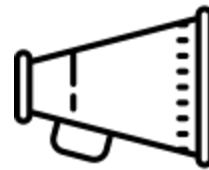


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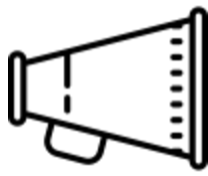


This Month in Japan

Learn about the month of October in Japan



Consular Office Hours



The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago currently offers the following operating times for Consular Services:

- Consular Service windows will be open from Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 12:15 pm and 1:15 to 3:00 pm.

- The Consular Section's phones will be available to call between 9:15 am and 12:15 pm, and again from 1:15 to 5:00 pm.

We do ask that all visitors cooperate with following necessary precautions:

- If you are feeling ill, please wait to come in until you are feeling completely well again.
- Please only come in to the Consulate for essential activities. If it can wait, please consider doing so.
- In accordance with CDC guidelines, a maximum of 10 people will be allowed in the waiting room. Be aware that you may need to wait outside the waiting room should more than 10 people be present.



Holidays

The Consulate-General of Japan will be closed on

October 11 for Columbus Day.

JAPAN-RELATED EVENTS



Japanese Ambience Festival with the Omaha Sister Cities Association

The Omaha Sister Cities Association helps host the Autumn and Japanese Ambience Festival, with a variety of activities to celebrate the Japanese culture. Japanese Ambience also celebrates the anniversary of the gift of the Japanese Sunpu Castle Gate at Lauritzen Gardens by Shizuoka, Japan, Omaha's first Sister City. Enjoy activities like Japanese calligraphy, koinobori, origami, chop sticks, traditional Japanese games, food tastings and more. Performances will include martial arts demonstrations, taiko drumming and traditional Japanese music and dance.

IN-PERSON EVENT

Saturday, October 2 to Sunday, October 3 from 10:00am - 4:00pm (CDT)

Lauritzen Gardens, 100 Bancroft St Omaha, NE 68108

General Admission: \$10 Members: Free



TAMPOPO-KAI
JASC Children's Japanese Program

The graphic features a collage of Japanese-themed images and text. At the top, the title 'TAMPOPO-KAI' is in large pink letters, with 'JASC Children's Japanese Program' below it. The collage includes: a 'Konichiwa! This is Tampopo' sign with Japanese characters; a 'Kon nichi wa Song' section with lyrics in English and Japanese; a 'Sayonara' section with lyrics; a photo of a man holding a flower; a photo of a woman holding a flower; and various Japanese text cards and illustrations of children and flowers.

Tampopo New Fall Session **Tampopo class will come back online this Fall!**

Tampopo-kai Children's Japanese Program with the Japanese American Service Committee

Tampopo Kai is an online Japanese cultural program for preschoolers. Through various engaging activities such as singing, storytelling, and arts & crafts, children and their parents are exposed to the richness of the Japanese language and culture.

Fall 2 Class Schedule

Mondays – 10/18, 25 11/1, 8, 15 Wednesdays – 10/20, 27, 11/3, 10, 17

Members: \$75 for 5-week session or \$18 per class



Japanese Business Etiquette Workshop **with Japan Society**

This business etiquette workshop is designed to teach basic Japanese phrases and behavioral skills needed in Japanese corporate environments. Participants will learn practical expressions and manners used in various business contexts, such as formal greeting, business card exchange, seating order (Kamiza and Shimoza), proper bowing, unique hand gestures and table manners. The class will be conducted in English and is suitable for persons at any level of Japanese language experience, including those who have little or no previous background in Japanese.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Tuesday, October 5 at 12:00pm (ET)

Non-members: \$40 Members: \$35



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Clean Energy Pathways for Japan and the
US with the Japan-America Society of the
State of Washington

What will clean energy look like going forward? What companies are on the forefront of the new energy era? Come hear a panel discussion of experts who are developing new energy policies and technology.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, October 14 at 4:00pm - 5:30pm (PT)

Free (Donations accepted)



Studio Ghibli Fest 2021 with GKIDS and Fathom Events

For decades Studio Ghibli has created breathtakingly beautiful movies that have captivated and inspired audiences for generations through masterful storytelling and stunning visuals. Join GKIDS and Fathom Events for the annual Studio Ghibli Fest to experience the wonder of these groundbreaking, beloved animated films.

