

An International Traveling Exhibition JAPAN: Kingdom of Characters Comes to Young At Art Museum

Date: July 5th at 1:00pm ~ September 7th 2014

Place: Young At Art Museum, located at 751 SW 121 Ave. Davie, FL

Operation hours: Monday ~ Thursday from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Friday and Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday from 11:00am to 6:00pm



In recent years, a subculture related to Japanese anime and manga has rapidly attracted worldwide attention. To make the most of this trend, the Japan Foundation and Consulate General of Japan in Miami have organized this traveling exhibition called *JAPAN: Kingdom of Characters* which examines characters as one radical aspect of this subculture.

This exhibition will showcase the history of Japan's affinity for, and fame of its world-renowned and beloved characters, beginning in the 1950s with Astro Boy, through to the 2000s with Pokémon and more. Visitors to the exhibition will learn about these characters through a variety of media such as; figurines, video presentations, and information panels.

What exactly is a character? Why are they so popular? What kind of society do these characters reflect and what kind of influence do they exert on that society? And finally, where is the Japanese Character culture headed? In this exhibition, we will introduce the intimate relationship between characters and Japanese people.

We hope that visitors will enjoy this exhibition and come to visit this with your family and friends!!