



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CONSUL GENERAL
Yoichiro Yamada



Consul General Yamada writes a monthly column about his experiences in the United States, providing interesting insight into the similarities and differences between Japanese and American cultures. His most recent column is about his experience attending the **Takarazuka Revue** - 56 years after their last performance in Seattle, which you can read more about [here](#).
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Visit our Consulate Booth!

Spring is in the air and that can only mean numerous celebrations for the cherry blossom! The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle office will be attending many of these public events. Please visit our booth! Here details below.

Sakura-Con (3/30-4/1)

Sakura-Con is the Northwest's oldest and largest anime, manga, gaming, and Asian culture convention held at the Washington State Convention Center.

Cultural Panel Highlights

Among the many panel offerings at Sakura-Con, don't miss out on our four cultural panels organized by Consulate staff!

The Fabulous Furoshiki - A New Twist on an Old Idea

- Friday, March 30th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. & 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. in Workshop C100A.4

Study and Work in Japan - Japanese Government Scholarships and the JET Program

- Saturday, March 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 4C.4

Samurai Undressed

- Saturday, March 31st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Room 401

Let's Make Some Noise...! style! An Introduction to Japanese Instruments

- Sunday, April 1st from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 4C.4

Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival (4/20-22)

Hosted at the Seattle Center, this year's festival will be the event's 42nd anniversary! Showcases Japanese arts and culture with live performances, activities, and food.

Japanese Anime and Manga Arts Festival (JAMAF) (5/18-19)

Hosted at Everett Community College, this year's festival will feature cosplay competition, tea ceremony, screening of Hayao Miyazaki's The Wind Rises, and more fun activities!

Check out more future events and updates on our [website](#) or [Facebook](#).

2018 Invitation Program for Japanese American Students (Deadline April 12th)

Exciting opportunity! The Ministry of Foreign Affairs will sponsor a group of four Japanese-American high school students to travel to Japan from June 23rd to July 3rd to learn about Japan and to promote mutual understanding and exchanges between Japanese nationals and young Japanese Americans.

[Application details here.](#)



UW Professors Recognized

Three professors from the University of Washington have been recognized for their contributions to U.S.-Japan relations and Japan-related studies.

Dr. Tetsuden Kashima, Professor Emeritus of American Ethnic Studies, was presented the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette. [Read more.](#)

Professor Marie Anchorage and Professor Emeritus Donald Hellmann from the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies were presented the Consul General's Commendation on January 19, 2018. [Read more.](#)



Welcome Back, JETs!

On February 18, the Consul General hosted eight returning JETs from 2016 and 2017 at his Official Residence for a welcome reception. [Read more.](#)



Symposium on Disaster Management

On February 23, the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, in collaboration with Tohoku University and the University of Washington, hosted a symposium on disaster management at the University of Washington.

Nine experts from Japan shared their experiences during the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Later in the evening, a reception was hosted at the Consul General's Official Residence. [Read more.](#)



Technology Connection

In the past two months, the Consulate organized two technology-related events at the Official Residence as Seattle increasingly becomes a capital for innovation.

[Read about the Japan-Seattle AI Meetup Event](#) held on January 24th.

[Read about the Event on Innovation, Cybersecurity, and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games](#) held on February 8th.

Art Exhibit at C&I Center

Less than one week left to see Naoko Morisawa's "Mosaic Collage Japonism 2018 Seattle" Exhibition at the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle Culture and Information Center. Check out her new works and sketches created for the exhibit!

[Hours and access information here.](#)



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