IN-PERSON EVENT

Spirited Away – October 3, 4, and 6

Howl's Moving Castle – October 24, 25, and 28

Please check the link above or click [here](#) for local showtimes and prices



Coffee Life in Japan with the Japan Society of Boston

Life in Japan over the past almost two hundred years can be measured in coffee cups and experienced in the spaces that coffee has created – the koohiihausu, the café, the kissaten.

A trip through Japan's coffee history and contemporary places demonstrates the ways in which an artifact, a material object – often coming originally from somewhere else – becomes Japanese, and then travels the world to be appreciated and emulated. A cup of coffee, Japanese style, has become a world standard. In these times when travel to Japan has been limited, making yourself a cup of Japanese coffee might just take you back to that kissaten you miss so much.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, October 28 at 6:00pm (ET)

Free (Donations accepted)



Corporate Roundtable with Hamre, Schumann, Mueller & Larson, P.C. with the Japan-America Society in Minnesota

Please join JASM as HSML founding partner Doug Mueller will share information about the changing role of US intellectual property for Japanese entities. He also will share insights on the challenges in establishing and growing business relationships in Japan in the service sector from a Midwest base. HSML partner Masako Yoshida will add her experience to fill the gap of business culture between the US and Japan.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, October 14 at 6:00pm -7:00pm (CT)

Non-Members: \$8 Members: Free



Japanese Anime Subtitling 101 with Japan Foundation LA

Join Japan Foundation Los Angeles to learn how to subtitle your favorite anime! JVTA (Japan Visualmedia Translation Academy), the experts of translating Japanese content for worldwide audience, will be your instructor.

Using popular Japanese animated films such as Studio Ghibli's movie "Spirited Away," JVTA will demonstrate how to create subtitles, have the characters speak naturally in English while remembering to make the context understandable for viewers.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00pm -8:00pm (PT)

Free



Edible World: Nature That Connects Us with the Japan-America Society of Hawaii

Learn all about the "Nature that Connects Us" through 'ōlelo no'eau proverbs, and engage with nature in an exclusive tour of ANI's Hu'ehu'e Ranch and their bountiful māla food garden.

Then, in an interactive discussion with expert Jeff Fuchs, we'll explore the impact of a certain popular plant-based beverage—TEA—as a social connector around the globe.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Saturday, October 9 at 10:00am - 11:00am (HST)

Free



New Discoveries in Japanese Culture with Miss Sake Japan 2021 with the Japan Society of Northern California

We see and enjoy Japanese sake often in our daily lives at restaurants, supermarkets, on TV, and more. But have you ever wondered about the story behind this drink? Join the Japan Society of Northern California for a special program with Miss Sake Japan 2021, dedicated to exploring sake as Japanese culture, both in historical and modern terms.

VIRTUAL EVENT

Monday, October 18 at 5:00pm - 6:00pm (PT)/Tuesday, October 19 at 9:00am - 10:00am (JST)

Free



JASC Fresh Market with the Japanese American Service Committee

What is the JASC Fresh Market? Enter our small indoor market from the main Clark Street entrance, 4427 N. Clark Street, for the opportunity to purchase fresh vegetables and prepared foods from the following and more:

Hinata Farms – Asian produce with a focus on Japanese varieties.

