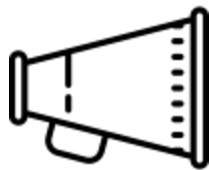


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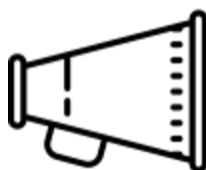
JETAA Talks

Our JETAA Talks series features stories from JETAA (JET Program Alumni Association) members in our jurisdiction



This Month in Japan

Learn about the month of August 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 10:00am to 12:15pm and 1:15 to 3:00pm.

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

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.

- 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.

Japan Information Center Hours

The Japan Information Center on the 10th floor's current operating hours are as follows:

Monday – Friday (except Consulate holidays) 9:30am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm (library procedures will end 15 minutes before closing time)

We ask all visitors please wear a mask and maintain social distance during their visit to the JIC. If the number of visitors exceeds 5 people per group, please contact the JIC in advance to schedule visit.

Thank you for understanding.



Office Closure: Holidays

The Consulate-General of Japan will be closed on:

September 5 for Labor Day.

**JAPAN-RELATED
EVENTS**





Japanese Onomatopoeia Workshop with the Japan Society

Did you know Japanese has more onomatopoeia than almost any other language in the world? Participants in this virtual workshop will learn different groups of onomatopoeia such as giongo and gitaigo, covering many topics including animal sounds, weather, health, action, and of course, food!

VIRTUAL

Friday, August 19 at 6:30 - 8:30pm (EDT)

Members: \$30 | Nonmembers: \$37



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**JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY
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2022 Japanese Obon Festival with the Japan America Society of Minnesota

Join the JASM for their annual Japanese Obon Festival that is making a return this year. This family friendly event will be a celebration of Japanese culture and tradition. There will be food, singing, dancing, martial arts, lantern lighting, and more.

IN-PERSON

Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 - 9:00pm

Como Park Zoo and Conservatory

1225 Estabrook Drive

St. Paul, MN 55103

Visit the event page for ticket pricing.



**THE FLAVORS OF JAPAN
TO YOUR TABLE**

Featured Speaker: Moe, Host of the "Kimono Mom's Kitchen" channel, Former Geisha, Founder of Kimono Mom

**Thursday, August 25, 2022
6:00-7:00 pm (CST)**

FREE ADMISSION
EVENT WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM
www.jaschicago.org



The Flavors of Japan to Your Table with the Japan America Society of Chicago

Moe is the founder of Kimono Mom and host of the Kimono Mom's Kitchen channel. Learn about Moe's passion for spreading Japanese home cooking worldwide, how she promotes Japanese home cooking, and how she has built an international community.

VIRTUAL

Thursday, August 25 at 6:00 - 7:00pm

Free



**"VIRTUAL STROLL IN ASAKUSA
(TOKYO) WITH A LOCAL
EXPERT!"**

Featured Speaker: Lauren Shannon, GM and Partner, Arigato Travel

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022
8:00-9:00 pm (CST)**

FREE ADMISSION
EVENT WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM
www.jaschicago.org



Virtual Stroll in Asakusa (Tokyo) with a Local Expert

Join the Japan America Society of Chicago for a virtual live tour into one of Tokyo's most popular areas! Local host Lauren will show participants around the historical area and give and give suggestions and recommendations for visitors looking to experience Asakusa from a local perspective.

VIRTUAL

Tuesday, August 30 at 8:00 - 9:00pm

Free



Japan Culture Day at Wrigley Field's Gallagher Way

Japan Culture Day will be held at Wrigley Field's Gallagher Way by the Consulate-General of Japan with the support of the Chicago Cubs.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of baseball's introduction to Japan by Horace Wilson, an American teacher who taught English to Japanese students at a school in Tokyo. Join us in celebrating the anniversary and enjoy Japanese drums by Tsukasa Taiko, as well as traditional music & dances by Chicago Okinawa Kenjinkai and Chimu Don-Don Chicago!

IN-PERSON

Sunday, September 11 at 11:00am - 12:00pm

The event will be accessible for ticketholders of the game.

Does your organization have an upcoming Japan-related event that you would like shared? Feel free to reach out [here](#).

LAST MONTH IN REVIEW



Last Month in Review date range: June 24 - July 23



Consul-General Tours Mori no Ike Japanese Language Village

On June 24th, Consul-General Tajima visited the Mori no Ike Japanese Language Village in Minnesota. He enjoyed meeting students from around the U.S. who came to study Japanese in the immersion program.



Consul-General visits Exhibit at Wrightwood 659

On July 21st, Consul-General Tajima visited “Moga: Modern Women & Daughters in 1930s Japan” exhibition at Wrightwood 659.

The exhibition of paintings, all of which were drawn from the private collection of Naomi Pollock and David Sneider, explores the depiction of the urbane “modern girl” (modan gāru or moga), which captivated public imagination in 1920s Japan and challenged the traditional ideal of the “good wife, wise mother.”

For more information, visit <https://wrightwood659.org/resources/learn-more/>.



2022 JET Participants Depart to Japan

On July 23rd, the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago sent nearly 100 JETs to Japan to begin their new jobs on the JET (Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program. Our JIC staff were happy to see them off at O'Hare Airport for the start of this new adventure. Congratulations to all departing JETs this year; we wish you great success at your placements across Japan!



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](#)

[JFNY Grant for Online Japanese Studies](#)



CGP Education Grant

The Education Grant program supports nonprofit organizations to assist K-12 students, teachers, and the community to deepen their understanding about Japan, promote cross-cultural exchange, and nurture global perspectives. Project examples include but are not limited to: community outreach, teacher workshops, cultural events.

Proposal deadline: Rolling



Featured Interview: Margot Wang

This month we interviewed Margot Wang, President of the Chicago Chapter of Ikebana International

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JETAA TALKS



JET PROGRAM ALUMNI TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES IN JAPAN

JETAA Talks: Amber Jackson

Our JETAA Talks series features stories from JETAA (JET Program Alumni Association) members in our jurisdiction. This month we connected with Nara JET alum Amber Jackson. Thank you for sharing your story with us, Amber!

Are you a JET alumni from or living in our ten-state jurisdiction who would like to share their Japan experience? Please contact us [here](#) with your name, location (in relation to our jurisdiction), JET placement,

year(s) you participated on the program, and a small blurb about your time there. We are excited to hear your stories!

THIS MONTH IN JAPAN

葉月 hazuki

葉月 (Hazuki). August. Named after the season where leaves fall. The original form was 葉落ち月 (Haochizuki), meaning "leaf-falling month". August is one of the warmest months in Japan so you'll probably prefer to be in the shade of leafy trees or going to one of the many summer festivals during this time. You won't see leaves falling unless a typhoon hits Japan, which is also a common occurrence in August.



Hazuki is the shortened form of Haochizuki, or "month of falling leaves" and is the traditional Japanese way to say August. When Japan followed a lunar-based calendar system, Hazuki was the first month of autumn.

Obon is an event honoring the spirits of deceased ancestors that has been practiced in Japan for more than 500 years. While this is still very much the intention, over time this occasion has evolved into a time of year for family reunions.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Subscribers,

The summer season continues on! Just like Japan, there are many events and festivals that take place in August. Many choose to take this time for travel, but for those of us

who are spending the final full month of the season here in the Midwest, there are lots of Japan-related virtual and in-person activities to take part in.

With more and more in-person events returning, we hope that everyone gets a chance to experience all the upcoming fun activities. Remember to stay hydrated, take breaks when needed, and to enjoy!

Itsumo arigatou gozaimasu,

Japan Information Center



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