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Announcement

国際交流基金 JAPANFOUNDATION

High-profile Japanese films including ONE CUT OF THE DEAD and A Letter to Momo to be streamed free of charge exclusively for Africa starting from July 15 on the online streaming platform JFF Theater!





ONE CUT OF THE DEAD ©Enbu Seminar



A Letter to Momo ©2012 "A Letter to Momo" Film Partners

The Japan Foundation will stream Japanese films across Africa free of charge as a partner project to the Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD9) to be held in Yokohama in August 2025.

The initial lineup to be streamed from Tuesday, July 15, to Wednesday, October 15, 2025, will consist of two films: *ONE CUT OF THE DEAD* and *A Letter to Momo*.

ONE CUT OF THE DEAD is a unique two-part zombie film. With behind-the-scenes drama that will make you laugh and cry, it is unprecedented entertainment full of thrills. *A Letter to Momo* is an animated fantasy film about a summer full of wonders, where an 11-year-old girl who has lost her father forges a joyful friendship with a trio of bizarre goblins. It has won praise at numerous international film festivals. Both films can be enjoyed with subtitles in Arabic, English, French, and Portuguese.

The films will be streamed on JFF Theater, an online streaming platform launched in August 2024 to distribute Japanese films and videos worldwide. This streaming project will be JFF Theater's first targeting a limited region. In combination with titles streamed worldwide (with the exception of certain countries and regions including Japan), a total of about ten titles related to Japan will be available free of charge throughout Africa at all times during the project period.

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Project Title: Japanese Film Festival Africa Online Hosted by: The Japan Foundation Streaming Periods: 1. 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 (JST)

- 2. 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026 (JST)
- 3. 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (JST)

Streaming Platform: JFF Theater URL: <u>https://www.jff.jpf.go.jp/</u>

Available Region: All of Africa (54 countries)

Viewing Fee: Free of charge (account creation required)

Subtitle Languages: Arabic, English, French, and Portuguese

Lineup: Ten titles in total to be streamed

Details of Initial Lineup to Be Streamed from Tuesday, July 15, to Wednesday, October 15

ONE CUT OF THE DEAD

Director: UEDA Shinichiro Cast: HAMATSU Takayuki, Mao, SHUHAMA Harumi, NAGAYA Kazuaki 2017 / 96 min. / ©Enbu Seminar

A Letter to Momo

Director: OKIURA Hiroyuki Cast: MIYAMA Karen, Yuka, NISHIDA Toshiyuki Animation by: Production I.G 2012 / 120 min. / © 2012 "A Letter to Momo" Film Partners

> Promotional materials (images/trailers) are available for the above titles. Please contact <u>press@jpf.go.jp</u> for details.

■ Japanese film streaming website JFF Theater

(https://www.jff.jpf.go.jp/)

JFF Theater is a platform operated by the Japan Foundation for streaming Japanese films and videos with multilingual subtitles, worldwide and free of charge. Since the platform launched in August 2024, accounts have been created by over 100,000 users worldwide. The website can be viewed in seventeen languages, and films are subtitled in up to nineteen languages.



The lineup changes periodically, and 46 titles have been streamed to

date (as of July 15), including *Under the Open Sky*, *The Great Passage*, and *JUNGLE EMPEROR LEO*, *aka KIMBA THE WHITE LION*.

Films and videos showcasing the appeal of Aomori, Ishikawa, Kagoshima, and Okinawa are currently streaming as part of a project titled "Japan's Local Wonders in Films."

*Countries/regions of streaming and subtitle languages may vary by title. Some content is not available in Japan.

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■ About the Japan Foundation (<u>https://www.jpf.go.jp/</u>)

The Japan Foundation is an incorporated administrative agency in Japan dedicated to carrying out comprehensive international cultural exchange programs **based on its mission: "Cultivating friendship and ties between Japan and the world.**"

The Japan Foundation creates opportunities for personal interactions through a variety of projects and information services with the objective of deepening mutual understanding between people in Japan and the rest of the world. It has 26 overseas offices in 25 countries and works in close partnership with Japanese diplomatic missions abroad as well as affiliated organizations to expand its activities across Asia, Oceania, the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.