

The 16th Annual Aki Matsuri

The 16th Annual Aki Matsuri was held on September 7 and 8 at Bellevue College. Building on the success of previous years, this year's fall festival was packed with thousands of visitors. All who attended enjoyed an abundance of art forms and traditions originating in Japanese culture.



At the Aki Matsuri, a special guest from Hikone, in Shiga Prefecture, Japan, introduced Japanese castles, which are a popular tourist destination. At the consulate booth, visitors decorated a "haiku tree" with their original compositions, while "Paro" the therapeutic robot held the spotlight, and the splendor of Japan's culture and tourist destinations along with the JET Program and Japanese Government Scholarship Program were introduced.



The Consulate wishes to express our appreciation to Mr. Tom Brooke, President of the Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association, and to all those who extended their support to make this event a success.