



Embassy of Japan Newsletter

Vol 4, October 2016



The Project for Construction of a Maternal and Child Health Care Centre in Gbogbodo, Abaji Area Council in the Federal Capital Territory

The Government of Japan has provided US\$92,804 (equivalent to 9,001,988 Japanese yen) to construct a medical facility, provide adequate medical equipment, tools and furniture as well as a hand-pump borehole to the community, through the implementation partner; Church of the Brethren in Nigeria.



Dr. Yoshiharu FURUICHI Commissioning the project



Constructed Maternal and Child Health care centre

For more information: [http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20161024FCTGbogbodoMaternalChildHC\(English\).pdf](http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/j/photo_gallery/20161024FCTGbogbodoMaternalChildHC(English).pdf)

French, Japanese and Nigerian Animated Film Festival

The Embassy of Japan in collaboration with Institut Francais Nigeria (French Cultural Centre Abuja) present the 2nd Animated Film Festival from 2nd – 5th November , 2016.

The film festival features ‘Spirited Away’, an animated film by film director, Hayao Miyazaki, one of the most popular Animated film makers in Japan and also “Wolf Children” by Mamoru Hosada, a young talented animated film director.

“Spirited Away” won The Golden Bear prize at the 2002 Berlin International Film Festival, The Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2003, and many other international awards.

“Wolf Children”, won an Audience Award at the 2013 New York International Children’s Film Festival, the Animation category in the 26th Annual Japan Academy Prizes, and two awards in 2012 at the Oslo Films from the South Festival in Norway: The main award, The Silver Mirror, and the Audience Award.

It promises to be an interesting event!



© 2012 “WOLF CHILDREN” FILM PARTNERS



© 2001 STUDIO GHIBLI - NDDTM “SPIRITED AWAY”

For more information: <http://www.ng.emb-japan.go.jp/Document/culture/2016%20Program%20for%20Animae%20Film%20Festival.pdf>

Japanese TV Drama on Africa Independent Television (AIT)

The Africa Independent Television has commenced the broadcast of Japanese TV drama, “Mother Inlaw versus Daughter Inlaw’. The program airs on AIT every Sunday at 11:30am.

It is a home drama about the clash between a former career woman and the madam of a distinguished Japanese inn.

Naoko, a career woman from Tokyo marries Sosuke, son of a distinguished Japanese inn owner located in Kanazawa. However, the inn’s madam—Sosuke’s mother—rejected her son’s marriage to an “out-sister”. One day, Sosuke vanishes, leaving behind him a large debt. To make things worse, Naoko’s company goes out of business. In effort to pay off Sosuke’s debts, Naoko tells the madam that she wants to work at the inn.

Mother-in-law vs. Daughter-in-law is full of beautiful Japanese scenery and traditions. The story illustrates a real female character through her clash with her mother-in-law.

The English version was produced in cooperation with the Japan Foundation.



Scholarship Program and Study in Japan

Study in Japan

Study in Japan is comprehensive guide made available for prospective students who wish to study in Japan, foreign students in Japan, or former foreign students who studied in Japan. It includes answers to frequently asked questions, event information, and other related topics.

For more information: <http://www.studyjapan.go.jp/en/>

Guidelines for Postgraduate International Students who are interested in making ceramic works in Japan

This course is intended for international students who have already acquired basic technology related to making ceramics. Deadline for applicants is 30th November, 2016 (Japan Time 17:00)

For more information: http://www.city.tajimi.lg.jp/ishoken/11_international/adomission.html

International Competitions and Exhibitions

The 11th International Ceramics Competition MINO Japan

The International Ceramics Festival Mino, Japan Executive committee is proud to announce to hold the 11th International Ceramics Competition MINO Japan. The application period starts: Tuesday, November 1st, 2016, and ends : Tuesday, January 10th, 2017

For more information: <http://www.icfmino.com/english/icc/>

.

The 19th Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition

Kanagawa Prefecture has held the Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition every two years from 1981 at the time of the International Year of the Child in 1979. Children's art from all over the world are collected in order to foster the dreams and creativity of today's young children who will be the bearers of tomorrow through the art, and also to further understanding of the world's diverse cultures and differences in global lifestyle. Application period is from 1st September to 30th November , 2016.

For more information: <http://www.earthplaza.jp/biennial/English/refarence-country/index.html>

The 27th UBE Biennale (UBE International Sculpture Competition)

UBE City in Yamaguchi Prefecture, is known as a city of greenery, flowers and sculptures. UBE Biennale (UBE International Sculpture Competition) was started as an outdoor sculpture exhibition, which aimed to beautify the city and bring hope to the citizens after war. It has been held biennially since 1961 and in cooperation with various people and fields, it has grown into an international sculpture competition and Japan's largest outdoor sculpture exhibition. The exhibition starts on the 3rd of October, 2016 to 3rd of November ,2016.

For more information: http://ubebiennale.com/index_en.html

The 4th Takamatsu International Piano Competition 2018.3.14-3.25

With a legacy stretching back to 2006, the Takamatsu International Piano Competition is an artistic event that provides a forum to bring together top musicians from all over the world. As well as encouraging young people to pursue their dreams and goals of self-development, this international event also aims to foster a new culture of music in Kagawa.

Application period is from 1st April 2017 - 20th September 2017 (The application should be postmarked not later than 20th September 2017.) Those eligible to apply must be individuals born between 1st January 1983 and 1st January 2003. *Application shall be sent by registered mail within Japan and by Express Mail Service from overseas.

For more information: http://www.tipc.jp/4th/english_index.html

Tomodachi Newsletter (We are Tomodachi)

We are pleased to announce that we have published on the JapanGov official government website (<http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/>) the autumn 2016 issue of “We Are Tomodachi,” a digital publication that introduces initiatives by the Japanese Government and attractions of Japan.

From August 27, Japan will co-organize the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI) with the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the World Bank in Nairobi.

To coincide with TICAD, this issue introduces Japan’s activities in Africa.

Fighting Infectious Diseases in West Africa

http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2016/autumn_2016/fighting_infectious_diseases.html

Improving East Africa’s Inland Logistics

http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2016/autumn_2016/improving_inland_logistics.html

Supporting Kenya’s Human Resource Development

http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2016/autumn_2016/supporting_human_resource.html

Addressing Poverty in Africa by Promoting Growth of “Miracle Rice”

http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2016/autumn_2016/contributing.html#miracle

Improving the Nutritional Status of Infants in Ghana

http://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2016/autumn_2016/cuttingedge_technologies.html