



Event Schedule in Lithuania for 2026

Events to commemorate the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Lithuania and the 40th anniversary of Chiune Sugihara's passing.

If there are any events you would like us to include in the list, please contact us via email at culture@vn.mofa.go.jp

Date	Event name	Location	More details
January 30	Opening event commemorating the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Lithuania Kenbu – the art of the samurai sword dance and poetry	LNMA Museum of Applied Arts and Design, Vilnius	https://www.lndm.lt/didybe-mazume-japonisku-kardu-menines-detales-grafika-miniatiurine-skulptura/
January 31	Opening event commemorating the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Lithuania Kenbu – the art of the samurai sword dance and poetry	Kaunas cinema centre "Romuva", Kaunas	https://kcromuva.lt/filmai/kenbu-pasirodymas/
February 5 – August 2	An exhibition dedicated to Ainu culture „A Soul Between Worlds“	NML House of Histories, Vilnius	https://lnm.lt/renginiai/paroda-zmogus-tarp-pasauliu-ainu-tauta-japonijos-siaureje-ir-etnografas-bronislovas-pilsudksis/
February 18-21, 27-28	24th Japan Film Festival	Vilnius, Klaipėda	https://www.lt.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_lt/index.html
February 21 18:00	Concert of Pianist Yusuke Ishii "M. K. Čiurlionis: from Vilnius to Tokyo"	The Lithuanian Theatre, Music and Cinema Museum, Vilnius	https://www.facebook.com/events/vilniaus-g-41-01119-vilnius-lithuania/yusuke-ishii-koncertas-m-k-%C4%8Diurlionis-nuo-vilniaus-iki-tokijo/1171702738493657/
February 27 – March 1	Ainu Culture Festival	NML House of Histories, Vilnius	

March 16	Symposium on Chiune Sugihara	Sugihara House Museum, Kaunas	
April	Sakura Blossom Festival	Chiune Sugihara Sakura Park, Vilnius	
May 14-16	"Japan Days in Kaunas WA" (Mikoshi parade, Ningyo dolls exhibition, flash mob and other events)	Various locations in Kaunas	
May 22-23	Japanese Food and Culture Day	Shopping center PANORAMA, Vilnius	
June	Concert by Japanese choir AKChoir and kanklės players, dedicated to the 120th anniversary of the kanklės	Concerts in Vilnius and other locations	
July 19	Sakura trees planting ceremony at the 500th anniversary festival of Kurkliai village	Kurkliai, Anykščiai district	
July 29	Chiune Sugihara Memorial Event	Vilna Gaon Museum of Jewish History, Vilnius	
July	Concert by jazz pianist Keiko Borjeson	Japanese garden, Kretinga district	
August 12-13	Concerts by Shakuhachi flute artist Dōzan Fujiwara	Kaunas, Vilnius	
August 16	Concert and exhibition „Gardens of Silence and Water“	Rokiškis	
August 28-29	Presentation of traditional Japanese culture at the Pakruojis City Festival	Pakruojis	
September 5-6, 8	Bon Odori Festival with Kōenji Awa Odori Association "Kikusui-ren"	Vilnius, Šiauliai	
September 17	Artistic and educational project "Bridges of the Sun"	Franciscan monastery, Vilnius	
September 4-25	Exhibition "Japanese Graphic Design 1875-1975"	Neringa	
October	9th Japanese Language Contest	Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas	
2027 January	Vilnius Light Festival with light installations by Japanese artists	Vilnius	