



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. Yoshimasa Hayashi appointed Foreign Minister of Japan

On November 10, Yoshimasa Hayashi was [appointed Foreign Minister of Japan, along with other members](#) of Prime Minister Kishida's Second Cabinet. (FM Hayashi is pictured to the left of PM Kishida (front and center) in the first photograph.)

FM Hayashi has previously served in other ministerial positions, including Minister of Education, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Defense.

## 2. [Prime Minister Kishida Attends COP26](#)

At the summit in Glasgow, Scotland, PM Kishida detailed Japan's actions on climate change and announced new initiatives, including additional support for innovation in renewable energy technologies, disaster risk reduction, and conservation.

Read PM Kishida's [full statement at COP26 here](#).

## 3. Diplomatic Bluebook 2021 – Available Now

The latest issue of Japan's Diplomatic Bluebook is [now available to read online](#) (PDF).

You can find an [archive of previous issues of the bluebook here](#).

## 4. Updates on the COVID-19 Situation in Japan

[- Daily COVID Data Updates](#)

[- New Measures for Border Enforcement into Japan \(11/5/21\)](#)

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

## 5. Consulate Activities

[Japanese Restaurant Day – Consul General Inagaki visits Maneki](#)

For over 116 years, the iconic Maneki restaurant has been providing delicious, home-style Japanese food from Seattle's Japantown neighborhood. Recently, Consul General Inagaki visited the restaurant to learn about its rich history and try its popular "big mouth roll"!

[JET Applications are due on November 12](#)

Today is the day! Be sure to [submit your applications](#) for JET Program 2022 by 11:59pm HST.

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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