

**OPENING REMARKS BY MR. SHIGERU KONDO, CHARGE
D'AFFAIRES OF THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN ON THE OCCASION OF
THE JAPANESE FILM SHOWING AT THE KIMISAGARA ONE STOP
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PRODUCTIVE CENTER, ON 2ND MARCH 2013.**

Welcome to the Japanese film showing.

Thank you all for coming to see this film today presented by the Embassy of Japan. This is our second time to show a Japanese film at your Centre, the first time was in November 2010. It is my pleasure to introduce to you the film **“Boshido Sixteen”**, a story about Kendo; which literally means “The way of Sword” and is one of Japan’s oldest and most popular Martial Arts. Kendo is based on popular sports known as Budo, developed from mental and spiritual training systems used by the samurai, Japanese traditional soldier.

The Boshido Sixteen talks about Kaori, a Kendo player who has been practicing since the age of three. She is very serious for her exercise and severe on every competition. One day, she lost the game to an obscure opponent named Sanae. Kaori went to Sanae’s club, but was shocked to find out that Sanae is an undisciplined girl who plays Kendo just for fun. The movie depicts a typical Japanese family-hood, school life as well as customs.

For many of you who are attending this film showing, Japan may be an unfamiliar country somewhere far in Asia. However, with the opening of the embassy in January 2010, we are here to change that image, to strengthen our existing friendship and to cooperate further. The embassy is creating more opportunities of cultural exchange. We are always pleased with your participation.

I wish you will enjoy the film and see our culture with interest.

Thank you very much.