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We at the JICC: Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan hope you all are staying safe and healthy. As part of our efforts to share Japanese culture with you remotely, our team has curated another list of virtual resources. Please enjoy these relaxing online activities with your family and friends!

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VISUAL ARTS

For more information on each resource, please click on the image as well.



[NHK & Tokyo National Museum - The Magic of Japanese Masterpieces](#)

NHK has partnered up with the [Tokyo National Museum's](#) to produce a radio series that delves into the history of Japanese relics and artifacts. You can listen to detailed descriptions and the origin of each art piece while looking at their [online gallery](#).



[ANA - Virtual IJC Museum \(Japanese Art Museum in the Cloud\)](#)

Take a virtual tour at the [IJC Museum](#) and immerse yourself in their online museum installations. Their installations were shot using a 360-degree photographic view. (Featuring artists such as [Kusama Yayoi](#), [Nerhol](#), [Ikeda Manabu](#), [Tabaimo](#), and more.)



[Studio Ghibli - Free Backgrounds For Video Chats and Ghibli Museum Virtual Tours](#)

Studio Ghibli artists have released [free backgrounds](#) to use while videochatting! Call with your colleagues and friends with [Ponyo](#) or the bakery from [Kiki's Delivery Service](#) in the background. They have also released [virtual museum tours](#) on their [official Youtube channel!](#)

CULTURE



[Free Coloring Books from Hanshin Railway](#)

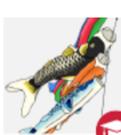
The [Hanshin Electric Railway](#) has collaborated with [MofuMofuDo](#) illustrators to create coloring books featuring iconic locations in Osaka and Kobe. Currently, there are [10 free coloring books](#) available for download!



[Live Facebook Performances from Pianist Makoto Ozone](#)

Pianist [Makoto Ozone](#) was scheduled to perform as part of [Japanese Jazz Day](#) during the [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) season. You can watch his daily performances on [his Facebook!](#) (Please note: a Facebook account is needed to view the page.)

EDUCATION



[JICC Educational Resources and Activities](#)

We have prepared our own educational resources for parents, educators, and those studying Japanese during this time. [View the special booklet](#) we published for [Children's Day \(Kodomo no Hi\)](#) on May 5!



[Wa-Shokuiku - Free Japanese-inspired Food Education Online Courses for Students of All Ages](#)

[Table for Two](#) has partnered up with [Wa-Shokuiku](#) to offer a free [a online course!](#) You can learn the principles of Japanese cuisine and food culture, and gain the skills to prepare healthy, nutritious foods to strengthen your bodies and minds.



[Free Online Course from Harvard University - Japanese Books: From Manuscript to Print](#)

Take a [free course](#) on Japanese Books with materials being drawn from Harvard University's extensive collections. Topics include notable Japanese books and scrolls, binding techniques, and visual storytelling in premodern Japan.



[5th JLPP International Translation Competition](#)

This is a great opportunity for prospective English-Japanese (or vice versa) translators! Applications must be postmarked by **July 31, 2020**. Please [click here](#) for additional information.

STREAMING



[Japan Video Topics - Watch Cultural Videos About Japan](#)

[Japan Video Topics](#) offers a comprehensive view of Japanese culture, art, nature, science, and more through [5-minute video shorts](#).



[NHK Documentary - 10 Years With Hayao Miyazaki \(2019\)](#)

NHK has made an [exclusive 4-part documentary](#) chronicling the creative process of the legendary Japanese filmmaker free to stream online!



Let us know what you enjoyed out of this list on social media with #DCJICC!



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