



# JAPAN FESTIVAL

Abu Dhabi

**Sun. 18 Dec 2022**

**From 13:00**

**Manarat Al Saadiyat**

**Organized by Embassy of Japan in the UAE**

**Program Guide**





# Highlight: Japanese Drum Concert

## Workshop

Garden

14:30 – 14:45



## Ceremony and Concert

Auditorium

16:30 – 17:45

\* Free tickets will be available at the reception counter in Atrium from 15:30. First come, first served!

**Collaboration of Japanese drum team "Sai" from Japan and "Kharsha" from the UAE**

"Sai" is a young and professional Japanese drum team that has performed in Japan and 25 countries. One of the members of "Sai" spent his childhood in the UAE and graduated from Japanese School in Abu Dhabi. Later, he came back to his second hometown, Abu Dhabi and studied at Zayed University. While studying, he and his Emirati friends formed the local Japanese drum team "Kharsha", which has been actively performing at various events, including Dubai Expo etc. "Sai" and "Kharsha" will perform together on the same stage, symbolizing friendship between Japan and the UAE.

**Students from Japanese School in Abu Dhabi will also perform at the stage before the drum concert.**







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## Animation Film Screening

### **Demon Slayer -Kimetsu no Yaiba- The Movie: Mugen Train**

**PG 13**

**Auditorium  
18:30 – 20:30**

Free tickets will be available at the reception counter in Atrium from 17:45.

First come, first served.

#### Synopsis:

Falling forever into an endless dream...

Tanjiro and the group have completed their rehabilitation training at the Butterfly Mansion, and they arrive to their next mission on the Mugen Train, where over 40 people have disappeared in a very short period of time. Tanjiro and Nezuko, along with Zenitsu and Inosuke, join one of the most powerful swordsmen within the Demon Slayer Corps, Flame Hashira Kyojuro Rengoku, to face the demon aboard the Mugen Train on track to despair.

