

Houston Japanese MeetUp Video Lending Library

No.	Type	Lang.	Description
1	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on history, geography, production of Miso
2	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on history, etc. of Kimono, plus Chiba City grand Taiko festival, traditional indigo dyeing.
3	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on Tokyo Station history and tourism
4	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on art dolls, Hime Matsuri, etc. (not toys)
5	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on method of Zen breathing for relaxation
6	DVD	JP-FR	NHK COOL JAPAN on Paris Japan Expo
7	VCD	JP	NHK Tameshite Gatten on how to prepare Okonomiyaki at home
8	DVD	JP	Condensed JP-dubbed version of the most famous Korean period drama, CHANGUMU (5 hours)
9	VCD	JP	NHK news program on popularity of Korean dramas in Japan, beginning with Fuyu No Sonata
10	DVD	JP	JP-dubbed version of the most famous Korean modern drama, Fuyu No Sonata
11	VCD	JP	NHK history program on Nakahama Manjiro, who traveled alone to the US in the 1840s in violation of the Shogunate
12	DVD	JP	NHK history program on the mystery of the roots of anime in Japan, the famous Chojujinbutsugiga scroll discovered at Kozanji
13	DVD	JP	PRETTY GIRLS, comedy romance drama starring Inamori Izumi as a super ultra-positive department store worker, all about the power of positive thinking.
14	DVD	JP	period film KAASAN, a touching and easily understood portrait of life in a Nagaya in Edo
15	DVD	JP	NHK Project X on the first Japanese expedition to antarctica
16	DVD	JP	drama series KIKUJIRO TO SAKI, nostalgic portrait of family during boyhood of Beat Takeshi
17	DVD	JP	series KURA, beautifully filmed period drama in snow country of tragedy and overcoming obstacles - great happy ending
18	DVD	JP	series MEGAMI NO KOI, OL comedy drama mostly set in Miyazaki-ken, good examples of how to argue in Japanese
19	VCD	JP/CH	SHOMUNI No. 1, greatest/funniest OL comedy drama of all time
20	VCD	JP/CH	SHOMUNI No. 2, greatest OL comedy drama of all time
21	VCD	JP/CH	SHOMUNI No. 3, greatest OL comedy drama of all time
22	VCD	JP/CH	TRICK No. 1, comedy drama series in which Nakama Yukie solves mysteries based on magic-illusions, first season
23	DVD	JP/EN	TRICK No. 2, comedy drama series, second season
24	VCD	JP/CH	TRICK No. 3, comedy drama series, third season
25	DVD	JP/EN	SHALL WE DANCE, the famous original film
26	DVD	JP/EN	NOBODY KNOWS, Canes award winning film based on true story of neglected children in Tokyo

