

2018 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme

The Government of Japan is calling for applications from young Australians who would like to spend at least one year in Japan on a highly successful international exchange program for university graduates. JET participants are assigned to schools and municipalities throughout Japan to assist with language education and with projects related to international activities.

Applications are now open and close 17 November 2017.

For details of **information sessions** and how to apply, see:

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

The 2017 JET Program participants from NSW were farewelled at an official reception hosted by Consul-General Keizo Takewaka on 11 July. Academics and JETAA NSW play an important part in recruiting the best candidates each year, and they were among those at the event to wish the new JETs success.



Japanese Film Festival

16-26 November

Event Cinemas, Sydney

The 2017 Japanese Film Festival is coming to cities and regional centres around Australia. This month Sydneysiders can enjoy the JFF Classic program at the Art Gallery of NSW, and next month, the main program of JFF 2017 will screen at the Event Cinemas on George Street.

The main program is shaping up to be as entertaining and diverse as previous years' festivals.

Neko-Atsume House—'Charming and quirky' can be applied to many Japanese contemporary films, this one too.

A live-action film based on a phone app? Japanese film makers find inspiration everywhere and *Neko-Atsume House* is based on the smash-hit Neko-Atsume or Kitty Collector app. In the film, a novelist trying to overcome writer's block moves to a traditional house in the country, and he befriends a cat which comes into his backyard and then another cat, and another...

Ancien and the Magic Tablet is another example of richly creative and multi-layered storytelling. This anime manages to incorporate the legendary folk-hero Momotaro with the humanity of family drama, as well as exams, science fiction, and Tokyo 2020 being only three days away!

These are just two of the many diverse films that will be part of the main program of JFF 2017 in Sydney. Each year JFF curates a program including the very latest releases and invites special guests. As JFF organisers say, "We've got something for everybody".

For details:

www.japanesefilmfestival.net

The Japanese Film Festival is presented by The Japan Foundation, Sydney, and is one of the largest celebrations of Japanese cinema in the world.

JFF Australia is part of the part of JFF Asia-Pacific Platform initiated by The Japan Foundation Asia Center based in Tokyo. This initiative aims to support and grow interest in Japanese films and cinema culture throughout the Asia-Pacific region, including Australia.



Ancien and the Magic Tablet—There will of course be films for lovers of Japanese anime. Whether live action or graphic, at the base of successful storytelling lies the drama of human emotions.

JFF Classics at the Art Gallery of NSW in October. The JFF Classics program is showcasing the works of avant-garde filmmaker **Seijun Suzuki** (1923-2017). Tickets are free, on a first-come first-serve basis. For details see:

www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/calendar/japanese-film-festival-classics-program-2017/