## Restructuring of online/onsite projects



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### **About the Japan Foundation**

The Japan Foundation is an incorporated administrative agency supervised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that implements international cultural exchange.

Established in 1972/
Its 50th anniversary this year





#### **Overseas Offices**

#### 25 overseas offices in 24 countries







#### **Three Fields**



#### [Culture]

## Arts and Cultural Exchange

Introducing a diverse variety of facets of Japanese culture, from art, music, drama, and film to fashion and design, to the world



#### [Language]

## Japanese-Language Education Overseas

To create and enhance
Japanese-language education
environments worldwide in
order to give more people
around the world opportunities
to study Japanese



#### [Dialogue]

# Japanese Studies and Global Partnerships Programs

Organizing symposiums and collaborative projects to deepen dialogue among experts in various countries, as well as supporting individual scholars in Japanese studies





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### **Arts and Cultural Exchange**

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Visual Arts
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Performances in Japan

International
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Performing Arts
Online



#### **PUBLICATION**

"More than" Worth Sharing

## FILM AND BROADCAST

Japanese Film Screenings Overseas

Japanese Film Festival

Japanese TV
Broadcasting
Abroad

### **International Exhibition Participation**

The Japan Foundation responds to requests by dispatching both artists and works of art to be displayed at such international art exhibitions as biennales and triennales.

**Venice Biennale: International Art Exhibition** 

**Venice Biennale: International Architecture Exhibition** 

The Japan Foundation organizes Japan's national participation at the Venice Biennale.







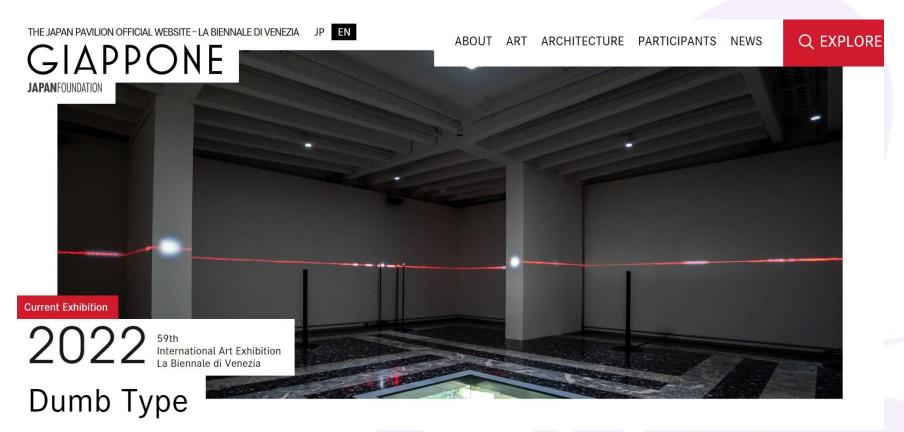




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#### **Venice Biennale**

The Japan Foundation organizes Japan's national participation at the Venice Biennale.







## Japanese Film Festival (JFF)

JFF was first held in 2016 in ASEAN countries and Australia and expanded its area to China and India in 2017 and subsequently to Russia in 2018. In 2019-2020, we held festivals in 56 cities in 12 countries, which were watched by more than 170,000 viewers and shared the excellence of Japanese film with the world.









## **Traveling Exhibitions**

The Japan Foundation continuously conducts the "Traveling Exhibitions Program" to introduce Japanese arts and culture to overseas.















## **Schedule of Traveling Exhibitions**

#### I Love Sushi

Germany, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Italy, Azerbaijan, Hungary, Uzbekistan

The Japanese Spirit of Gifting: Giving Shape to One's Thoughts and Emotions

China

Yokai Parade: Supernatural Monsters from Japan

Indonesia, New Zealand, Korea

**NINGYŌ: Art and Beauty of Japanese dolls** 

Chile, Vietnam, Brazil, Taiwan, China(Hong Kong), Myanmar

**Built Environment: An Alternative Guide to Japan** 

Serbia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia

**Tokyo Before/After** 

Croatia, Iran, Egypt





### **Schedule of Traveling Exhibitions**

#### **The Superlative Artistry of Japan**

Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, El Salvador

#### **Contemporary Wood-Carved Netsuke**

Senegal, Slovakia, Oman, U.K.