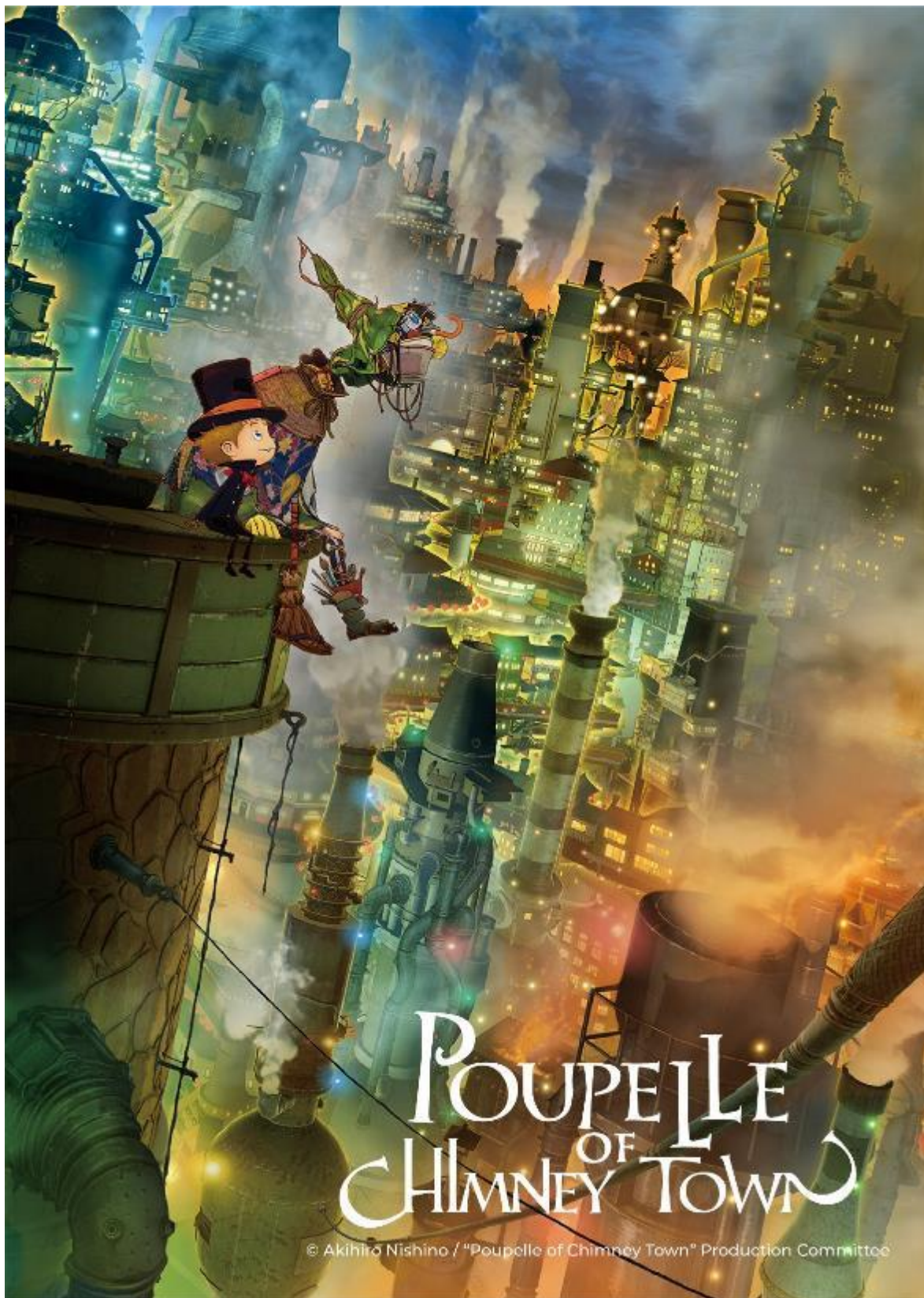




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## Animation Film Screening

### ***Poupelle of Chimney Town***



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**Auditorium**  
**13:00 – 14:50**

Seats are first come, first served.

Synopsis:

*Poupelle of Chimney Town* is the story of young Lubicchi living among the thick smoke from the chimneys of his isolated town, yearning to see the “stars” — to know the truth — his father always told him about. One Halloween night he meets Poupelle, a man made of garbage, and together they look to the sky as their adventure begins. Spectacularly beautiful, filled with inspiring performances and splendid music and sound effects, and produced at Tokyo's famed STUDIO4°C, *Poupelle of Chimney Town* brings laughter, tears and joy.



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## Animation Film Screening

**FREEJ**

**Auditorium**

**18:15-18:30**



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“Freej” is an Emirati animation created by Mr. Mohammed Saeed Harib. It is the first Emirati animation dubbed in Japanese, and broadcasted on MX TV Japan in 2019. A full episode from the Japanese version will be screened at Japan Festival for the first time in UAE.

Synopsis : “A Day in My Life”

Um Allawi receives her online purchase order of her favorite dubbed soap opera titled “A Day in my Life”. Um Saloom, in the mean time start to have her frequent memory loss symptom which freaks out Um Saeed. Everything comes to a halt when Um Khammas barges in with a confession that brings with it a guest and many troubles.

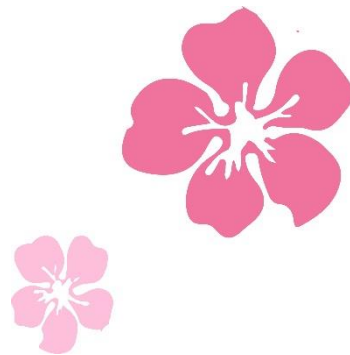


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## Special performance, lecture and displays

**Mr. Juichi Yoshikawa**  
Japanese calligrapher  
SYO artist



**Mr. Abdulla Lutfi**  
Artist



### Special demonstration of Japanese calligraphy on big papers

**15:15 – 15:30**

Mr. Juichi Yoshikawa,  
a renowned Japanese  
calligrapher will  
perform his  
calligraphy show on  
huge Japanese papers.  
His calligraphy works  
will be also exhibited.



### Showcasing artworks that bridge Emirati and Japanese culture

Mr. Abdulla Lutfi is a  
well-known Emirati artist  
who was inspired by  
Japanese manga. He is  
one of people of  
determination.



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His works were exhibited at Dubai Airport and Dubai Expo etc. The exhibition showcases six of his artworks themed on both Japanese and Emirati life and culture.

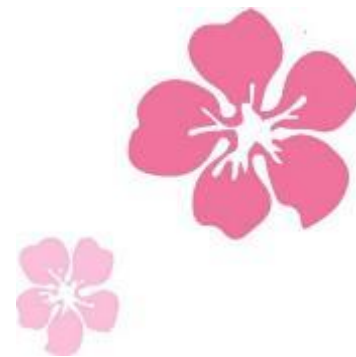




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**Ms. Wakayagi Kichimitsumasa**  
**Traditional Japanese dancer**



**Mr. Shiro Ohkubo**  
**Goodwill Ambassador to Spread**  
**Japanese Cuisine**  
**Managing Director, Summit Trading Co.**



**Japanese traditional dance**  
**14:00 - 14:10 / 16:00 – 16:10**

Ms. Wakayagi Kichimitsumasa, traditional Japanese dance master performs some pieces from auspicious Japanese dance repertoires.

