

Anniversary events in 2022

Date	Event name	Organizer	Location and more details
February 1 10:00	Online lecture “World of Edo woodblock prints” Conducted by Ukiyo-e artist Ms Takahashi (Conducted as a part of “Japan Brand Program”)	Embassy of Japan in Lithuania	Online In advance registration is necessary. https://www.facebook.com/JapanEmb.Lithuania
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-individualumas-siuolaikiniu-japonijos-menininku-grafika/ https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/
February 24 10:00	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), Vilnius university, Universiteto st. 3, Vilnius Available to watch online as well. https://www.facebook.com/VUIstorijsfakultetas
February	"The Person of Tolerance Awards"	Sugihara Foundation "Diplomats For Life"	Kaunas https://www.facebook.com/sugiha.rahouse
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	Asian Studies Center, Vytautas Magnus University	Vytautas Magnus University https://asc.vdu.lt/lt/

	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.		
March 3	Meeting with Japanese artist Tei Kobayashi	The National museum of Lithuania	House of Histories, T.Kosčiuškos st. 3, Vilnius https://lnm.lt/en/events/meeting-with-japanese-artist-tei-kobayashi/
March 23	Concert „MONÉ HATTORI: The Jewel of Japan“ Conducted by Lithuanian State Symphony Orchestra and Mone Hattori (Violin, Japan)	The National Philharmony	The National Philharmony, Vilnius http://www.lvso.lt/lt/renginiai/mone-hattori-japonijos-brangakmenis
April 22-24	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/NaujuIdejuKamerinisOrkestras/
April 24 – May 1	Days of Japan in Kaunas "WA!" Concerts, workshops, exhibitions, movie screenings and other events presenting Japanese culture.	Kaunas 2022, Azija LT, Dance Theatre AURA, Cultural and Organizational Ideas (KOI), 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	Raudondvaris museum, Kaunas district www.krmuziejus.lt
May 16	Graffiti “Future Lithuanian” Opening of the graffiti “Future Lithuanian” based on the drawing of Japanese artist Hiroyuki Mitsume Takahashi, painted by Lithuanian artist Kipras Petrauskas	VšĮ Cultural and Organizational Ideas (KOI)	Dariaus ir Girėno st., Vilnius https://www.facebook.com/nowJapan/
May 21	Japanese puppet theater “Kakashiza” Performance by the “Kakashiza” Japanese puppet theater during Kaunas Puppet festival 2022.	Kaunas State Puppet Theater	https://kaunoleliuteatras.lt/ http://www.kaunas.lt/2022/05/naujienos/xxii-tarptautinis-leliu-teatru-festivalis-kaunas-puppet-22/

June 1 – July 15	International exhibition of art lecturer “Kvadratas” The opening of the exhibition by art lecturers from Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, inspired by Japanese traditional clothing kimono	Gallery “Aukso pjūvis”	Kaunas, BLC https://auksopjuvis.lt/kvadratas-13-kimono/
June 10	Bonsai Exhibition opening in Alytus	Mr Kęstutis Ptakauskas, President of Lithuanian Bonsai Association	Alytus https://www.bonsai.lt
June 16	Photo Exhibition opening "Pilgrimage of 88 temples of Shikoku" by Evaldas Karalius	The Government's office; Evaldas Karalius,	The Government's office, Vilnius
September 2-3	Traditional Japanese music concerts Concerts by Hibiki Ichikawa (Shamisen, Japan) and Luke Burns (Shamisen, taiko, United Kingdom) in Kaunas and Vilnius	Embassy of Japan, BLC, Sugihara house, Sostinės dienos	https://renginiai.kasvyksta.lt/103275/japoniskos-muzikos-koncertas-tsugaru-shamisen-taiko https://www.vilniusfestivals.lt/na-ujiena/sostines-dienu-koncertu-scenose-ne-tik-garsiausi-lietuvos-artistai-bet-ir-zinomi-atlikejai-is-svedijos-ukrainos-ir-net-japonijos/
September 15-18	Silent movie Festival "First Wave" Presenting early sound and silent movies, including Japanese early silent movies with benshi narration by Ichiro Kataoka.	VšĮ “Kino Aljansas”	Vilnius https://www.pirmojibanga.lt/lt
September 16	The opening of the Gallery 1252 with original Ukiyo-e artworks	Franciscan monastery in Klaipėda, Savanorių g. 4	Klaipėda https://www.facebook.com/gallery1252
September 29	Funeral of "nowJapan" The funeral event for the largest and oldest Japanese culture festival in Lithuania.	VšĮ Cultural and Organizational Ideas (KOI)	Vilnius https://www.facebook.com/nowJapan/
September 21 – October 10	Calligraphy exhibition “Sense of wonder” Calligraphy exhibition and workshop by Japanese calligraphy artist Tosen Iwasaki	K.Varnelis house-museum, Embassy of Japan	https://lnm.lt/renginiai/tosen-iwasaki-kaligrafijos-darbu-paroda-stebuklo-pojutis/
September 23 – 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	Lithuanian Architects Union, Kaunas branch	Kaunas https://kultura.kaunas.lt/renginys/kauno-architekturos-festivalis-projektas-rytai-rytai/5809?prev=all

	to take place. World famous architect Mr Kengo Kuma as a keynote speaker at the conference on September 23.		
October 9	11th Kyudo championship of Lithuania	Kyudo federation of Lithuania	Vilnius
October 21, 23, 25, 27	Concerts by Dalia Dedinskaitė (violin) and Junna Iwasaki (piano)	“Ars Lituanica”	Vilnius city hall; Šiauliai “Laiptai” gallery; Plungė Culture center; Nida Thomas Mann house
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 21	5th Japanese speech contest Annual Japanese language speech contest, aimed to those who study Japanese language.	Komaru Foundation, Hiroshima university, Vytautas Magnus university Asian studies center	Kaunas https://www.facebook.com/ASC.VDU/posts/433280168792057
November - December	100 year Anniversary Events at the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania November 14 - Opening of the Exhibition “Kizuna” dedicated to the 100 years anniversary between Japan and Lithuania. November 18 at 16:00 - Talk show with Japanese writer Sayaka Murata. November 20 at 13:30 – Concert of Japanese and Lithuanian music. At the St. Casimir’s church, Didžioji st. 34, Vilnius Lecture series about Japanese culture: 22 nd November at 17:30 – Japanese literature (Dr. Dalia Švambarytė) 29 th November at 17:30 – Japanese art (Dr. Arūnas Gelūnas) 6 th December at 17:30 – Japanese music (Dr. Ramūnas Motiekaitytis) 13 th December at 17:30 – Japanese cinema (Dr. Deimantas Valančiūnas) Location: Renginių erdvė Hall, 3 rd floor December 15 at 15:00 - Round table discussion. Location: Conference Hall, 5 th floor	Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, Embassy of Japan	Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania 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
Autumn (TBC)	Japan culture presentation event in Vievis Lecture and workshops about Japanese culture.	Vievis Culture Centre	Vievis https://www.facebook.com/vievio.kulturoscentras/
2023 March (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	Vilnius, Kaunas, Klaipėda https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/
2023 February – 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/