



Many Australians have already discovered the joy of a good Japanese *onsen* (hot spring). *Onsen* resorts have long been a favourite holiday destination for Japanese, and a good soak in a bath at the end of the day is an essential part of life in Japan.

Before it was common to have baths in ordinary private homes, public baths called *sentō*, were common. Even today, there are still people who favour a relaxing end to the day at a local *sentō*.

**The Japan Foundation Sydney is bringing the Japanese *sentō* public bath to Sydney in the exhibition opening 12 February**  
***Steam Dreams: The Japanese Public Bath.***

Explore the history of the public bath, the importance of its preservation and the future of Japanese communal bathing culture through a diverse selection of works. Accompanying the exhibition is an event series with free film screenings, kids' workshops and more.

## steam dreams

The Japanese Public Bath

Feb 12 – May 22, 2021  
The Japan Foundation Gallery

[www.jpff.org.au/events/steam-dreams-the-japanese-public-bath/](http://www.jpff.org.au/events/steam-dreams-the-japanese-public-bath/)



### Provocation and Disruption: Radical Japanese Filmmaking from the 1960s to the 2000s

This free JFF Classics program of boundary-shattering masterpieces is part of the annual Japanese Film Festival presented by The Japan Foundation, Sydney. It was delayed due to COVID-19. *Bookings are recommended.*

6 February—3 March at the Art Gallery of NSW

[www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/calendar/japan-film-festival-provocation-disruption/](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/calendar/japan-film-festival-provocation-disruption/)



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and working in Japan?

[www.jetprogramme.org/en/](http://www.jetprogramme.org/en/)

Congratulations to the **2020 JET Programme** participants who successfully arrived in Japan in November last year.

Applications for the **2021 JET Programme** closed on 11 December 2020 and the selection process is currently underway.

The theme of issue #29 of the Consul General's newsletter is "JET Programme: For experiences in Japan with a life-long impact"

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