



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. Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit

On December 7 and 8, the Government of Japan hosted the [Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit \(Tokyo N4G\)](#), an international conference to promote global efforts to improve nutrition-related matters. The [conference included discussions on health, food, resilience, finance and accountability](#), with the goal of leading global agendas for improving malnutrition and compiling financial and policy commitments in the field of nutrition.

During his remarks, Prime Minister KISHIDA announced that Japan will provide nutrition-related assistance to the world, which will amount to over 300 billion Japanese yen, equivalent to more than around 2.8 billion U.S. dollars, for the next three years.

[Watch the High Level and Thematic Sessions here](#) (available in multiple languages):

H.E. Ms. Samantha Power, Administrator of USAID (2:17:15), and Mr. Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2:33:55) both made statements at the High Level Sessions.

[A full list of speakers can be found here.](#)

Leading up to the Summit, PM Kishida [spoke with Mr. Bill Gates](#) (Japanese press release). PM Kishida expressed hope to strengthen ties with the Gates Foundation to respond to the spread of the Omicron variant of the virus among other international health issues.

Furthermore, an article by FM Hayashi was [published in the Lancet medical journal](#). [Read the article here \(PDF\)](#).

2. Strengthened border measures against the Omicron variant (B.1.1.529)

On November 29, the Government of Japan announced new border measures to prevent the spread of the recently identified Omicron variant of the coronavirus. [Read the full announcement here \(PDF\)](#).

3. Updates on the COVID-19 Situation in Japan

[- Daily COVID Data Updates](#)

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

4. Consulate Activities

[JASSW Holiday Celebration](#)

The Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) celebrated its 98th Annual Holiday Celebration & Auction on November 30. Consul General and Mrs. Inagaki joined the celebrations and enjoyed the holiday dinner! JASSW will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023. Congrats to the JASSW for a successful event!

[Camp Harmony Sculpture in Puyallup](#)

A sculpture called "Camp Harmony" was made a permanent fixture to serve as a memorial to the Japanese incarceration in Puyallup, WA. Lori Matsukawa spoke at its official dedication ceremony. The sculpture was created by artist John Zylstra. "Camp Harmony," was the nickname of the facility formally known as the Puyallup Assembly Center. The Washington State Fairgrounds is now at that site.

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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