

December 17, 2020



Today we are hosting our last JFT event of 2020: **Online Network for Heritage Language Education 4!** We're excited to look ahead to 2021 with you. We will start January with a new **Sawakai** and an online talk, **Cultivating the Next Generation of STEAM Thinkers**. Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming film and talk series, **Healthy Hakko: The Fermented Culinary Arts of Japan**. Staying home for the holidays? Why not take this time to read **The Memory Police** by OGAWA Yoko, the book for our next **JFT Book Club Online**? For more JFT events, community news, and online resource recommendations, see **further details below >**

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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| December 17 | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | Online Network for Heritage Language Education 4 |
| January 6 | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 25th 'Sawakai': Happy New Year! |
| January 7 | ONLINE TALK | Cultivating the Next Generation of STEAM Thinkers |

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| January 12, 19, 26, & February 2, | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | Trying Out Free Online Resources: "Hirogaru: Get more of Japan and Japanese"! |
| January 13 | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 4th Online Nihongo Salon: "Let's make haiku!" |
| January 14 | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | Let's get together! Japanese-Language Teachers in Canada |
| January 15 - 31 | FILM & TALK SERIES | Healthy Hakko: The Fermented Culinary Arts of Japan |
| January 20 | TEACHERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT | 26th 'Sawakai': Sharing Teaching Experiences – Ms. Kinoshita (Montreal Japanese Language Centre)! |
| February 11 | LIBRARY | JFT Book Club Online |

JFT NEWS



Online Teachers' Workshop

Online Network for Heritage Language Education 4:

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba, Montreal Japanese
Language Center, The Japanese School of Toronto Shokokai
Inc.

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EST)

@ONLINE, free admission, registration required

In the fourth meeting of the Online Network for Heritage Language Education, there will be activity reports from Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba, Montreal Japanese Language Center, and The Japanese School of Toronto Shokokai Inc., followed by time for networking and discussion.

[Details >](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
JFT Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers

25th 'Sawakai': Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM (EST)

Topic: "Happy New Year!"

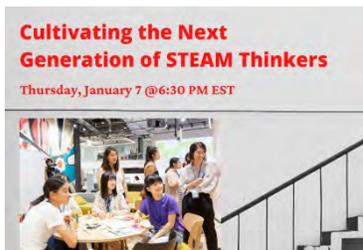
26th 'Sawakai': Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 6:00 PM - 6:40 PM (EST)

Topic: "Sharing Teaching Experiences – Ms. Kinoshita (Montreal Japanese Language Centre)!"

@ONLINE, admission free, registration required

The JFT Online 'Sawakai' for Japanese Teachers is a place where teachers can share with others how their online classes are going. All topics are welcome, including if you have any ideas you would like to try out, anything you feel a little stuck on, etc. Why not take the opportunity to talk with other teachers from across Canada? (*These gatherings will be conducted in Japanese.)

[Details >](#)



Online Talk
Cultivating the Next Generation of STEAM Thinkers

Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

@ONLINE, admission free, registration required

What is STEAM education? How is it different from STEM education? In this talk, Dr. Rie Kijima (University of Toronto and SKY Labo) and Dr. Mariko Yang-Yoshihara (Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education & SKY Labo) will discuss key concepts related to STEAM learning in the 21st century. Discussion will include the gender gap in STEM, what it takes to reverse this trend, and the importance of key mindsets, such as failing forward and thinking out of the box. The talk will centre around an innovative education program offered for female youths in Japan that utilizes design thinking to cultivate the next generation of STEAM thinkers.

[Details and registration >](#)



Library News
Staff Pick Review

Read our new Staff Pick review about the animated film *A Silent Voice* by director YAMADA Naoko at Kyoto Animation. This emotional drama is based on one of the most critically-acclaimed manga of the same name about a girl who can't hear and the boy who bullied her.

Check out past book and movie reviews and thematic booklists on our [Booklist webpage](#) to look for library items without having to browse the shelves onsite.



Online Teachers' Professional Development
Online Nihongo Salon for Japanese-Language Teachers

4th Online Nihongo Salon:
Wednesday, January 13, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)
Topic: "Let's make haiku!"

