



(*Kyoto in autumn: see at the end)

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~ fresh news, recent events and useful sites ~



The fall has arrived and we can enjoy the beautiful autumn colours. We have collected fresh news for October/November, so please enjoy our newsletter No.8!

(This newsletter will be issued every end of month, and if your colleagues/friends want to receive this, please tell them to send their email address to: info@s2.mofa.go.jp.)



I. Fresh/important news

~ ASEM 10 Summit Meeting ~

Between 15 to 18 October 2014, Prime Minister Abe visited Milano to attend the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) 10 Summit Meeting and other events. PM Abe held several bilateral meetings with leaders participated to the Summit Meeting. In Milano, PM Abe also greeted the new PM of the Republic of Slovenia, H.E. Dr. Miro Cerar. [Details](#).

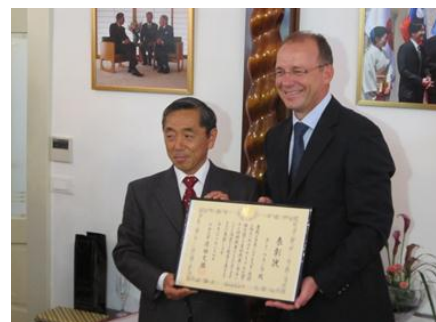
~ Japanese Business Mission to Slovenia ~

Between 9 and 10 October 2014, Japanese Business Mission visited Slovenia under the program organized by JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization) and SPIRIT. Within the program, representatives of Japanese companies attended the business seminar and visited several companies in Slovenia including Luka Koper, Yaskawa Slovenia, Revoz and Akrapovič by which they were very much impressed.



~ Foreign Minister's Commendation to Mr. Jurij Franko ~

Mr Jurij Franko, a Slovenian famous skier, was awarded with the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for FY 2014 and the award ceremony was held on Friday, 3 October by the Ambassador Jomori. At the ceremony, Ambassador Jomori expressed congratulations to him and hoped for Mr. Franko's continuous contribution to the development of the friendly relations between Japan and Slovenia. [Details](#)



~ Abenomics: We Are Accelerating the Implementation of Our Commitment on Reforms ~

Under the economic policy Abenomics, many measures have been implemented over the past year to facilitate economic growth. In June 2014, the growth strategy was revised with expanded and strengthened measures. The latest information is available [here](#).

~ Japanese Inn Group: tourist information to Japan ~

If you are planning to travel to Japan and are looking for reasonable accommodation, then the Japanese Inn Group website is the right address for you. Here you can find offers for lodging in native local areas at a reasonable price that will help you discover and understand Japan and Japanese people. More information [here](#).

II. Recent events

~ Planting saplings from Hiroshima's atomic-bombed trees ~

On 7 October 2014, a ceremony for planting samplings of Hiroshima's atomic-bombed trees was held at the Botanical Garden of the University of Ljubljana.

On this occasion, »My Hiroshima«, an illustrated book about the atomic-bombing of Hiroshima written by Junko Morimoto, was translated to the Slovene language and will be distributed to elementary schools in Slovenia. [Details](#).



~ Japanese Film Festival ~

This year's Japanese Film Festival took place at Cankarjev dom in Ljubljana between 17 and 24 September. It featured a selection of seven contemporary Japanese films all produced between 2000 and 2010, which were received by the audience with excitement. [Details](#).



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~ 16th Festival Slowind 2014 – Confronting Silence ~

The 16th Festival Slowind with the title Confronting Silence took place between 11 and 21 October at various locations in Ljubljana and was dedicated to music from Japan. The festival brought a number of concerts, film screenings, lectures and discussion. The concert program featured outstanding Japanese musicians performing on traditional Japanese instruments. It introduced music by Toru Takemitsu, and two other Japanese composers, Toshio Hosokawa and Dai Fujikura.

III. Invitation/programs

~ Japan Foundation Program for 2015-2016 ~

Japan Foundation has published its program for the financial year 2015-2016! You can apply for funding in three major areas: Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japanese-Language Education Overseas, and Japanese Studies Overseas and Intellectual Exchange. For detailed information, application conditions and deadlines click [here](#).

