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## 2016 New Year's Greeting from Consul General Masahiro Omura

-CGJ, Seattle



A Happy New Year to all of you! Although it has gone by quickly, I am honored to welcome in the New Year in Seattle for the third time since assuming my post as Consul General of Japan.

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## AWARDS

## **Ms. Lori Matsukawa and Mr. Ralph Munro Recognized for their Contributions to Japan-US Relations by Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs**

**-CGJ, Seattle**



On December 10, 2015, the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle recognized two highly-qualified individuals for their contributions to Japan-US relations. In a ceremony held during the Emperor's Birthday Reception at the Official Residence, Consul General Masahiro Omura presented Ms. Lori Matsukawa and Mr. Ralph Munro with the Foreign Minister's Commendation and Foreign Minister's Certificate of Gratitude, respectively.

[Full Details](#)

## **Minister for Foreign Affairs to Honor OBON 2015**

**-CGJ, Seattle**

On December 9, 2015, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan announced the recipients of the Foreign Minister's Commendation in Honor of the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of the War. From our jurisdiction, the non-profit organization OBON 2015 was chosen for their contributions to promoting goodwill between Japan and the United States.

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# **EVENTS**

**Join us for Oshogatsu in Olympia on January 23**

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**Celebrate Japanese New Year!**  
**OSHOGATSU**  
A Community Event hosted by  
the Olympia-Kato  
Sister City Association *in Olympia*

Ring in the New Year at "Oshogatsu in Olympia"! This annual tradition celebrates Japanese culture and the Sister City ties that Olympia shares with Kato in Hyogo Prefecture. This year the two cities will be celebrating 35 years of friendship. Visit the Consulate booth to meet PARO the therapeutic harp seal robot, learn about study and work opportunities, and discover interesting places to see and things to do when you visit Japan! If you are interested in samurai warriors, visit the Activity Area to learn more about them and see the armor they wore into battle.

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**Hand-rolled Sushi Making Event at Pike Place Market**

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries presents this workshop led by Chef Shota Nakajima (from Capitol Hill's Naka) who will teach the basics of creating hand-rolled sushi using local ingredients. To reserve your place, email your name and the number of participants you plan to bring to [haradachiho@gmail.com](mailto:haradachiho@gmail.com).

[Full Details \(Japanese Only Link\)](#)

**Haptic Game Controller: Unlimitedhand Seminar Planned**

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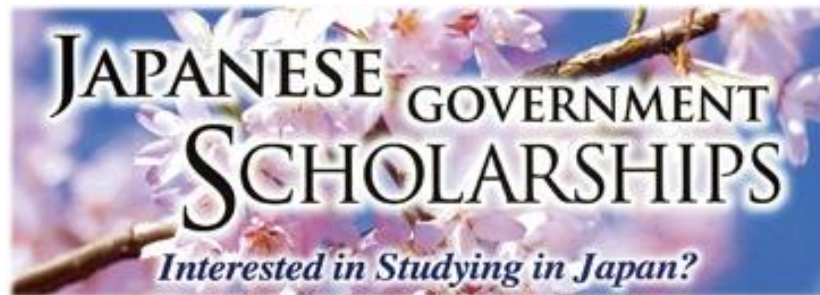


UnlimitedHand, a venture from Tokyo University, is planning to introduce its latest technology in Seattle with a seminar that is currently in the works to take place on February 16, 2015, at the University of Washington.

## **TOPICS**

### **Japanese Studies Student Scholarship**

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**Available to undergraduate students who are currently majoring in Japan related studies**

This program offers students a one-year intensive course of the Japanese language and introduction to Japanese studies. Available to undergraduate students who are currently majoring or minoring in Japan-related studies at a 4-year university. Applicants need to be 18 to 29 years of age. 2016 applications will be available in February 2016 on our website.

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