

Japanese Film Festival

The 14th Japanese Film Festival will be held in Sydney from 22 to 28 November 2010.

A great selection of recent Japanese films has been put together by the organisers, The Japan Foundation, Sydney.

Mystery, drama, romance, history and suspense—there should be something to appeal to everyone.

Drama will open and close this year's Sydney JFF. *About Her Brother* (2010 おとうと) from the internationally acclaimed director Yoji Yamada kicks things off, and the festival closes with *A Lone Scalpel* (2010 孤高のメス).



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The **Student Film Forum** will be held again, and also exclusive to Sydney is the **Anime Matsuri** special event.

And for those readers who live closer to Canberra or Brisbane, the film festival will be going to both cities.

For synopses and trailers of this year's movies visit

<http://14th.japanesefilmfestival.net>

where you will also find details of ticketing and the latest film festival news.

Have you ever wondered how those spectacular castles in Japan were built? *Castle Under Fiery Skies* (2009 火天の城) [above] is based on the true story of temple carpenter Mataemon who in 1576 was ordered by Lord Nobunaga to build a five-storeyed castle in three years. At the height of the Warring States period, there were many obstacles to overcome to build the spectacular Azuchi Castle.

Back in contemporary Japan, *Shodo Girls* (2010 書道ガールズ! わたしたちの甲子園) is again based on a true story. Satoko and her friends hold a 'calligraphy performance competition', fusing J-pop with the traditional art of *shodo*.

Applications open for the 2011-12 JET Programme

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme is a wonderful opportunity for university graduates to gain an understanding of Japan while contributing to language education and internationalisation within their local community in Japan.

The **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 participants the chance to experience Japan, the people and culture.

Interested in applying?

Applications for the 2011-2012 programme are now open.

Applications close on Wednesday 1 December 2010 and must be received by close of business by the Embassy.

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

www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp/english/education.htm

www.jetprogramme.org

Information Sessions

Information Sessions for prospective JETs will be held at the Sydney Consulate on 21 and 27 October and 9 November.

See www.sydney.au.emb-japan.go.jp for more details.