



Message from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne

Congratulations to the Japanese Film Festival on its 15th anniversary. The festival program has expanded from three to more than 30 films since its birth and it plays an important role in showcasing contemporary Japanese cinema. Japanese artists number among my favourite film figures, in particular the director Akira Kurosawa and the actor Toshiro Mifune.

Cultural events such as the Japanese Film Festival strengthen relationships between our nations and the City of Melbourne sends warm wishes to the people of Japan as they recover and rebuild from the recent disaster. In the diverse community that is Melbourne we celebrate Japan's arts and culture and our ongoing friendship.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Doyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent than the last.

Robert Doyle
Lord Mayor

