009-2010 JETs at the Farewell Reception on 22 July