

Japan-Cambodia Kizuna Festival 2012

For the purpose of introducing Japanese traditional and modern culture in Cambodia and promoting cultural exchange between the two nations, the Embassy of Japan in collaboration with Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC) is proud to present the Japan-Cambodia Kizuna Festival, to be held on February 16-19, 2012 at CJCC. Various cultural events and exhibitions will be organized during the festival.

The Opening Ceremony of the festival is planned to take place on Thursday, February 16 at 18:00 at the Angkor-Kizuna Hall of CJCC. The ceremony will be highlighted by a music performance by AUN, a world famous unit of traditional Japanese musical instruments in collaboration with Cambodian musicians.

Another highlight of the festival is the Premier Roadshow of a Japanese movie titled "WE CAN NOT CHANGE THE WORLD. But we wanna build a school in Cambodia". The movie is based on a real experience of a Japanese student who built a school in Cambodia. The movie featuring major Japanese actor Mr. Osamu MUKAI, Goodwill Ambassador between Japan and Cambodia, will be screened on Friday, February 17 at 18:00 at the Angkor Kizuna Hall.

A powerful Japanese POP concert by a Japanese popular group "RAM WIRE" will be presented on Saturday, February 18, at 18:00. Their first release "Ayumi" in 2011 was chosen as the theme song of the movie, "We Can't Change the World." as well as the theme of the Festival

The festival features more events such as Karate-do and Kendo demonstrations, Japanese cinema show, Honda YES Awards Ceremony, Japanese Speech Contest, various lectures by Japanese scholars, flower arrangement, Origami, Mochitsuki, Science Show and so on. Information session on study in Japan and a Job Fair by Japanese companies will also take place during the festival.

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