#### **Photographic Images and Matter: Japanese Prints of the 1970s**

Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan

#### **Variation and Autonomy: The Prints of Contemporary Japanese Painters**

UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Moldova

#### **YAKISHIME** – Earth Metamorphosis

Australia, Malaysia



## **Schedule of Traveling Exhibitions**

Manga Hokusai Manga: Approaching the Master's Compendium from the Perspective of Contemporary Comics

Mongol, India

Japanese Design Today 100 < renewal version >

Canada, Paraguay, Honduras, U.S.A. (Hawaii)

The Dolls of Japan: Shapes of Prayer, Embodiments of Love U.S.A. (Hawaii)

**Beautiful Handicrafts of Tohoku, Japan** 

Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, U.S.A.

**TOHOKU - Through the Eyes of Japanese Photographezrs**India



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# The Japan Foundation's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

We recognize that the postponement or cancellation of diverse projects in the arts, culture, Japanese language education, Japan studies, intellectual exchange, and other fields imposes an enormous impact on the activities of those who engage in international exchange in Japan and other parts of the world. At the same time, we are extremely concerned that this situation may give rise to a cultural crisis in the form of a protracted disruption of international cultural exchange.

Accordingly, we have been implementing the special programs listed below so that the cultural ties that join Japan and the world can be sustained and further grown even during these challenging times. Going forward, we will continue monitoring the global situation and will take the actions needed to fulfill our mission of providing support and programs for international exchange.





### JF digital collection

#### Online cultural presentations & dialogue

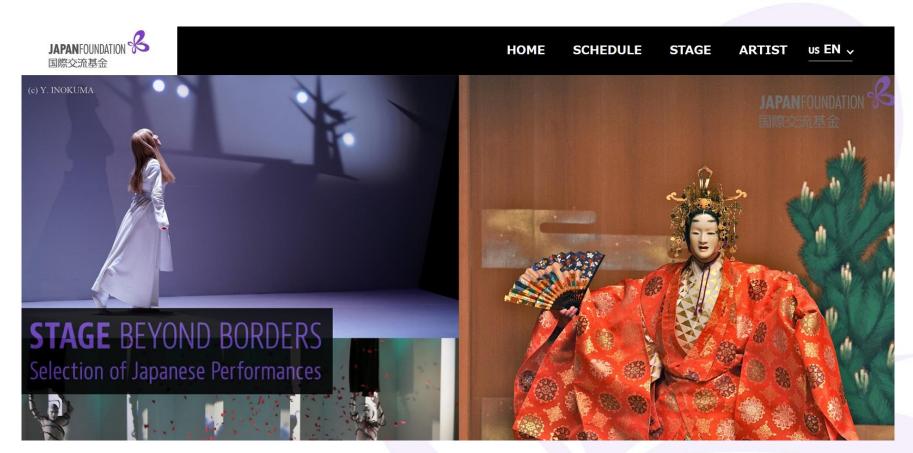






#### "STAGE BEYOND BORDERS"

**Cross-Border Online Distribution of Outstanding Japanese Stage Performances** 







#### **JFF Plus**

#### Come and explore the fascinating world of Japanese cinema









**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists** 

The Japan Foundation promotes new creations in the field of performing arts between Japanese and international artists.







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(c)Yurika Kuremiya





**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists - 2022** 

BIRD Theatre Company TOTTORI & Theater Breaking Through Barriers (US)

Project Title: "Ctrl L" "A Difference of Beauty"









**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists - 2022** 

Apichatpong Weerasethakul (Thailand) & SAKAMOTO Ryuichi

Project Title: "A Conversation with the Sun (VR)"



Courtesy of Apichatpong Weerasethakul
Photo by Supatra Srithongkum and Sutiwat Kumpai



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**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists - 2022** 

SHIGA Lieko, Merzbow & Balázs Pandi (Hungary), Richard Pinhas (France)

Project Title: "Merzbow, Balázs Pándi & Richard Pinhas with Lieko

Shiga: 'Bipolar' "









**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists - 2022** 

WADA Nagara & Sankar Venkateswaran (India)

Project Title: "Goodbye, and good wishes for your success — a response to Annihilation of Caste — a speech prepared by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the invitation of Jat-Pat Todak Mandal of Lahore in 1936 but NOT DELIVERED owing to the withdrawal of the invitation because the organising committee found the contents of the speech unbearable."



Photo by Yuki Moriya



Photo by Gabriela Neeb





**Support for Collaborative Creations between Japanese and International Artists - 2022** 

Company Derashinera & Lee Ren Xin (Malaysia), Liu Juichu (Taiwan), Jung Young Doo (Korea)

Project Title: "Company Derashinera—The Global Theater Project 'Place'"









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**Exhibition Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the normalization of diplomatic relations between China and Japan** 































































## **Cultivating friendship and ties between** Japan and the World



