

September 14, 2009

**Seminars on Japanese Literature by Prof. Mitsuyoshi Numano
-from Genji to Haruki Murakami, and the post-Murakami Generation**

As part of the Mekong-Japan Exchange Year 2009 events, the Japan Foundation is set to invite Professor Mitsuyoshi NUMANO, Professor of Literature at the University of Tokyo, to take lectures on Japanese literature in Hanoi, Hue, Danang and HCMC next month.

Prof. Numano will make an overview of Japanese literature from the ancient times to the 21 century, and in particular, make a quick review on a number of Japanese novelists and poets in the modern times, from Soseki Natsume to Haruki Murakami and the post-Murakami generation.

In addition, in Hanoi and HCMC, Professor Numano and some Vietnamese scholars will present a panel discussion regarding Japanese literature as well as Vietnamese literature and the world literature.

The Japan Foundation expects that this series of lecture and discussion will give a chance to get greater knowledge of Japanese literature in general as well as to introduce the uniqueness and significance of modern Japanese literature to Vietnamese researchers, critics, writers, and students, as well as general readers who have deep concern of Japanese literature. Besides, it is our hope that this academic event could foster cultural exchange in literature research and tighten the relationship between Vietnam and Japan.

1. Title: “Seminars on Japanese Literature by Prof. Mitsuyoshi Numano, in commemoration of Mekong- Japan Exchange Year 2009”
2. Language: Japanese (with Vietnamese interpretation)
3. Date and Venue: See reverse side.
4. Organizer:
 - The Japan Foundation Center for Cultural Exchange in VietnamCo-organizers:
 - Institute of Literature, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (in Hanoi)
 - Hue University (in Hue)
 - Danang University (in Danang)
 - Centre of Japanese Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanity, National University – HCMC (in Ho Chi Minh City)
 - Consulate-General of Japan in Ho Chi Minh City (in Ho Chi Minh City)
5. Admisssion: Free

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Time and Venue of the Seminars

City	Date	Time	Venue	Topic
Hanoi	09/16/2009	08:30~12:00	Main Hall of the Vietnam Social Science Institute, No. 1, Lieu Giai str., Hanoi.	History and Characteristics of Japanese Literature.
	09/17/2009	09:00~12:00		Poetries and novels in Japanese Literature.
	09/18/2009	09:00~12:00		Discussion on Japanese and Vietnamese Literature.
Hue	09/20/2009	08:30~12:00	Central Hall of the Hue University, No. 3, Le Loi str., Hue City.	History and Characteristics of Japanese Literature.
	09/21/2009	09:00~12:00		Poetries and novels in Japanese Literature.
Danang	09/23/2009	08:30~12:00	Hall, 1 st floor of the English Language Institute (ELI), Danang University, No. 41, Le Duan str., Danang City.	History and Characteristics of Japanese Literature.
	09/24/2009	09:00~12:00		Poetries and novels in Japanese Literature.
HCMC	09/25/2009	13:30~17:00	Hall D of the University of Social Sciences and Humanity, National University in HCMC, No. 12, Dinh Tien Hoang str., Dist. 1, HCMC.	History and Characteristics of Japanese Literature.
	09/26/2009	14:00~17:00		Poetries and novels in Japanese Literature.
	09/28/2009	09:00~12:00		Discussion on Japanese and Vietnamese Literature.