**Talk on “osechi ryori”, Japanese traditional food for new year & “osechi ryori” sample tasting**

**15:00 – 15:15 (Auditorium)**

“Osechi-ryori” is traditional Japanese new year food. **Packed “osechi-ryori” (Halal) will be served for free of charge .**



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## Experience Japanese Culture at hand



### Trial of Nintendo Switch Sports

Active Gulf FZCO the official distributor of Nintendo in the Middle East will showcase Nintendo Switch Sports for participants to experience. Get moving with Tennis and Chambara (Imitation Swordplay) using motion controls.



### Visit Japan Booth and Selphy in Japanese Four Seasons

Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) displays screens of beautiful Japanese four seasons. Take photos with your friends and families in front of the screens of Japanese seasons! You can get information on Japanese tourism destination and participate in the raffle draw as well.



### Cosplay and Haori Try-on

Interested guests can wear cosplay costumes and/or haori, and take photos in front of big screens of Japanese four seasons.



### Japanese Calligraphy Demonstration

Venue and time: Atrium, 15:15-15:30

Mr. Juichi Yoshikawa, a renowned Japanese calligrapher will perform his calligraphy on a huge Japanese paper. His calligraphy works will also be exhibited.





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### Traditional Japanese Dance

Venue and time: Atrium, 14:00 – 14:10 / 16:00 – 16:10

Ms. Wakayagi Kichimitsumasa, a traditional Japanese dance master performs auspicious Japanese dance repertoires.



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### Exhibition by Mr. Abdulla Lutfi

Mr. Abdulla Lutfi is a well-known Emirati artist. The exhibition showcases six artworks themed on both Japanese and Emirati life and culture.



### Talk on Japanese new year food & tasting

Venue and time: Auditorium, 15:00 -

“Osechi-ryori” is traditional Japanese new year foods which is served during the new year. Packed samples of “osechi-ryori” (Halal) will be served after the talk (First-come-first-served basis.)



### Japanese sweets and tea tasting

Taste Japanese green tea called “sencha” and mochi (Japanese rice cake, Halal). First-come-first-served basis.





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## Tea Ceremony

“Peacefulness through a bowl of tea”

Urasenke Abu Dhabi Study Group will be present in the Japan Festival demonstrating and making tea for the visitors. Let us meet and enjoy a bowl of tea where questions about “Chado”, its history and a lot more will be answered.



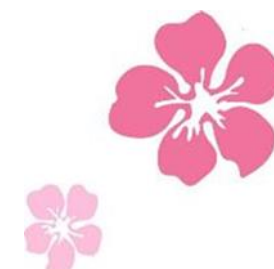
## Ikebana Display

Ikebana is the traditional flower arrangement of Japan which dates back to the 5th century. The visitors of Japan Festival will be welcomed by a breathtaking ikebana flower display by the Ohara School of Ikebana.



## Yo-Yo Water Balloon Fishing

“Yo-Yo water balloon fishing” is one of the popular attractions in Japanese festivals. Participants can try fishing a yo-yo balloon and bring it back home as souvenir.







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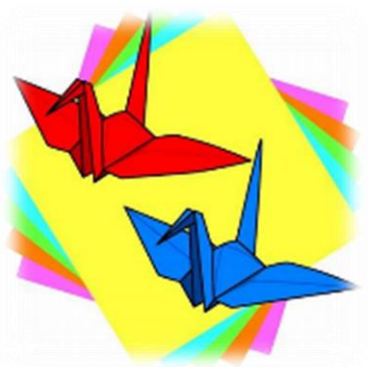
### Japanese Fan Making Workshop

Participants of this workshop will color the special painting prepared for the festival. They can take the completed fan home as souvenir. This activity is ideal for school students.



### Japanese-style key chain making workshop

Participants will make Japanese-style key chain with the guidance of Japanese instructor and volunteers. Participants can take their own key chains home as souvenir.



### Origami workshop

Participants of this workshop will enjoy folding origami with experienced members of Emirati Nippon Keiken Association (ENKA).



### Chopsticks making workshop with Tokyo Metropolitan High School Students

Japanese high school students from Tokyo welcomes you to join the chopsticks making workshop. Participants can take their own chopsticks home as souvenir.





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