



## Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle 在シアトル日本国総領事館

### Japan-Related Events in Washington State - 2018

***The 28<sup>th</sup> Japan-America Grassroots Summit*** – September 18-24, 2018

- An annual large-scale exchange of Japanese and American people, held alternatively in Japan and America. This year's summit is organized by the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) and the John Manjiro-Whitfield Commemorative Center for International Exchange.
- Nearly 150 Japanese visitors will come to Washington State, tour Seattle and experience home stays at 15 local sessions across the state.
- Host family applications and additional information can be found at <http://jassw.org/grassroots-summit/>

### SEATTLE

***Sakura-Con*** – March 30-April 1, 2018

- Held at the Washington State Convention Center, Sakura-Con is the Northwest's oldest and largest anime, manga, gaming, and Asian culture convention.
- More information and registration can be found at <http://sakuracon.org/>

***Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival (Sakura Matsuri)*** – April 20-22, 2018

- Hosted at the Seattle Center, this year's festival will be the event's 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary! Showcases Japanese arts and culture with live performances, activities, and food.
- More information can be found at <http://www.cherryblossomfest.org/>

***35<sup>th</sup> Washington State Japanese Speech and Skit Contest*** – April 20, 2018

- Showcases the abilities of Japanese language learners from local high schools, who will compete in either speech or skit performances.
- Held in conjunction with the Sakura Matsuri at the Seattle Center.
- More information can be found at <https://jwspeechskit.wordpress.com/>

### BELLEVUE

***Japan Fair*** – July 7 & 8, 2018

- 2018 will mark the third year for this exciting Japan-related event.
- In conjunction with the traditional Tanabata Matsuri (Star Festival), the fair will be a gathering of Japanese arts and culture, a market place and community organizations and friends.
- Held at the Meydenbauer Center.
- More information can be found at: <http://japanfairus.org/>

