

Anniversary events in 2022

Date	Event name	Organizer	Location and more details
February 3 – March 6	The Japan Foundation traveling exhibition "Variation and Authonomy: The Prints of Contemporary Japanese Painters "	Embassy of Japan in Lithuania; M.K.Čiurlionis Museum of Art; The Japan Foundation	Kaunas Picture Gallery, K. Donelaičio g. 16, Kaunas https://ciurlionis.lt/veikla/padalini-ai/kauno-paveikslu-galerija/parodos/pokyciai-ir-individualumas-siuolaikiniu-japonijos-menininku-grafika/ https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/
February 24	International conference "National and International Attempt of Rescue World War II Jewish Refugees in Lithuania (1939-1941): Efforts by Lithuania, Poland, Japan, America, and others"	Faculty of History, Vilnius university	Aula Parva (Mažoji aula), 2 nd floor, Vilnius university, Universiteto st. 3, Vilnius Available to watch online as well. https://www.facebook.com/events/1099979824128774/?ref=newsfeed
February TBC	"The Person of Tolerance Awards"	Sugihara Foundation "Diplomats For Life"	Kaunas https://www.facebook.com/sugiharahouse
March 3-4	International academic conference "A Century of Connections: Historical ties Between the Baltic and East Asia Regions" Conference to commemorate memorable historical events uniting Baltic and East Asian regions since interwar to these days: de jure recognition of the Baltic states; interwar diplomatic communication, ties during the period of Soviet occupation, contemporary state-level, cultural and societal relations.	Asian Studies Center, Vytautas Magnus University	Vytautas Magnus University https://asc.vdu.lt/lt/

March 3	Meeting with Japanese artist Tei Kobayashi Japanese artist Tei Kobayashi, who has created a sculpture installed at the Europe Park dedicated to Marija Gimbutas at Europos Parkas will present a new performance YONI: HoŲmage to Marija Gimbutas.	The National museum of Lithuania	House of Histories, T.Kosčiuškos st. 3, Vilnius Online event. https://lnm.lt/en/events/meeting-with-japanese-artist-tei-kobayashi/
April (TBC)	Sakura Festival in Alytus	Mr Kęstutis Ptakauskas, President of Lithuanian Bonsai Association	Alytus Sakura Park https://www.bonsai.lt
April 24	Sakura Festival at Chiune Sugihara Sakura Park in Vilnius Sakura trees planting and concert by New Ideas Chamber Orchestra (NIKO)	New Ideas Chamber Orchestra (NIKO)	Chiune Sugihara Sakura Park in Vilnius https://www.facebook.com/Sakuru-parko-atgimimas-ir-Hanami-sventė-100516802095664 https://www.facebook.com/NaujuIdejuKamerinisOrkestras
April 24 – May 1	Days of Japan in Kaunas "WA!" Big scale festival with concerts, workshops, exhibitions, movie screenings and other events presenting Japanese culture. Organized as a part of “Kaunas European Capital of Culture 2022” program.	Kaunas 2022, MB Azija LT, Dance Theatre AURA, VšĮ Cultural and Organizational Ideas (KOI), VšĮ Kyūmeikan Kendo	Kaunas https://m.facebook.com/Japonijos-dienos-Kaune-WA-101790272406012/
April 29	Sakura planting ceremony in Kurkliai and Užunvėžiai (Anykščiai district)		Anykščiai
April 24 – May 10	Photo Exhibition "Pilgrimage of 88 temples of Shikoku" by Evaldas Karalius	Evaldas Karalius, traveler	Kaunas Puppet Theater, Laisvės al. 87A, Kaunas www.kaunoleles.lt
May (TBC)	The opening of the original Japanese Ukiyo-e artworks exhibition	Franciscan monastery in Klaipėda	Savanorių st. 4, Klaipėda www.viltiesmiestas.lt
April or May (TBC)	Japanese Tea ceremony Event at the Japanese garden in Klaipėda to celebrate the sakura season	Klaipėda Pedagogical Psychological Service	Debreceno st. 41, Klaipėda https://www.klaipedospt.lt
June 10	Bonsai Exhibition opening in Alytus	Mr Kęstutis Ptakauskas, President of Lithuanian Bonsai Association	Alytus https://www.bonsai.lt
Summer (TBC)	Japanese culture festival	Japanese garden in Mažučiai village, Kretinga distr.	Mažučiai village, Kretinga distr. https://japangarden.lt/en/

July - November	International Vilnius Calligraphy Competition Exhibition Presenting Japanese and European calligraphy.	National Museum of Lithuania	Kazys Varnelis house – museum, Didžioji st. 26, Vilnius https://lnm.lt
September 15-18	Silent movie Festival "First Wave" Presenting early sound and silent movies. Expected to present several Japanese early silent movies as well.	VšĮ “Kino Aljansas”	Vilnius https://www.pirmojibanga.lt/lt
Autumn (TBC)	"nowJapan 2022" The largest and oldest Japanese culture festival in Lithuania. Japan related exhibitions, performances, workshops, lectures and more.	VšĮ Cultural and Organizational Ideas (KOI)	Vilnius https://www.facebook.com/nowJapan/
September 22 – October 22	Kaunas architecture festival "East-East" It is a long-term cooperation project that laid the foundations for the exchange of Lithuanian and Japanese architecture and develops cooperation between the Lithuanian and Japanese architectural communities. A forum, exhibitions, professional lectures and a competition for architectural students are going to take place.	Lithuanian Architects Union, Kaunas branch	Kaunas https://kultura.kaunas.lt/renginys/kauno-architekturos-festivalis-projektas-rytai-rytai/5809?prev=all
Autumn (TBC)	Japan culture presentation event in Vievis Lecture and workshops about Japanese culture	Vievis Culture Centre	Vievis https://www.facebook.com/vievio kulturoscentras/
November 5	“Sugihara Symphony” A large symphonic work featuring solo cello, choir, and orchestra commemorating the incredible and singular heroism of Chiune Sugihara.	Ms Kristina Reiko Cooper (Cellist); Ms Lera Auerbach (Composer, librettist); Kaunas Symphony Orchestra; Kaunas State Choir; Yad Vashem.	Kaunas https://www.sugiharasympphony.com/
November 7-14	100 year Anniversary Events at the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania Big scale events with Japan-Lithuania related exhibitions, workshops, lectures, discussion panel, movie screenings, concerts.	Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania	Vilnius https://www.lnb.lt

December TBC	Anime contest A contest for university students to create their own anime. Award ceremony would also include a lecture about the significance of anime, as well as anime movie screening.	Mykolas Romeris university	Vilnius https://www.mruni.eu
TBC	21st Japanese Film Festival Annual Japanese film festival organized by the Japan Foundation and the Embassy of Japan in Lithuania	Embassy of Japan in Lithuania	TBC https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/
2023 January – March (TBC)	Japan Foundation Photo Exhibition A photo exhibition "Built in environment. An alternative guide to Japan", featuring 80 examples of buildings, civil engineering works and landscapes, etc., from all the prefectures of Japan. The exhibition presents a rarely considered aspect of Japan, taking the built environment of the various regions of a country that is geographically diverse and often struck by natural disasters, with the aim of examining how Japanese people have engaged and struggled with the natural environment and how they have carried on and created locality.	Embassy of Japan in Lithuania	TBC https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/