

Book Handover Ceremonies through the Read Japan Project 2026

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The Embassy of Japan in Cyprus is pleased to announce the successful completion of two book handover ceremonies held in 2026 under the Read Japan Project, through which Japan-related book collections were donated to the Severios Library of the Pancyprian Gymnasium and the Voroklini Municipal Library.

The first ceremony took place on Wednesday, 6 May 2026, at the Pancyprian Gymnasium, where 144 books were presented to the Severios Library.

Welcoming remarks were delivered by the Headmistress of the Pancyprian Gymnasium, Mrs Maria Morfi, followed by remarks by the Ambassador of Japan to Cyprus, H.E. Mr Satoshi Iwasaki.

A second ceremony was held on Wednesday, 27 May 2026, at the Voroklini Municipal Library, which received 172 books covering a broad range of Japan-related subjects.

Remarks were delivered by H.E. Mr Satoshi Iwasaki and the Deputy Mayor of the Voroklini Municipal Quarter, Mr Neofytos Facondis.



The newly donated collections offer readers in Cyprus an opportunity to explore both traditional and contemporary aspects of Japan through a wide variety of perspectives. The Embassy of Japan hopes that students, researchers, and all those interested in Japan will make use of these resources and further deepen cultural exchange and mutual understanding between Japan and Cyprus.

The donation is part of the Read Japan Project, initiated by The Nippon Foundation—a non-profit philanthropic organization established in Japan in 1962. The Read Japan Project provides curated collections of English-language books covering a wide range of themes, including Japanese history, society, literature, politics, and culture.



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Through the Read Japan Project, libraries and academic institutions around the world can enrich their collections and introduce their readers to both traditional and modern Japanese culture and society.

For more information on the program, eligibility and how to apply, please visit the Read Japan Project website: <https://readjapan.org/>

To learn more about the Nippon Foundation and its activities, visit the official website at <https://www.nippon-foundation.or.jp>

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