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Tanabata Festival 2018

The Embassy of Japan, in collaboration with the Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC) and the Japan Foundation Asia Center (JFAC), is going to organize Tanabata Festival 2018 in July 5-6, 2018 at CJCC, as a part of celebration of the 65th Anniversary of Friendship between Japan and Cambodia. The main activities of the festival are as follows:

- **Thursday, 5 July**
15:00-16:30 Opening Ceremony: Blessing Dance by CJCC Volunteers, Creative Khmer Dance by Ms. Yamanaka Hitomi, and Performance by Pro Musica Nipponia
- **Friday, 6 July**
9:30-12:00 “Nodojiman” Japanese Song Contest 2018
18:00-19:00 Pro Musica Nipponia Concert

In addition to these major activities, the festival includes many other cultural activities such as a workshop of Japanese traditional instruments; movie shows of Japanese famous Anime “One Piece”; Japanese cooking class; Japanese papers-related sessions, “Origami” (folding papers), “Kirigami” (cutting papers), and “Syo-do” (calligraphy); experiencing Japanese and Khmer traditional wear; various exhibitions, and so on. The pamphlet with detailed program of the festival is attached herewith.

Tanabata Festival (Star Festival) has been annually organized by CJCC since 2004 and this year’s festival will be co-hosted by CJCC, the Embassy of Japan, and JFAC, for the purpose of promoting further cultural exchanges between the two countries.

Tanabata is a Japanese traditional event, celebrated every year on 7 July in Japan to recall a story of a couple lovers in the heaven weaver princess and cowboy. Based on Tanabata’s story, the two lovers are separated by the Amanogawa River and allow to meet once per year on 7th July. On the day, Japanese people write their wishes and hang on the bamboo tree to have their wishes granted.

For media inquiries, please contact Culture and Information Section at 023 217 161 (Ext: 1121) or email: info.jpn@pp.mofa.go.jp. For more information of the festival, please visit: [“<https://www.facebook.com/events/1914789492145581/>”](https://www.facebook.com/events/1914789492145581/)

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