

100th Anniversary of Japan-Slovakia Exchanges in 2020



2020 is the 100th anniversary year for establishment of diplomatic relations between former Czechoslovakia republic and Japan. We would like to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Japan-Slovakia exchanges.

Embassy of Japan in the Slovak Republic

Remarks on 100th anniversary year between Slovakia and Japan

Minister of Culture: Ľubica Laššáková



The story of Slovak-Japanese relations has been going on for 100 years. A long experience of valuable ties, friendship and mutual cooperation has contributed to the development of material, intellectual and spiritual wealth of our countries. Cultural cooperation is undoubtedly a long-term driving force for rapprochement of our peoples. By its very nature, it is the best way to get to know and enrich each other.

I am pleased to note that in recent years our cultural contacts have intensified. Regular guest performances of Slovak artistic ensembles in Japan testify to the high standard of Slovak artistic life and present the Japanese audience with the jewels of our original, folklore or contemporary work. The number of fans of Japanese art in Slovakia is growing every year. Traditional art, dance, theater and cinematography are of particular interest. Given the high informative value of our cultures, there is no doubt that the demand for joint cultural projects will only increase in both countries.

I am very glad that the joint celebrations of the centenary of Slovak-Japanese relations will be accompanied by unique cultural events bringing feelings of joy from our exceptional contacts. The history of Slovakia and Japan will surely mark the year 2020 as a year of continued friendship and further rapprochement of our nations.

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs: Miroslav Lajčák



Japan is a very close and dear country to me personally. It has already been 25 years since I served my country as Ambassador in Tokyo. I grew fond of Japan for its hospitality, cultural and historical richness, but mainly for its amazing people. People who base foundations of every relationship on respect, reverence and truthfulness. I have visited Japan many times since the conclusion of my mission, keeping close contact with my partners and colleagues, constantly striving to enhance mutual relations between our countries. Though we may be oceans and thousands of miles apart, any geographical distance is relative if we work together towards common good. In those 100 years of

friendship, baseline of which was drawn by Milan Rastislav Štefánik, we have created strong and lasting ties. Japan was among first countries to recognize the independent and sovereign Slovak Republic and supported our economic transformation process in many ways. Together, we share commitment to democracy and rule of law, as well as a resolve to contribute to a stable and secure world. These core values are strengthened by broad cultural, scientific, educational or sport exchanges. I am convinced that the relations between Slovakia and Japan will remain harmonious and that the new Reiwa era will bring us even close

Planned programs through 100th anniversary year in 2020

January	<p>14th : Opening Ceremony for 100th Anniversary of Japan-Slovakia Exchanges</p> <p>14th-31st : Exhibition of Japanese Artists and Slovak Photographer</p> <p>21st : Japanese Tea Ceremony</p> <p>28th: Ikebana Demonstration</p>	June - August	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Japanese Summer Festival• Asian Weekend
February	 <p>6th-9th : Japanese Film Festival (Bratislava)</p> <p>13th-16th : Japanese Film Festival (Kosice)</p> <p>28th : Noh - Japanese Traditional Dance Performance and Workshop</p>	September	 <p>One-man Theatrical Performance at pop culture event</p>
March	 <p>Introduction of Japanese Culture at pop culture event</p>	October	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tsugaru-shamisen Concert• Japanese Calligraphy Workshop
May	 <p>Nihon Buyo – Japanese Traditional Dance Performance</p>	November	 <p>Friendship Concert by Japanese musician with Slovak Philharmonic</p>

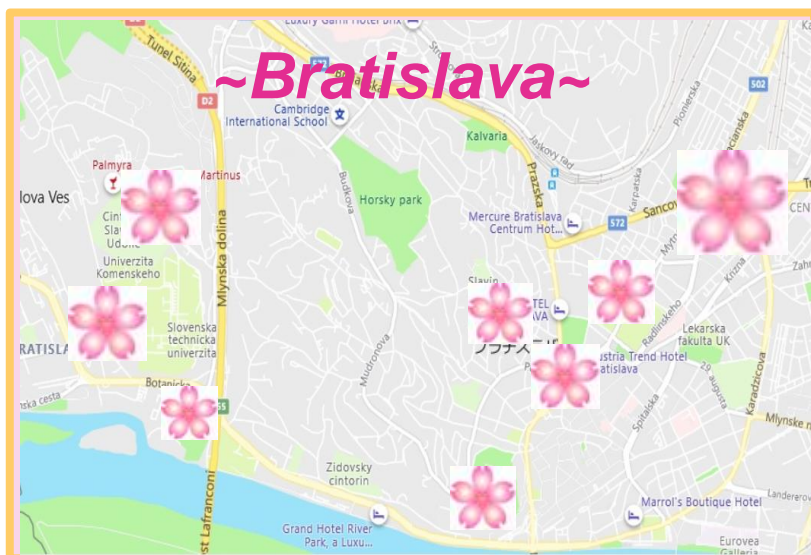
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We are planning more programs for anniversary year!

Blooming Sakura Campaign

Sakura (cherry blossoms) is the national flower of Japan. We are going to plant sakura trees all over Slovakia as a symbol of “eternal friendship” between Slovakia and Japan, getting supports from donors. The target number is 500! People will enjoy the beauty of sakura in every spring even after 100 years.

Sakura MAP



Legionarska-Radlinskeho, Karlova Ves, Bratislava Zoo, Botanical Garden, etc...

Bratislava, Kosice, Krupina, Nitra, Banska Bystrica, Trencin, Levice, etc...



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