

The Japan Foundation presents



Let's Play Hanafuda!

Talk and Workshop by
Nobuaki Takerube

Date: Sunday, 27 November 2016

Times: 2pm and 3.30pm (two sessions)

Venue: ICA Studio, The Mall, London, SW1Y 5AH

Hanafuda (flower cards) is a Japanese game quite unlike any other. Based heavily on image association, this traditional game remains popular across the world. Nintendo, now famous for their digital games, was originally founded to produce Hanafuda and continues to print the beautiful cards - including limited edition Mario and Pokemon decks.

This November, the Japan Foundation has invited Japanese board game expert **Nobuaki Takerube** to provide you with the unique opportunity to experience Hanafuda at beginner level. Try your hand at this addictive combination of skill, luck and speed.

At the beginning of the workshop, Takerube will briefly touch on the origins of Hanafuda and other traditional games to explore how they relate to the vast world of Japanese gaming.

Nobuaki Takerube

Nobuaki Takerube (Tak) is a Japanese Game designer, translator and writer. He is also the director, writer and main designer of RPG Tokyo NOVA and has translated many foreign boardgames into Japanese. Takerube founded *Japon Brand* to bring awareness and knowledge of Japanese games to the wider world.

For ages 7 and above (Children under 11 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

This workshop is free to attend but places are extremely limited so booking is essential. To register, please email your name and the session you would like to attend to: event@jpf.org.uk

Takerube will also be running another Hanafuda workshop in Newcastle upon Tyne at the Life Science centre as part of Japan Culture day. To find out more please visit:

<http://www.life.org.uk/whats-on/japanese-culture-day>

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