

Japan's Latest Pop Culture Pulse: Top Dramas, Music Chart-Toppers, and Ani

Japanese Entertainment · Answer Key · 9 Questions

1. Which major Japanese broadcaster announced a significant partnership with Netflix in May 2026 to stream a wide selection of its drama series globally starting June 22?

- A) TV Tokyo
- B) Fuji TV
- C) NHK**
- D) TBS

2. Which annual awards ceremony held its Premiere Ceremony on June 13, 2026, recognizing various Japanese artists across 78 categories?

- A) Japan Record Awards
- B) MTV Video Music Awards Japan
- C) Music Awards Japan**
- D) Billboard Japan Music Awards

3. In May 2026, which idol group notably captured a number-one position on the Billboard Japan Hot 100 with their new release, 'BANG!!'?

- A) King Gnu
- B) Snow Man**
- C) Mrs. GREEN APPLE
- D) Hinatazaka46

4. Which Japanese Netflix Original drama, adapted from a South Korean webtoon and starring Uji Suzuka, premiered on May 28, 2026, focusing on a bullied high school student who goes viral?

- A) My Offset Diary
- B) Mercator Knight
- C) Viral Hit**
- D) Sins of Kujo

5. Where is Studio Ghibli opening its first U.S. pop-up store, 'Donguri Republic,' starting June 23, 2026?

- A) New York City
- B) San Francisco
- C) Los Angeles**
- D) Seattle

6. Which fighting anime, featuring the resurrection of legendary swordsman Miyamoto Musashi, had its Season 1 Part 2 released on Netflix in June 2026?

A) BAKI-DOU: The Invincible Samurai

B) Record of Ragnarok

C) Kengan Ashura

D) Baki Hanma

7. Which film, directed by Taichi Kimura, was officially unveiled to international professionals at JAPANESE NIGHT in Cannes 2026 and had its Japanese theatrical release on June 5?

A) The Ozu Diaries

B) Unchained

C) FUJIKO

D) Part-Time Death Angel

8. What new feature was announced for the Japanese indie fighting game 'Rose & Camellia Collection,' set to be released in June 2026?

A) New characters

B) Online multiplayer

C) Story mode expansion

D) VR compatibility

9. Which anime series was highlighted for a Season 2 release in May 2026, known for its stylish and fast-paced action?

A) One Piece: Elbaph Arc

B) Witch Hat Atelier

C) Devil May Cry Season 2

D) My Hero Academia: More