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“Japan to donate translated Japanese books to Central Library in Dublin”

On 8 May 2014, 12 works of Japanese literature donated by the Japanese Literature Publishing Project (JLPP) to the Central Library of Dublin in March 2014, were made available for the public to borrow.

This donation was initiated by the JLPP, which was founded to promote modern Japanese literature to the world. Under this programme, overseen by the Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan, works of Japanese literature published over the past 150 years are selected by a committee of literary professionals, translated into various languages, and published overseas.

The titles include Hideyuki Kikuchi’s Samurai horror “Tales of the Ghost Sword” which depicts the sorrow of a lower rank Samurai who is obsessed by swords, and Kaori Ekuni’s story of a mother and a daughter “God's Boat”, which was successfully dramatised in Japan.

Mr Chihiro Atsumi, Ambassador of Japan to Ireland said, “I am very happy that the JLPP has offered the translated books to the Central Library in Dublin. I hope that Irish people will enjoy reading Japanese modern literature in English, and gain further understanding of Japan through the works”.

Ms Margaret Hayes said, "On behalf of Dublin City Public Libraries, I would like to thank the Embassy of Japan in Ireland and JLPP for this donation. This makes an important contribution to our international literature collection and to understanding of Japan through these works”.

This donation is the first of two batches of books over two consecutive Japanese fiscal years. The second batch is scheduled to reach Dublin by March 2015.

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2013 JLPP donation list of titles

	Title	Author	ISBN
1	A Thousand Strands of Black Hair	Seiko Tanabe	978-0-85728-246-0
2	God's Boat	Kaori Ekuni	978-0-85728-249-1
3	Death by Choice	Masahiko Shimada	978-0-85728-247-7
4	Wasabi for Breakfast	Fumiko Kometani	978-1-56478-864-1
5	A Day in the Life	Senji Kuroi	978-1-56478-865-8
6	A Cappella	Mariko Koike	978-0-85728-044-2
7	In Pursuit of Lavender	Akiko Itoyama	978-0-85728-046-6
8	Tokyo Seven Roses Vol.1	Hisashi Inoue	978-0-85728-043-5
9	Tokyo Seven Roses Vol.2	Hisashi Inoue	978-0-85728-045-9
10	Tales of the Ghost Sword	Hideyuki Kikuchi	978-0-85728-127-2
11	Lost Souls, Sacred Creatures	Juko Nishimura	978-0-85728-128-9
12	The Isle of South Kamui	Kyotaro Nishimura	978-1-78308-011-3

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