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27	DVD	JP	Comedy drama ROKKA NO HANAKO, legendary super OL returns to office as helpful ghost, first season.
28	DVD	JP	Comedy drama KAETTE KITA ROKKA NO HANAKO, legendary super OL returns to office as ghost, second season.
29	DVD	JP	OL SENIDO, OL romance comedy about saving and spending money, numerous lessons on avoidance of financial fraud
30	VCD	EN	NHK Japanology on history & regional types of Tofu
31	DVD	JP	Full JP-dubbed version of the most famous Korean period drama, CHANGUMU, romance drama in feudal Korea (54 hours), many interesting details of ancient-modern foods, medicine, pharmacy.
32	DVD	JP	ADRENALINE DRIVE - couple find Yakuza money and are pursued in non-stop action romance film
33	DVD	JP	BAKUMATSUJUNJODEN period film rewrites history of Kyoto and the Shinsengumi at end of Edo period
34	DVD	JP	GOKUSEN no. 1, comedy romance drama, Nakama Yukie stars as teacher in problem school trying to conceal her Yakuza past, first season
35	DVD	JP	GOKUSEN no. 2, comedy romance drama, second season.
36	DVD	JP	OSHIN, ultra-condensed (5 hr) version of the most famous Japanese TV series ever, shown world-wide and quoted by President Regan, positive attitude of heroine overcomes problems, based on a composite of true stories
37	VCD	JP	NHK Glose-Up Gendai documentary on Japan's version of our Monarch butterfly, tiny creature flies from home near Okinawa, across the ocean, up as far as Hokkaido and down to Taiwan.
38	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, Out & About Special, Japanese-speaking Gaijin reporters experience crafts, festivals, etc. Gives a very good feel of what it is like to travel & speak Japanese in Japan.
39	DVD	JP	Naruhodo Nihongo No. 1, history and fun of onomatopoeia in Japanese
40	DVD	JP	Naruhodo Nihongo No. 2, counting systems (no. 1) plus common grammar - cultural mistakes by Gaijin in Japan
41	DVD	JP/EN	ZATOICHI, one of Japan period films' most enduring images, the blind swordsman. No. 1, THE TALE OF ZATOICHI
42	DVD	JP/EN	ZATOICHI, No. 2, THE TALE OF ZATOICHI CONTINUES
43	DVD	JP/EN	ZATOICHI, No. 3, NEW TALE OF ZATOICHI
44	DVD	JP/EN	ZATOICHI, No. 4, THE FUGITIVE
45	DVD	JP/EN	ZATOICHI, No. 5 ON THE ROAD
46	DVD	JP	Naruhodo Nihongo No. 3, all you need to know about Keigo, grammar mistakes by young Japanese, counting systems (no. 2-4)
47	DVD	JP/JP	NYOKEI KAZOKU drama. Yonekura Ryoko stars as the surprise unwelcome guest at a funeral. This suspense drama is an excellent mini-course in proper use of modern Keigo at work, etc.

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48	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology on history & regional types of Udon
49	DVD	JP	HANAOKA SEISHU NO TSUMA, drama in early 1800s about development in Japan of world's first general anesthesia, based on historical novel by Ariyoshi Sawako.
50	VCD	JP	NHK history program on the Kobe Incident. History of two members of Choshu Five through start of the Meiji government.
51	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, traditional uses of bamboo, also HOW TO HOLD HASHI PROPERLY (you probably are not), how Hashi are made, history and beauty, what kinds of Hashi are used to eat particular foods (Ramen Hashi, Tofu Hashi, pasta Hashi, etc.).
52	VCD	JP/CH	Drama NARITA DIVORCE. Comedy about a couple who start-end married life with an extreme "Narita Rikon".
53	DVD	JP/EN	Drama CONCERTO LOVE. Comedy about a mismatched musician couple, based on the hit Manga.
54	DVD	JP	DRAGON ZAKURA. Hit drama about sending students from problem school to Japan's finest university. Study methods.
55	VCD	JP	NHK documentary on why Japanese on average live longer than people of other nations. Identifies diet-lifestyle differences. Comparison of Japanese in Hawaii, Okinawa, and Brazil.
56	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, traditional (Sukiya) type architecture and aesthetic, with examples from sightseeing locations in Kyoto, such as Katsura Rikyu, Taian, Daitokuji, etc.
57	DVD	JP	Movie KEWAISHI. Beautifully shot film depicting lives of several women in Taisho era, based on Manga, prize winner at 2001 Tokyo International Film Festival.
58	DVD	JP	Comedy drama KUITAN. Detective in Yokohama solves food-related crimes. In addition to solving a mystery, each program explains a different Japanese food in detail (no. 1 = sushi).
59	DVD	JP	Comedy drama JIKO KEISATSU. Couple from the police elapsed case dept. solves crimes. Although the mysteries are easily solved, full of puns, situational humor, and slapstick.
60	DVD	JP	ERAI TOKORO NI TOTSUIDE SHIMATA! Another Nakama Yukie situational comedy, this time about marriage into a rather odd and hopelessly traditional household.
61	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, ENKA 101. Introduction and history of Japanese pop music, focusing mostly on Enka.
62	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, about world-class wines produced in Japan.
63	VCD	EN-JP	NHK Japanology, production and varieties of Shochu (sweet potato brandy) in Japan.
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Example language codes: EN-JP = English with Japanese, JP/EN = Japanese with English subtitles.