



THE MONTH OF JAPANESE CULTURE IN BUCHAREST

Bucharest, October 25, 2017 – JTI is partnering with the Embassy of Japan in Romania, along with other institutions and companies, in organizing a large series of cultural events under the umbrella of the **MONTH OF JAPANESE CULTURE IN BUCHAREST**. This year's edition shall comprise, among others, kimono presentations, feature film projections, exhibitions of old Japanese engravings and maps, tea ceremonies, calligraphy, origami, sushi workshops, conference on various topics, book releases, aikido and kendo competitions etc.

THE JAPANESE CULTURE MONTH will start on **Thursday, November 2, 2017, at the Romanian-American University in Bucharest** with an original presentation of kimonos designed by Master Nobuaki Tomita. Especially known as a kimono designer, Nobuaki Tomita (who is also the president of the luxury clothing company Kyokaori in Kyoto) has manufactured the costumes of the actors in over two thousand Japanese films and TV series. His kimonos are remarked due to the prints that reproduce famous landscapes worldwide and the daring association of raw fabrics and materials specific for the places he visits. Often, designer appeals to unusual colorants such as chocolate, strawberries, tea etc. Nobuaki Tomita has promoted the kimono tradition at international level, his original clothes being presented at important events in the US, China, Italy, Germany etc.

Program

November 2

Workshop and kimono parade, with the participation of designer Nobuaki Tomita

Place: Romanian-American University (1B Expoziției Blvd., Bucharest)

-Kimono workshop (14.00-15.30 hours); room 315, 3rd floor

Workshop attendance based on enrolment between October 16 and 27; details: office@csrj.ro

-Kimono parade (18.00-19.00 hours); lobby building B

Free access to the parade

November 2-12 (gallery: November 6, 14.00 hours)

Exhibition of Japanese engravings from the Meiji period

Place: The Library of the Romanian Academy-„Theodor Pallady” Hall (125 Calea Victoriei, Bucharest)

Free access

November 6-8

Japanese Film Festival

-November 6, 19.00 hours - Swing Girls (subtitle in Romanian)

-November 7, 18.00 hours - Ore monogatari/MY love STORY! (subtitle in English)

-November 7, 20.00 hours - Romance/Round Trip Heart (subtitles in English)

-November 8, 18.00 hours - Maku ga agaru/When the Curtain Rises (subtitle in English)

-November 8, 20.00 hours - Seto Utsumi/Seto and Utsumi (subtitle in English)
Place: The National Museum of the Romanian Peasant-Peasant Museum Cinema (3 Șoseaua Kiseleff, Bucharest)
Free access

November 6-12

Japanese culture week at the Bucharest University (lectures, Japanese book presentations, exhibitions, workshops of Japanese language and culture, Chai Party, meetings with Japanese students and teachers)

Place: the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Bucharest University (7-13 Pitar Moș St., Bucharest)

Free access based on enrolment to some of the events;

details: <https://www.facebook.com/japoneza.unibuc> (after October 10)

November 13, 12.30-14.30 hours

„Japanese gardens”- conference held by prof. Takuhiro Yamada

Place: The University of Architecture and Urban Planning „Ion Mincu” – Fresco Hall (18-20 Academiei St., Bucharest)

Free access

November 16, 10.00-12.00 hours

Shodo workshop held by the calligraphy master Taki Kodaira

Place: Romanian-American University, room 322 CSRJ (1B Expoziției Blvd., Bucharest)

Free access based on enrolment between November 1 and 15, details; details: office@csrj.ro

November 22-December 24 (gallery: November 22, 18.00 hours)

Exhibition of old maps of the city of Tokyo

Place: The National Museum of Maps and Old Books (39 Londra St., Bucharest)

Ticket access (free access to the gallery)

November 23, starting 16.00 hours

Daruma dolls manufacturing workshop

Place: Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies (Piața Romană 6, Bucharest)

Free access based on enrolment; details: ralun111@gmail.com

November 25-26, both days starting 9.00 hours

National Kendo Championship

Place: Apollo Sports Centre (5 Energeticienilor Blvd., Bucharest)

Free access

November 28, starting 11.00 hours

Opening of the Nobori Cultural Centre (Aikido, Kenjutsu, Sushi, Origami, Shodo demonstrations and workshops)

Place: Nobori Cultural Centre (51 Morilor St., Bucharest)

Free access

November 29, 19.00 hours

„Chanoyu and Zen. The influence of Zen Buddhism in the formation of the spiritual space of the Japanese Tea Ceremony”- conference held by master Gabriel Soga Căciulă

Place: Seeds Centre for Happiness- Happy Hall (16 Fabrica de Chibrituri St., Bucharest)

Access based on enrolment; details: www.urasenke.ro and Info.urasenke.romania@gmail.com