The Japan Foundation, Toronto has launched a Nihongo Salon series for Japanese language teachers with the aim of providing a place where Japanese language teachers in Canada who would like to maintain Japanese language proficiency can speak Japanese regularly and network with other teachers.

[Details >](#)

Online Teachers' Professional Development
Trying Out Free Online Resources: "Hirogaru: Get more of Japan and Japanese"!

January 12, 19, 26, and February 2, 2021, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (EST)
@ONLINE, admission free, registration required

As classes continue to be held online at many educational institutions, we will hold a series of workshops where teachers can try out the free online resource "Hirogaru: Get more of Japan and Japanese." Through using Hirogaru's educational materials, teachers will have the opportunity to think about how to handle Japanese culture and circumstances in their own lessons, how the materials can be arranged, how it can fit the goals of their class, etc.

[Details >](#)



Online Teachers' Professional Development
**Let's get together! Japanese-Language
Teachers in Canada**

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (EST)

Theme: コンテストを企画したい人、集まれ～!

@ONLINE, admission free, registration required

As more and more programs are being conducted online there are increasing opportunities for those involved in Japanese-language education in Canada to gather and share information. There is great variety in the levels and areas being covered within Japanese-language education, however, and this gathering aims to target specific groups and themes to allow for deeper discussion of relevant topics.

[Details >](#)

Film and Talk Series

Healthy Hakko: The Fermented Culinary Arts of Japan

Friday, January 15, 2021 - Sunday, January 31, 2021

@ONLINE, admission free, registration required (more details to come)

What are the essential flavours of Japan? Miso, sushi, shoyu, sake, shochu, or katsuobushi? They have all undergone fermentation, and these are some of the favourites that will be covered this January over the course of 3 weekends. Together with a selection of documentary films on this topic, there will be discussions and talks by experts in the field, including sake samurai, epidemiologists and food scientists. These experts will share their insights so you can gain a deeper understanding of the origins, health benefits and the special place that fermented foods hold in Japan's culinary culture and traditions.

[Details >](#)



Library News

JFT Book Club Online

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EST)

@ONLINE, RSVP required

Join our first book club of year 2021!

We will discuss the highly acclaimed novel *The Memory Police* (密やかな結晶) by OGAWA Yoko, shortlisted for the 2020 International Booker Prize and finalist of the 2019 National Book Award. Include this surreal story about the power of memory to your list of holiday readings for the next book club! Please email library@jftor.org to reserve your spot.

[Details >](#)



38th Annual Japan Film Festival: Questionnaires

Co-presented by the Canadian Film Institute, Embassy of Japan in Canada and The Japan Foundation, Toronto

Thanks to many of our faithful newsletter subscribers, we had a great turn out for this online film screening! If you haven't already, please let us know how you enjoyed the films by completing our short questionnaires by **Monday, December 21, 10:00 AM (EST)**.

[A Long Goodbye >](#)

[Koshien: Japan's Field of Dreams >](#)



Library News

Contemporary Japanese Fiction at JFT Library

Although the library is currently closed, you can still browse for library items online for your next pickup! Check out our new complete list of Contemporary Japanese Fiction, available at JFT Library. Available in PDF format, discover new books and authors, as well as old favourites, without having to browse the shelves onsite. Stay tuned for more booklists to be available for download on the [Library Online catalogue](#).



Video Recording

Re-engineering Reproductive Futures in Japanese Science Fiction

A live recording of our online lecture with Dr. Kazue Harada is available to watch on our YouTube channel until **January 6**. Tune in from home to learn about some of Japan's best modern female sci-fi writers and how they use the genre to subvert ideas of reproductive futurism.

[Click here to watch >](#)

JAPAN FOUNDATION SUPPORTED EVENTS



JF Digital Collection - Let your curiosity open the doors to Japan and the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected many aspects of our society and individual lives, and greatly limited our opportunities to connect with one another. Although international cultural exchange programs around the world have also been curtailed, we believe that this situation shouldn't discourage our innate curiosity to one another.

