

## LIST OF FEATURE FILMS FOR SCHOOL VISITS

- (1) Congratulatory Speech (1985/90min) - PG...Yr 10~(Comedy) 祝辞**  
This satirical comedy is about the Japanese penchant for making flowery, drawn-out speeches on all public occasions. (Good for Society & Culture studies)
- (2) Barefoot Gen\*\* (1989/110min) - PG... All age (Animation) はだしのゲン**  
Based on a cartoon series written by Nakazawa Keiji. While a student in primary school, he survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. However, he lost his father, sister and brother....
- (3) Rock Requiem (1988/100min) -G... All age (Drama) ロックよ、静かに流れよ**  
The story of the friendship that develops between 4 boys who all share the love of rock music.
- (4) Sadako Story\*\* (1989/96min) - PG... All age (Non-Fiction) つる -鶴-**  
Based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki whose house was bombed in Hiroshima.
- (5) Rainbow Kids (1991/119min) - G...Yr 10~ (Comedy) 大誘拐**  
Rainbow Kids is the story of a complicated kidnapping. The wealthy old landowner who complicated the whole affair by helping the kidnapper.
- (6) My Sons (1991/121min) - G...Yr 10~ (Drama) 息子**  
Tetsuo left his home in the country and lives alone in Tokyo. His brother went on to university and found a good job, but Tetsuo did not. Then one day he falls in love with Seiko who is deaf and dumb.
- (7) Tora-san My Uncle (1990/108min) - PG All age (Comedy) 男はつらいよ ぼくの叔父さん**  
Tora-san visits his uncle's shop after his travels. His nephew Mitsuo is depressed because he failed his entrance exam. Tora's sister, asks Tora-san to help Mitsuo, but...
- (8) Sumo Do, Sumo Don't (1992/103min) - PG...All age (Comedy) シコふんじやった**  
Giving an entertaining glimpse at the unique sport of Sumo, "Sumo do, Sumo don't" tells the story of final year student Yamamoto who is told that the only way he can graduate is to join the Sumo Club which has only 1 man.
- (9) Gamera, The Guardian of The Universe (1995/95min) - PG...All age (S/F)**  
**ガメラ大怪獣空中決戦**  
"Godzilla" and "Gamera" have been the most popular monster film series in Japan since the 1950s. The new "Gamera", made by young director, is full of excitement.
- (10) Bloom In The Moonlight (1993/125min)-PG...Yr 11~(Non Fiction-Life)**  
**我が愛の詩 滝廉太郎物語**  
Based on a true story of Rentaro Taki, a well-known composer, who had a short but passionate life. This film received honors from the Ministry of Education.
- (11) Gakko II:A Class To Remember 2 (1996/122min) - PG...All age (Drama) 学校II**  
This is thoughtful and touching film about the relationships between teaches and students at a special school. Living with students, Ryuhei, a teacher realizes that teaching is not just about teaching students, it is about giving them back what they give the teachers.
- (12) My Secret Cache (1997/83min) - PG...Yr 10~ (Comedy) ひみつの花園**  
Suzuki Sakiko loves money. After graduation she worked as a bank clerk just to be near money. One day she is taken hostage by bank robbers whose escape plan fails when their plane crashes. Sakiko is the only passenger left alive....
- (13) Nodo-Jiman (1999/112min) - PG...Yr 10~ (Comedy) のど自慢**  
"Nodo-Jiman" is a well-known amateur singing contest which travels all over Japan and is broadcast live on NHK (national broadcasting station) every Sunday at noon. The film looks at the lives of four "Nodo-Jiman" participants, all with their own unique circumstances.

- (14) Give It all (1998/120min) -PG...All Age (Drama) がんばっていきまっしょい**  
Set in the 70's, "Give It All" tells the story of Etsuko, who after being told she can't join the all boys rowing club, cajoles four other student to start a girl's rowing club.
- (15) Nabbie's Love (1999/92min) - PG...Yr10~(Comedy) ナビィの恋**  
Story about an old woman's passionate love lasting for 60 years and people around her on a small tropical island off Okinawa, which has a quite unique culture.
- (16) First Love (2000/112min) - PG...Yr10~(Drama) はつ恋**  
A teenage girl, Satoka, finds an unsent love letter written by her sick mother to her first love. She tries to organise a romantic reunion. However, she finds he is a mere shadow of this former self.
- (17) Fifteen - Gakko IV (2000/116min) - PG ...All Age (Drama) 15才 学校IV**  
A 15-year-old boy, Daisuke, refuses to go to school and instead starts a trip to Yakushima Island in southern Japan. "Fifteen" tells the story of his experience gained through the trip and the many different people he meets as he hitchhikes his way in search of a 7000-year old cedar.
- (18) Waterboys (2000/91min) - PG...All Age (Comedy) ウォーターボイズ**  
Suzuki is the last member of the swimming club at his boys' high school and wants more students to join him to keep the club alive. Fortunately a pretty young teacher is chosen as a new coach of the club, so many boys come to join, not realising her dream is to teach synchronised swimming to her students.
- (19) All About Our House (2001/115min) - PG...All Age (Comedy) みんなの家**  
A couple building their new house hire a young inexperienced interior designer to design a chic dream house, which they ask their father, a carpenter, to build. Watch the adventures that follow as the different tastes of young vs. old, contemporary vs. traditional work together to build the dream home.
- (20) AIKI (2002/119min) - M...Yr10~(Drama)**  
An accident results in a boxer aiming for the newcomer championship to have his lower body paralysed. He despairs for the future, but manages to find a job. Looking for a new challenge, he finds Aiki-Jujitsu.
- (21) Masao: The School in the Woods (2002/108min) - PG...All Age (Drama) 森の学校**  
Masao lives near Mount Sasayama in Tanba in 1910's, before World War II, with his parents and 5 brothers. Once the leader of the pack, after Masao gets sick, he is forced to miss months of school, and finds it is hard to catch up. The only thing to relax him is the mountain.
- (22) Swing Girls (2004/105min) - PG All Age (Drama) スイングガールズ**  
A group of high school girls stuck in a remedial maths class for the summer. Through sheer boredom they decided to form a brass band as a way out of the uninspiring lessons. The girls however are more interested in having fun than in actually practising. It is only when their band is threatened with disbandment that they realise they actually enjoy learning how to play even though they are not very good. The girls turn to their eccentric maths teacher for help as they embark on a wild adventure of musical fun, to the addictive beat of that big brass swing.
- (23) Hinokio (2005/111min) - PG...All Age (Drama) ヒノキオ**  
Traumatised twelve-year old Satoru has gone into withdrawal following the death of his mother in a car accident. Never leaving his room, he lives through Hinokio, a remote controlled robot his scientist father invented for his son to interact with the world, including school. Through the eyes of Hinokio, Satoru discovers life, friendship, and meets his first love. He soon realises that in order to experience the pleasure of the real world himself, he must venture out from his room and embrace reality.