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Japan Film Festival 2011

The Embassy of Japan in Bahrain will host Japan Film Festival 2011 in cooperation with the Bahrain Japan Friendship Society and the Shaikh Ebrahim bin Mohammed Al Khalifa Centre for Culture & Research from 19:00 to 21:00 on every Thursday of 27th January and 3rd, 10th and 17th February 2011 at the Shaikh Ebrahim Centre in Muharraq. The all four movies will be voiced in Japanese and subtitled in English.

"Last June when we held the film festival, in which movies were subtitled in Arabic only, we received many requests from ex-pats to play also English subtitled Japanese movies. We would be very happy to obtain this opportunity to reply to those expectations this time and welcome many ex-pats will turn out to watch interesting Japanese movies", said Mr. Hiroto Asaoka, cultural attaché of Japanese Embassy.

- Program of Japanese Films -

① 27th of January: "Swing Girls"

Color/ Vista/ 2004/ 105min

Takuo, a member of baseball school cheer team, has been left alone after his group hospitalized for the reason of food poisoning. So he desperately looks for new members; fortunately it doesn't take him long to find some volunteers. A group of lazy high school girls in northern Japan whose in their effort to flee from the remedial math class for the summer takes the opportunity to join the band. Through the movie we can see their passion and interest to music become stronger and stronger in a special kind of humor.

② 3rd of February: "Dora Heita"

Color/ Vista/ 2000/ 111min

The town magistrate's office in a certain minor lord's domain has been without a magistrate for a while, ever since the three previous officials mysteriously disappeared.

The new magistrate's name is Koheita Mochizuki, but he is better known as Dora Heita, the 'Alley-cat Magistrate,' on account of his debauched lifestyle. This notoriety has been carefully cultivated by Koheita himself, through a series of rumors spread by his friend Sennami. It is all part of Heita's unorthodox plan to rid the domain of three yakuza bosses, Nadahachi, Taju and Saibei, who run the high crime area of Horisoto with the tacit approval of the castle's highest officials.



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③ 10th of February: "Aiki"

Color/ Vista/ 2002/ 119min

This is a movie about Ashihara Taichi, who gave up becoming a boxing champion after a motorcycle accident which leaves his lower body paralyzed. He is unable to find a job, and can see no clear goal for the future ahead. However things begin to change after meeting a great woman, Samako, and getting accepted in Aiki Jujutsu, a school of Aikido. The master Hiraishi receives Taichi warmly. Taichi begins to think of his wheelchair as a part of his body and makes gradual progress. But suddenly Samako disappears after getting caught up in some trouble.

④ 17th of February: "Hinokio"

Color/ Vista/ 2005/ 111min

A science fiction film about Iwamoto Satoru a young boy who has shut himself of the world when his mother died in an accident which leaves him traumatized. However in order to help him get over it, his father designed a Robot named "Hinokio" for him to have some contact with the outside world. Satoru eventually exposed himself to experience the world with a help of his friend Jun .It is not just a movie about a Robot. It is about heart and love and the meaning of living.

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