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# Japan-Related Events in Washington State - 2015/16

## SEATTLE

***Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival (Sakura Matsuri)*** – April 24-26, 2015

- Hosted at the Seattle Center, this year's festival will be the event's 40th anniversary!
- 2015's theme: "Passages in Time: Then – Now"
- Educational programs, arts, technologies, and the rich heritage of Japan… and food!
- More information can be found at http://www.cherryblossomfest.org/

***Washington State Japanese Speech and Skit Contest*** – April 24, 2015

- Showcases the abilities of Japanese learners from local high schools
- The contest has two categories – speech and skit – each with four levels
- Held in conjunction with the Sakura Matsuri at the Seattle Center

***Handcrafted Form: Traditions and Techniques*** – Late April - Early May, 2015

- An exhibition organized by the Japan Foundation at the Seattle Center

## BELLEVUE

***Eastside Nihon Matsuri (Aki Matsuri)*** – September 12-13, 2015

- The 18th annual Aki Matsuri co-organized by the Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association
- A two-day celebration of Japanese cultural and educational events for all ages at Bellevue College
- It will feature a wagasa (traditional Japanese umbrella) exhibit and Tomioka Silk Mill, which has been designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage.

## OLYMPIA

***Oshogatsu in Olympia*** – January 23, 2016

- A New Year celebration filled with cultural experiences and performances
- Co-organized by the Olympia-Kato Sister City Association