As Japan Foundation's response, we are proud to present JF digital collection, an online platform showcasing a variety of online programs created by JF headquarters and our offices overseas. We hope this will serve as a way to bridge the gap between our audience, Japan, and the world.

[Details >](#)



Japan Foundation, Sydney Presents
Hiroshi Nagai: Paintings for Music

Now - Saturday, January 23, 2021

This exhibition explores an era that encapsulated the new young urban lifestyle in Tokyo through the lens of NAGAI Hiroshi's paintings. His dreamy visual palette and associated city pop hits epitomised the cultural reverberations of Japan's economic boom, providing a soundtrack and aesthetic for young urbanites lusting after endless summers by the poolside and an indulgent city nightlife.

[Details and online catalogue >](#)

Bilingual Multilingual Children's Net (BMCN)
**International Forum on "Japanese Language Education Promotion Law":
To promote heritage language education to foster global human talent**

October 2020 - March 2021

@ONLINE, admission free

This online international forum is planned to promote native and heritage language education in Japan and abroad. From October 2020 for 6 months, connecting Japan with five overseas regions, we will promote "understanding of areas and issues" and "promotion of exchange / cooperation activities" by country / region and "summary of important items" and "promotion of public support" for the future. Website is in Japanese only.

[Details >](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Embassy of Japan in Canada Presents
J-POP Talk Night

Thursday, December 17, 7:00 PM (EST)
@ONLINE

Tune in for a live talk show with five pop music artists and groups from Japan, featuring discussions with artists MIKURO MKA, Terra., OIRAKA., Yully, and Sa:Ga-彩雅!

[Registration >](#)
[Facebook Livestream >](#)

ONLINE RESOURCE RECOMMENDATIONS



Performing Arts Recommendation
Opera by Hans Werner Henze - *Das verratene Meer (The Betrayed Sea)*

Monday, December 21, 1:00 PM - Tuesday, December 22, 1:00 PM EST
@ONLINE, free, registration required
In German with English subtitles

Based on MISHIMA Yukio's novel *The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea (Gogo no Eikō 午後の曳航)*.

Music: Hans Werner Henze (1926-2012)
Conductor: Simone Young
Production: Jossi Wieler, Sergio Morabito
Stage & Costumes: Anna Viebrock
With: Vera-Lotte Boecker, Bo Skovhus, Josh Lovell, Erik Van Heyningen, Kangmin Justin Kim, Stefan Astakhov, Martin Häßler

[Details and registration >](#)



Gallery Recommendation
Masterpiece of the Week

**Important Cultural Property
Mounted Warrior**
騎馬武者像 きばむしゃぞう
Hanging scroll, paint on silk
Nanbokuchō Period, the 14th century
A collection of the Kyoto National Museum
Height 99.9cm Width 53.2cm

[Click here](#) to zoom in and see the painting's details.



Performing Arts Recommendation
**WORLD TAIKO CONFERENCE: Live talks with
Eitetsu Hayashi**

Recording from November 22, 2020, in Japanese with
English subtitles and interpretation

This event aims to connect people from around the world through taiko (Japanese drums) and share the wonder of taiko with a wider global audience. Eitetsu Hayashi, who helped JFT celebrate the Japan Canada 90th anniversary celebrations, composed the WTC theme song, and together with international taiko artists, was featured in the WTC Premium Talks.

[Watch performance >](#)

WTC Special Talk by Eitetsu Hayashi: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)



Film Recommendation
AINU MOSIR

Directed by FUKUNAGA Takeshi
2020 | 84 min. | Japanese with English Subtitles

Available to watch through subscription to Netflix Canada

AINU MOSIR captures the struggle of upholding traditions in a modern world with an all-Ainu cast. Set in northern Japan's Hokkaido community, a sensitive Ainu teen searches for a spiritual connection with his recently deceased dad while navigating his indigenous identity in a changing world.

[Special Conversation](#) between *AINU MOSIR* director FUKUNAGA Takeshi and Isabel Sandoval.

[Details here >](#)

[Watch trailer here >](#)