~ "Vulcanus in Japan" program call for applications ~

Are you a student of engineering or science, enrolled in at least the fourth year of studies? Would you like to spend one year at an industrial placement in Japan? If yes, then do not miss this opportunity and apply – students from Slovenia are particularly encouraged! Find more information [here](#).

IV. Various coming events

(The events listed below are organized by various institutions/groups. This Embassy is not responsible for these notices/events. Please contact the organizer for details.)

~ Anime and Manga event "Makkon" ~

All lovers of Japanese anime, manga, videogames as well as traditional Japanese art forms (e.g. origami) are invited to attend this year's Makkon festival. It will take place on **13 December 2014 between 12:00 and 20:00** at **Kino Šiška in Ljubljana**. Organized by members of Slovenia's biggest anime society called "Animov". More information to follow in next Japan Fresh News.

~ Inform us about your Japan-related event! ~

If your institution/group is organizing a Japan-related event, we welcome to include it in this newsletter! For more information, please send an e-mail to matej.crnjavic@s2.mofa.go.jp.

For more information about Japan, please visit these websites:

- ①. Prime Minister Abe's government policies
 1. [Abenomics](#) (Prime Minister Abe's economic policy)
 2. [Proactive Contribution to Peace](#)
 3. [A Society in Which Women Shine](#) (Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality)
 4. [Keynote speech at the 13th IISS Asian Security Summit](#) ("The Shangri-la Dialogue")
 5. [Speech at the Sixty-Ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations](#)
- ②. Issues related to Japanese territory:
 1. [Senkaku Islands](#)

2. [Takeshima](#)
3. [Northern Territories](#)
4. [Sea of Japan](#)

③. Tourist information:

1. [Japan National Tourism Organization](#)
2. [Visit Japan Links](#)
3. [Guide to Japanese Visas](#)
4. [Japanese Inn Group](#)

④. Study in Japan:

1. [Study in Japan](#)
2. [Gateway to Study in Japan](#)

⑤. Cultural exchange:

1. [Japan Foundation](#)
2. [Japan: Fascinating diversity](#)

⑥. Other useful sites:

1. [JETRO \(Japan External Trade Organization\)](#)
2. [World Heritage in Japan](#)
3. [Web Japan](#)
4. [Nihongo Starter \(Online Japanese Course\)](#)

⑦. [Japanese restaurants in Slovenia](#)



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*** KYOTO IN AUTUMN (秋の京都, Aki no Kyoto):**

Kyoto is an ancient city with a 1200 year history. The word Kyoto (京都) actually means »capital city« and the city served as Japan's capital from 794 until recent history, 1868 when the government was transferred to Edo (now known as Tokyo). It has long been a cultural, artistic, and religious centre of Japan, therefore you can find many palaces, gardens and 2000 religious places there, such as: **Kinkaku-ji**, the Temple of the Golden Pavilion; **Ginkaku-ji**, the Temple of the Silver Pavilion; **Ryōan-ji**, famous for its rock garden; **Hōkan-ji**, a five-story pagoda and **Taizo-in**, a small Zen Buddhist Temple with two beautiful gardens. Kyoto is also inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List and was named the World's Best City in the Travel & Leisure World's Best Awards 2014.

The Embassy's assistant for Culture has recently returned from Kyoto and says:

"The atmosphere in the city filled with tradition and culture takes you back to a time hundreds of years ago, giving you a feeling and impression of how Japan used to be. Walking by the river, strolling in the busy market, enjoying a coffee in a number of small bars and visiting one of the many shrines and temples will make your visit an unforgettable experience!"

November is peak autumn colour time in Kyoto. From mid-November onwards, the maple leaves reach their finest shades of red. The splendid combination of historical buildings and red leaves always fascinates all visitors. During the season, thousands of Japanese rush to Kyoto to appreciate the beauty of *momiji*.



Kinkaku-ji



Ginkaku-ji



Amida-ji



Ryōan-ji



Shimogamo-jinja



Hōkan-ji



Gion: old Kyoto's district



Taizo-in