



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 23	Sakura Blossom Festival	Chiune Sugihara Sakura Park, Vilnius	https://fb.me/e/62pcaGIG0
May 9 20:00	Acid Mothers Temple concert	Kirtimai culture center	https://www.facebook.com/events/911673568003351
May 14-16	"Japan Days in Kaunas WA" (Mikoshi parade, Ningyo dolls exhibition, flash mob and other events)	Various locations in Kaunas	https://japandays.eu/ https://www.facebook.com/JapanDaysWA
May 23	Japanese Food and Culture Day	Shopping center PANORAMA, Vilnius	
June 12	Japanese contemporary dance theatre "NAMSTROPS" dance anthology "The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter"	Anykščiai cultural center	https://www.anyksciukc.lt/renginiai/bambuku-kirtejo-pasaka-sokio-antologija-ikvepta-seniausios-japonijos-mokslines-fantastikos/
June 13	Midsummer Haiku Festival in Senas kluonas	Kanavos str. 7, Papiskes village, Zapyskis district	https://www.facebook.com/senaskluonas/?locale=lt_LT
June 24-28	Concert by Japanese choir AKChoir	Various locations	June 24 Vilnius Šv. Kazimieras church June 25 Vilnius Balys Dvarionas 10 Year Music School June 26 Miežiškiai cultural center June 27 Kaunas City Museum M. and K. Petrauskas House June 27 Kaunas Christ's Resurrection Basilica June 28 Japanese garden Sei Shin En, Vilnius
June 30	Japanese and Lithuanian kanklės players concert, dedicated to the 120th anniversary of the kanklės	Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania	
July 17	Jun Futamata and Kotaro Saito concert	Anykščiai Art Incubator	https://menuinkubatorius.lt/srautas/japonu-kurejai-anyksciu-menu-inkubatoriuje/
July 19	Sakura trees planting ceremony at the 500th anniversary festival of Kurkliai village	Kurkliai, Anykščiai district	

July 28	Arvydas Kumpis's exhibition of photographs from Japan, "Angles"	Kaunas	"Jaukūs namai", Kaunas.
July 31	SUMIMASEN. Sergej Grigorjev's Japan Photography Exhibition	Nida	Curonian Spit History Museum (Pamario St. 53, Nida).
August 4-16	Concert by jazz pianist Keiko Borjeson	Neringa, Tauragė, Klaipėda, Gargždai, Mažučių km.	August 4 in Juodkrantė August 5 in Tauragė August 6 in Preila August 7 in Nida August 8 in Klaipėda August 13–15 in the Japanese Garden, Kretinga District August 16 in Gargždai https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10242203078989134&set=pcb.10242203100709677
August 13-14	Concerts by Shakuhachi flute artist Dōzan Fujiwara	Kaunas, Vilnius	August 13, 2:00 PM: Free shakuhachi workshop at St. Casimir's Church (Didžioji St. 24, Vilnius) https://fb.me/e/7EQkDbfsI . August 13, 7:00 PM: Free concert "Spring Sea" at St. Casimir's Church (Didžioji St. 24, Vilnius) https://kristupofestivalis.lt/sakralines-muzikos-valandos-pavasario-jura/ . August 14, 8:30 PM: Open-air concert at the "Romuva" Cinema Centre in Kaunas. Ticketed event https://kcromuva.lt/filmai/lauko-kinas-filmas-monstras-d-fujiwara-ir-j-murasawa-koncertas/
August 16	Concert and exhibition „Gardens of Silence and Water“	Rokiškis	https://fb.me/e/4ymM98PMC
August 19	Textile Art Exhibition "Playing with Threads". Author: Norico Ichimura	Kaunas	Salonas „Jaukūs namai“
August 27-29	Gifu Sogetsu ikebana demonstration by Master Kousui Mutou	Various locations	August 27 NML House of Histories, Vilnius August 28 Pakruojis August 29 Sugihara House Museum, Kaunas
September 5-6	Bon Odori Festival	Vilnius	https://fb.me/e/7PI9BuJl2
September 5-7	Awa odori dances by Kōenji Awa Odori Association "Kikusui-ren"	Vilnius, Šiauliai	September 5 at 12:00 PM – at the Ukraine Centre; September 5 at 6:00 PM – during the "Bon Odori" festival in Vilnius, at the House of Histories (https://fb.me/e/7PI9BuJl2) September 6 at 2:00 PM – on the stage near V. Kudirka Square during the "Capital Days" festival;

			September 7 at 6:00 PM – at the "Saulė" concert hall in Šiauliai (https://fb.me/e/4ymM98PMC)
September 26 16:00	“Arigato, Čiurlionis” Concert	Druskininkai	https://renginiai.druskininkai.lt/renginys/5445/japonijos-diena-druskininkuose-arigato-ciurlioniui
October 8	Commemorative event dedicated to Chiune Sugihara and the 35th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Lithuania	Vilna Gaon Museum of Jewish History	
October 19	Lithuania-Japan Science Forum	Research Council of Lithuania	https://scienceweek.lt/en/speaker/10th-anniversary-of-the-lithuania-japan-scientific-cooperation-programme-lmt-jsps/
November 12 & 14	LMTA Student Symphony Orchestra concerts	Klaipėda Concert Hall, LVSO Concert Hall	