



## AWARDS

### **Minister for Foreign Affairs Recognizes Ralph Davies Munro, Former Washington State Secretary of State**

**-CGJ, Seattle**

On August 17, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan decided to award the Foreign Minister's Certificate of Gratitude to former Washington State Secretary of State Ralph Davies Munro in recognition of his contributions to deepening understanding and strengthening ties between the United States and Japan.

[Full Details](#)

### **Mr. Thomas S. Brooke Recognized for his Contributions to Japan-US Relations by the Consul General of Japan in Seattle**

**-CGJ, Seattle**



On September 14, the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle recognized one highly-qualified individual for his contributions to Japan-US relations. In a ceremony held during the Aki Matsuri Reception at the Official Residence, Mr. Thomas S. Brooke was awarded the Consul General's Commendation.

[Full Details](#)

## TOPIC

**MRJ First Flight Success - Japan's All-New Commercial Jet "made with U.S. and Washington State"**

**-CGJ, Seattle**



Photo provided by Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation

On November 11, a major milestone in Japanese aviation was reached as Mitsubishi Aircraft Corporation (MITAC) and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. conducted their maiden flight of the all-new Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ), Japan's first-ever commercial jet with seating for 70 to 90 passengers. The successful one-and-a-half-hour test flight out of Nagoya Airport confirmed basic characteristics and functionality with maneuvers off Japan's Pacific Coast.

[Full Details](#)

## EVENTS

### **Global Health Innovative Technology (GHIT) Reception**

**-CGJ, Seattle**



GHIT Representative Director and Chair Kiyoshi Kurokawa's  
Remarks

On November 10, a reception for the GHIT was held at the Consul General's Official Residence. The reception included not only researchers in the field of global health, but professionals from various government and private sector organizations there to discuss the importance of cooperating on global health issues .

[Full Details](#)

## **JET Welcome Back Reception**

-CGJ, Seattle



On October 22, the JET Program Welcome Back Reception was held at the Consul General's Official Residence. The reception was an opportunity to celebrate the safe return and future success of JET Program participants who recently returned from teaching English in Japan, as well as for local JET alumni to interact with Japan-related organizations, sister city associations, educators, and international students.

[Full Details](#)

## **The Japanese Agricultural Training Program (JATP)**

-CGJ, Seattle



On October 6, the Japan Agricultural Exchange Council (JAEC) and the Consulate-General of Japan co-hosted the Japanese Agricultural Training Program (JATP) graduation ceremony at the Consul General's Official Residence. Utilizing the knowledge and experiences gained during their training in the U.S., we expect the graduates to contribute to the development of Japanese agriculture for many years to come.

[Full Details](#)

## **Washington State Sister-City Reception**

-CGJ, Seattle



On September 19, a reception to facilitate the exchange of ideas between Washington state's sister cities was held at the Consul General's Official Residence. Not only did members from various sister associations throughout Washington participate, but representatives from as far as Livingston, Montana were present to share their various approaches.

[Full Details](#)

## **18th Annual Eastside Nihon Matsuri (Aki Matsuri)**

-CGJ, Seattle



The 18th Annual Aki Matsuri was held on September 12 and 13 at Bellevue College. Various

Japan-related organizations introduced Japanese culture to an enthusiastic crowd, including tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, martial arts, taiko, Japanese dance, and kimono through demonstrations, lectures, performances, and booth exhibits.

[\*\*Full Details\*\*](#)