



Dear friends of the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle,

Our bi-monthly newsletter, "From Japan to the Northwest," is intended to share important and interesting information related to Japan, our region, and the Consulate's activities. You can find current and past issues of the newsletter [here](#).

1. [Japan-UK Foreign Ministers' Telephone Talk](#)

On September 9, Foreign Minister Motegi and Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs and First Secretary of State of the United Kingdom, held a telephone talk. Both sides affirmed that they will promote further cooperation in the areas of security and defense towards the realization of a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific." The two ministers also exchanged views on the situation in Afghanistan and affirmed that they will coordinate closely in responding to the situation.

2. [Video Conference on Cooperation with IAEA on the handling of ALPS Treated Water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station \(FDNPS\)](#)

In this session on September 10, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Economy, Trade and Industry (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy), as well as the Nuclear Regulation Authority gave an overview of IAEA Deputy General Ms. Lydie Evrard's visit to Japan, followed by a Q&A session. The Government of Japan continues to explain the situation of the handling of ALPS treated water at the FDNPS to the international community in a transparent manner.

3. [Agreement between Japan and Vietnam concerning the Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology](#)

On September 11, Japan's Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. Takio Yamada, and Lieutenant General Mr. Hoang Xuan Chien, Deputy Minister of National Defence of Vietnam, signed an agreement that establishes a legal framework regarding the transfer and handling of defense equipment and technology. It will allow the two governments to implement joint projects, including those contributing to international peace and stability. The conclusion of this agreement will ensure appropriate control over the defense equipment and technology transferred between Japan and Vietnam, especially regarding any subsequent transfer to a third party or any extra-purpose use.

4. [Joint Communication on the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific](#)

On September 16, the European Union (EU) announced the Joint Communication on the EU Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. In a statement, Foreign Minister Motegi said the Government of Japan welcomes the EU's announcement of their specific measures, together with their strong will, for their engagement in the Indo-Pacific. The announcement resonates with Japan's views and efforts for a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)." Japan and the EU will continue to further advance concrete cooperation with a view to realizing FOIP.

The text of the EU announcement [can be found here](#).

5. [Ms. Lori Matsukawa, Former KING-5 Journalist featured on NHK World-Japan](#)

The Emmy-winning former news anchor at KING 5, Ms. Lori Matsukawa, was recently featured in a segment on NHK World-Japan's Direct Talk: "Raising a Courageous Voice: Lori Matsukawa/Seattle Broadcast Journalist." You can [view the segment here](#).

6. Updates on the COVID-19 Situation in Japan

- [Daily COVID Data Updates](#)

- [Declaration of State of Emergency](#)

For the latest info on how travel to Japan has been impacted by COVID-19, please see [this page on the Consulate's website](#).

7. Consulate Activities

On September 1, [Consul General Inagaki presented the Foreign Minister's Commendation](#) to Ms. Jan Johnson, owner of the Panama Hotel, in recognition of the Hotel's service in promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S., its contributions towards Japanese and Japanese American history, and the role it plays in its preservation.



[Japan Week](#)

Japan Week at Bellevue College will be celebrating their 5th year, and you can celebrate by participating in their five contests. Anyone can join! [Learn more here](#).

[Consul General's Statement on 9/11 anniversary](#)

This week we marked 20 years since the tragedy of September 11. Consul General Inagaki posted a statement to commemorate this anniversary, [which you can read here](#).

That's it for this issue of "From Japan to the Northwest."

Until next time, thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

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