A series of all-encompassing events - institutional, economic, environmental, cultural and three exhibitions – will take place for the first time in Venice, organized by the Italy Japan Foundation, with the support of the Mayor of Venice, Mr. Luigi Brugnaro, and the support of Venice International University - VIU.

Thanks to a magical coincidence, the Venice Film Festival will open with the screening of “The Truth” by the Japanese film director Hirokazu Koreeda, starring Catherine Deneuve, Juliette Binoche and Ethan Hawke.

There will be meetings with film directors, ANICA, Japanese and Italian producers during the Film Festival, in view of signing co-production agreements involving Italy and Japan.

Another lucky coincidence is the performance, in the splendid venue of the Teatro La Fenice, of Puccini’s opera inspired by Japan “Madama Butterfly” with stage and costume designs by the famous Japanese artist Mariko Mori.

**TUESDAY 27 AUGUST**

Ore 11.30  **Ca’ Farsetti**
Press conference for the presentation of the Japan Week in Venice in the presence of the Mayor of Venice Luigi Brugnaro, Ambassador Umberto Vattani, President of the Italy Japan Foundation and of Venice International University and other personalities involved in the event.

**WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST**

Opening of the 76ª Mostra del Cinema di Venezia with the screening of the film “The Truth” by Hirokazu Koreeda.

Meeting with the Mayor of Venice, the film Director, the leading actors, the heads of the Italy Japan Foundation and the President of ANICA, Francesco Rutelli.

**MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

76ª Mostra internazionale d’arte cinematografica di Venezia:
Screening of the films “Katsuben!” by Masayuki Suo and “The Promised Land” by Takahisa Zeze in the presence of a delegation from the Japan Week in Venice.

**TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER**

76ª Mostra internazionale d’arte cinematografica di Venezia:
Screening of the films “No Longer Human” by Mika Ninagawa and “Hello World” by Tomohiko Ito in the presence of a delegation from the Japan Week in Venice.

4.30 PM  **Sala della Regione Veneto at the Hotel Excelsior, Lido di Venezia**
Exhibition of hand-painted porcelain by the Japanese artist Yuriko Damiani.

**WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER**

5.00 PM  **Ca’ Farsetti**
Institutional meetings with the Lord Mayor, Luigi Brugnaro, and the two Ambassadors, H.E. Giorgio Starace and H.E. Keiichi Katakami.

To follow Meeting with the Parliamentary Friends Association, in the presence of Senator Pier Ferdinando Casini, President of the Italian Group of the Interparliamentary Union, of the Hon. Eugenio Zoffili, President of the Parliamentary Italy-Japan Friendship Group, of the Hon. Akira Amari, President of the Parliamentary Japan-Italy Friendship Group, Institutional Representatives from Japan and the President of the Japan Foundation, H.E. Hiroyasu Ando.

7.00 PM  **Teatro La Fenice**
*Madama Butterfly*, featuring stage and costume designs by the Japanese artist Mariko Mori.
THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
9.30 AM  Ca’ Vendramin Calergi
   Meeting with business representatives from Italy and Japan, in the presence of the Mayor of Venice and Japanese Authorities
   Organized in collaboration with the Japanese Embassy in Italy

12.30 PM  Buffet lunch featuring Japanese and Italian specialties - sake tasting

1.45 PM  Meeting with students from Ca’ Foscari University and Japanese business representatives

3.30 PM  Mestre – Town Hall, Via Palazzo
   Press conference and workshop on the “Hydrogen Revolution”
   In the presence of:
   Luigi Brugnaro, Mayor of Venice
   Yuji Amamiya, Consul General of Japan in Milan
   Massimo Inguscio, President of the Italian Research Council - CNR
   Nobutaka Takeo, Director General of the NEDO - New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization, Office in Europe
   Giuseppe Ricci, Chief Refining & Marketing Officer, ENI
   Mauro Caruccio, CEO of Toyota Italy
   Signing of the following agreements:
   - Metropolitan City of Venice and ENI, for the creation of a «Hydrogen Platform» in Marghera
   - Metropolitan City of Venice, ENI and TOYOTA, for the installation of a «Hydrogen Refueling Station»

Ore 16.45  76ª Mostra internazionale d’arte cinematografica di Venezia: «Giornate degli Autori»
   Screening of the film “Aru Sendo No Hanashi” by Joe Odagiri
   in the presence of a delegation from the Japan Week in Venice

Afternoon with the Architect Tadao Ando, in collaboration with Palazzo Grassi – Punta della Dogana

Ore 15.30  Gallery Talk with the Architect at Punta della Dogana
   On this special occasion, the gallery will be open to the public free of charge from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Ore 18.00  Conference by the Architect Tadao Ando at the Teatrino of Palazzo Grassi
   At the end of both events there will be a book signing with the Architect

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
10.00 AM  Palazzo Ducale – Museo dell’Opera
   Vernissage of the Exhibition “ON YOU MARKS_Sport Photography in Japan”
   Curated by the Japanese Cultural Institute in Rome and the Japan Camera Industry Institute
   In collaboration with Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia and Japanese Embassy in Italy
   To follow brunch sushi & sake

4.00 PM  Ca’ Farsetti
   The Mayor of Venice meets the personalities who will receive the Awards from the Italy Japan Foundation

6.30 PM  Island of San Servolo – seat of Venice International University
   “Focus on Japan” evening
   Vernissage of the exhibition “Fragility” by Uemon Ikeda , curated by Architect Olimpia de Sanctis, in collaboration with
   San Servolo – Servizi Metropolitani di Venezia

To follow Award Ceremony: the Italy Japan Foundation will be giving special awards to three personalities from Italy and Japan for their contribution towards developing relations between the two Nations