M Square – pre-order sushi boxes in advance from M Square

Mom's Chicago – Katsu Sando and more

Onigiri Kororin – authentic Japanese style grilled onigiri

IN-PERSON EVENT

2nd and 4th Thursdays until October 29 at 4-6:00 pm (CDT)

JASC Warehouse, 4427 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640

LAST MONTH IN REVIEW





New Consul-General Hiroshi Tajima visits Osaka, Chicago's sister city

Before starting his assignment in Chicago, Consul-General Hiroshi Tajima visited Osaka, Chicago's sister city. During his visit, he met with people in charge of the sister city relationship to discuss further exchanges between the two cities and visited their facilities.



Consul attends 44th Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden

On Sep 4-6, Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) held the 44th Japanese Festival in St. Louis 2021. Sincere appreciation to MBG, Japanese Activities Committee, St. Louis-Suwa Sister City Committee as well as all performers, volunteers and sponsors!



Consulate hosts a Wagyu & Sake Tasting at RPM Steak

On Sept. 13, the Consulate hosted a Wagyu & Sake tasting at RPM Steak. Food journalists, influencers and food specialists joined us to learn about the truth of genuine Wagyu with Chef Evan Packer and enjoy the harmony of Wagyu and Sake!

Follow this link to learn more about Wagyu: <http://jlec-pr.jp/ebook/en/HTML5/pc.html#/page/1>



Consul-General meets with Lt. Governor David Toland

On Sep 15, Lt. Governor David Toland visited Consul-General Tajima. During their meeting they discussed the future of the economic partnership between Japan and Kansas.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS



Japan Foundation Grants

Grants to teachers, institutions, and students engaged in Japanese language, as well as arts and cultural programs.

[Japanese Language Education Project Grant](#)

[Performing Arts Japan Grants](#)

[Exhibitions Abroad Support Program](#)

[JFNY Grant for Online Japanese Studies](#)

The logo for the Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award, featuring the text "Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award" in green on a black background.

**Elgin Heinz
Outstanding
Teacher Award**

The logo for Engage Asia, featuring the text "ENGAGE ASIA" in white on a red background.

**ENGAGE
ASIA**

Elgin Heinz Outstanding Teacher Award

The Award recognizes exceptional teachers who further mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese.

The 2021 award will focus on humanities teachers and consist of an award grant of up to \$1,000.

2021 applications are due on October 15, 2021.

The award is named in honor of Elgin Heinz for his commitment to educating students about Asia as well as for the inspiration he has provided to the field of pre-college education.



CGP 2021 Relief Grant for Japan America Societies and Japanese Gardens

Like many other U.S.- Japan related non-profit organizations, Japan America Societies and Japanese Gardens have been struggling to maintain organizational stability and regular programming as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The objective of this program is to provide support to an organizational sustainability project or salary assistance that will lead to long-term operational stability.

Round 2 deadline is November 30, 2021 (for projects beginning before March 31, 2022)



Interview with Julia Momosé, Creative Director of Kumiko

This month we are sharing our past interview with Julia Momosé from June 2019 including a special update to see how she's doing now!

JIC MONTHLY REVIEW



Rilakkuma and Kaoru

This month we are reviewing the Japanese Netflix series, "Rilakkuma and Kaoru". Enjoy this fun, relaxing series about a single woman living in a city of Japan with her 3 unusual but adorable roommates!

THIS MONTH IN JAPAN

Kannazuki, the ancient name for the month of October, is often translated as "month of no gods." It is said that in October, all of the gods throughout Japan gather at Izumo Shrine and forgo their responsibilities throughout the month.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Subscribers,

Fall is upon us and soon we'll be treated to the leaves changing colors; a great incentive to get outdoors! This month we have a variety of virtual and in-person events for you to check out! Please check out all of the events our Consulate was a part of in September in our Last Month in Review section as well!

This month we reviewed the adorable Netflix series, "Rilakkuma and Kaoru", about a woman enjoying Japanese life with Rilakkuma and his friends. Please also check out our past interview with Julia Momosé from June 2019 with an additional update included from this month!

As always, please stay healthy and safe this month!

Itsumo arigatou gozaimasu,
Japan Information Center



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