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IN JAPAN THE JIDAIGEKI GENRE IN CINEMA IS COMING BACK

SAMURAI AND NINJA OLD PROFILE PICTURE

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USPA NEWS - The feudal-era land of Samurai and Ninja has taken a backseat to the anime and manga wave that reinvented the nation's reputation, making it a mecca for the cute and the Hi-Tech. Youtube and Film Studio Toei try to reverse it with a new project Jidaigeki (period drama) series...

The video giants are presenting media creators in JAPAN (vloggers, internet celebrities,...) with an opportunity to shoot films in an elaborate historical Japanese set. Erected at the Youtube Space in Raggongi Hills, the set includes full production support from Toei.

Toei Kyoto Studio Park is the only theme park in JAPAN where you can observe the filming of Jidaigeki Films. There, you can walk freely around the film set. This set depicts a street from Edo period, and is used to shoot more than 200 films per year.

Over there, also, you can find all kind of entertainment for both young and old. The attractions are : Haunted House, Ninja Mystery House, 3D 360 Theater, Costume rental shop, Costume photo shop, Toei Anime Museum, Ukiyo-e woodcut print Museum.

Regarding the shows offered : Ninja Show, Jidaigeki behind-the-scenes, Samurai Sword Fighting Lesson, Terakoya (Edo period classroom Re-enactment), Guided Park Tour, Street performance Re-Enactment, Oirian procession, Superhero Show.

Edo period (1603 - 1867) : Tokugawa Leyasu was the most powerfull man in JAPAN after Hideyoshi had died in 1598. Against his promises he did not respect Hideyoshi's successor Hideyori because he wanted to become the absolute ruler in JAPAN. In the battle of Sekigahara in 1600, Leyasu defeated the Hideyori loyalists and other western rivals. He achieved almost unlimited power and wealth.

In 1603, Leyasu was appointed Shogun by the Emperor and established his government in Edo (Tokyo). The Toku gawa Shoguns continued to rule JAPAN for a remarkable 250 years... (Japan guide)

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