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Karaoke Manekineko Celebrates Japanese Cinema at JFF 2026



KUALA LUMPUR, 26 August 2026 – **Karaoke Manekineko**, one of Japan's leading karaoke entertainment brands, is proud to support the **Japanese Film Festival (JFF) 2026** as a sponsor, joining the celebration of Japanese cinema and the enduring cultural ties between Japan and Malaysia.

A popular annual event by **The Japan Foundation Kuala Lumpur (JFKL)**, **JFF 2026** and will run from **9 September to 18 October 2026**, featuring a diverse selection of Japanese films in selected cinemas across the Klang Valley, Penang, Johor Bahru, Kuching and Kota Kinabalu.

For more than two decades, JFF has grown into an important platform for cultural and knowledge exchange between Japan and Malaysia. As a Japanese entertainment brand in Malaysia since 2018, Karaoke Manekineko shares JFF's passion for bringing people together through Japanese culture and entertainment.

“We are delighted to support the Japanese Film Festival 2026 and celebrate the connection between Japan and Malaysia through entertainment. Just as cinema brings people together through stories, karaoke creates shared moments through music. We are proud to contribute to an event that gives Malaysians the opportunity to experience and enjoy Japanese culture.”



The poster for the Japanese Film Festival 2026 (JFF 2026) features a large white silhouette of a cat head on a purple background. The text "JFF 2026 JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL" is prominently displayed in the center. The festival dates are "10 SEPT-18 OCT 2026". Below the main title, there are nine film screening slots, each with a film still, title, dates, and venue:

- KLANG VALLEY** (10-16 Sept 2026) at GSC Mid Valley, GSC MyTOWN, and GSC 1 Utama.
- PENANG** (17-20 Sept 2026) at GSC Gurney Plaza.
- JOHOR BAHRU** (24-27 Sept 2026) at GSC Paradigm Mall JB.
- KUCHING** (8-11 Oct 2026) at GSC CityONE Megamall.
- KOTA KINABALU** (15-18 Oct 2026) at GSC Suria Sabah.

At the bottom, it says "EXPERIENCE THE BEST of JAPANESE CINEMA at JFF 2026!" and provides a QR code and website for more details. The footer lists various sponsors and partners, including the Japan Foundation, GSC International, and the Japanese Embassy in Malaysia.

Among the highlights of this year's festival is a special tribute to legendary filmmaker **Yamada Yoji**, who celebrates his 95th birthday and 65 years in cinema, alongside the **Girl Power** selection, which shines a spotlight on women through three compelling films inspired by real-life events.





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Returning this year is the **JFF Stamp Rally**, where audiences can collect one stamp for every film they watch and receive gifts upon reaching three and eight stamps. **Karaoke Manekineko vouchers** are also included among the stamp rally rewards.

Tickets can be purchased a week in advance via GSC Malaysia, with the festival kicking off with a special screening of **Kokuho** on 9 September.

For more information on JFF 2026, please visit the official website at:

<https://www.jfklevents.com/jff2026/>

About Koshidaka International KL Sdn Bhd

Koshidaka International was incorporated in 2021 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as a full subsidiary of Koshidaka Holdings. The company serves as a management consultancy arm for the Karaoke Manekineko operations in Malaysia, Thailand, and Indonesia. Karaoke Manekineko is a friendly and safe environment for Karaoke that is designed to accommodate a diverse range of customers, from families with young children to groups of friends and corporate teams.

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