



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE CONSUL GENERAL

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Consul General Yamada writes an ongoing series about his experiences in the United States. Check out his last two column entries:

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## Visit our Consulate Booth!

The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle will be joining some autumn events, so we look forward to seeing you! More details below.

### Japan Week (9/28)

The 3rd annual Japan Week at Bellevue College will be held again this year - supported by Bellevue College and the Consulate! The festival is open to the public on Saturday, September 28, from 10 AM to 5 PM. There will be many exhibits, performances and activities, including a Kendama contest and Japan trivia contest. For full event details, visit the [website](#) or follow Japan Week on [Facebook](#).

The Consulate will have a booth and three different presentations at Japan Week (listed below). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

**Study and Work in Japan - JET Program and Government Scholarships** – Are you interested in living in Japan to study or work? Attend this session to get the answers!

- From 2:15 PM to 3:15 PM, Room D-102  
For full event details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/390804898299159/>

**Furoshiki Wrapping** – Learn about this ancient Japanese wrapping cloth that's making a comeback as a replacement for plastic bags and even giving modern eco-bags competition with its versatility! Come and join this hands-on workshop!

- From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, Room B-102  
For full event details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/631057074051278/>

**Samurai Undressed** – Learn more about these ancient warriors by getting up close and personal with one of the samurai's most recognizable calling cards –armor.

- From 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM, Room B-102  
For full event details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/370391447213240/>

### Bunka no Hi (11/3)

Bunka no Hi is a celebration of Japanese and Japanese American culture and heritage. A popular annual event hosted by the JCCCW, the event's schedule is filled with performances, cultural demonstrations, games, and other activities. Please be sure to stop by the Consulate booth & try your hand at tying a traditional Japanese wrapping cloth! For full event details, visit the [website](#) or follow them on [Facebook](#).

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



## JET Program Application Is Now Open!

The JET Program offers an employment opportunity to live and work in cities, towns, and villages throughout Japan. The application for the 2020 JET Program is open from September 25, 2019 to November 15, 2019. For more

information, visit the [website](#) or follow the JET Program USA on [Facebook](#).



## Film Screening of Sugihara Survivors and Panel Discussion with Director Junichi Kajiooka

On July 29, the Holocaust Center for Humanity and the Consulate hosted a panel discussion and screening of two films about Japanese diplomat Chiune Sugihara, *Sugihara Survivors* and *Persona Non-Grata*, at Seattle Central College. Panelists included Junichi Kajiooka, an award-winning actor and writer and the director of *Sugihara Survivors*. [Read more](#)



## Tacoma-Kitakyushu 60th Anniversary Celebration

On July 24, the cities of Tacoma and Kitakyushu celebrated 60 years of friendship as sister cities with a festive evening gathering of about 70 people at the Point Defiance Park Pagoda in Tacoma, Washington. This reception

concluded a variety of events that took place throughout the year related to this milestone anniversary. [Read more](#)



## AI Meetup 12.0 and 13.0

The 20The Washington State Department of Commerce, Innovation Finders Capital, and the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle co-hosted the AI Innovation Meetup 9.0 and 10.0, promoting Japan-U.S. business exchange in the AI sector.

- [AI Meetup 12.0 \(April 17\)](#)
- [AI Meetup 13.0 \(July 24\)](#)



## Japan Fair 2019

On June 29 and 30, Japan Fair 2019 was held at Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Various Japan-related organizations and Japanese companies participated and over 20,000 people enjoyed Japanese culture and food. At the fair, the Consulate held a booth to promote the Tokyo Olympics 2020 and travelling to Japan. [Read more](#)

## Seattle CleanTech Innovator Pitch Session

On June 25, the Washington State Department of Commerce, Innovation Finders Capital, CleanTech Alliance, and the Consulate co-hosted the Seattle CleanTech Innovator Pitch Session.

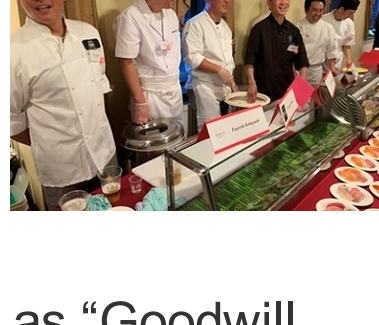
During the session, six of Seattle's local tech start-ups pitched their ideas and products to a Japanese delegation from Japan's leading corporations and organizations. [Read more](#)



## Consul General's Commendation

On June 28, the Consulate recognized two highly qualified individuals, Dr. Michele Aoki (Former International Education Administrator for Seattle Public Schools) and Mr. Takumi Yoshinaga (Former US Branch Manager for Japan Agricultural Exchange

Council), for their many years of contributions to Japan-US relations. In a ceremony held during the Summer Reception at the Official Residence, they were both awarded the Consul General's Commendation. [Read more](#)



## Mr. Shiro Kashiba's appointment as "Goodwill Ambassador to Spread Japanese Cuisine"

Mr. Shiro Kashiba, who has been serving "Edo-mae" style sushi in Seattle for decades and has contributed to spreading Japanese cuisine in the community, was appointed as "Goodwill Ambassador to Spread Japanese Culture." On May 20, a special reception and ceremony for his appointment was held at the Consul General's Official Residence. [Read more](#)



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