



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. [Response to the Situation in Ukraine](#) (Updated regularly)

For the latest information on Japan's response to the situation in Ukraine please refer to the link above.

- [Summary PDF \(As of March 16\)](#)

### PM Kishida's Visit to Brussels

The Prime Minister [traveled to Brussels to meet](#) with other G7 leaders to discuss the situation in Ukraine. The PM is expected to announce further measures by Japan on this issue. More information on the summit meeting [can be found here](#), once it is made available.

### [Foreign Minister Hayashi's Attendance at the G7 Trade Ministers' First Meeting.](#)

On March 23, the G7 Trade Ministers' first meeting was held in a virtual format. During the meeting, a lively discussion was held regarding the G7's possible trade measures in response to Russian aggression against Ukraine, the impact on the global supply chain, and future responses, and confirmed that the G7 will continue to respond in solidarity. Minister Hayashi affirmed Japan's intention to continue working closely with the international community, including the G7.

### [Ukraine's filing of an application instituting proceedings against Russia before the International Court of Justice \(ICJ\) \(Statement by FM Hayashi\)](#)

On February 26, Ukraine filed an application instituting proceedings against Russia before the ICJ, contending that Russia has falsely claimed that acts of genocide have occurred in Luhansk and Donetsk of Ukraine and implemented a military operation against Ukraine. On March 16 (local time), the Court delivered the order on the provisional measures based on the request from Ukraine.

The order on the provisional measures is legally binding on the parties to the dispute, and therefore, Russia is required to comply with the order. Japan supports the provisional measures order by the ICJ and strongly demands that Russia immediately comply with the order on the provisional measures.

### [Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. MORI summons Mr. Mikhail Y. GALUZIN, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Japan](#)

On March 22, after the announcement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation on the measures against Japan, Mr. MORI summoned Mr. GALUZIN to Japan and gave a statement on the measures against Japan, Russian aggression, and Japan's stance.

### [Statement of the G7 Non-Proliferation Directors Group on a Nuclear Safety and Security Framework for Ukraine](#)

On March 15, the G7 Non-Proliferation Directors Group released the Statement on a Nuclear Safety and Security Framework for Ukraine. Read the statement [here](#).

## 2. PM Kishida's Visits to India and Cambodia

[India](#) - March 19

The Prime Minister held a summit meeting with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, and then attended the India-Japan Economic Forum. Following a document signing ceremony and an exchange of documents ceremony, the leaders held a joint press announcement [and issued a joint statement](#).

[Cambodia](#) - March 20

The Prime Minister attended a welcome ceremony and held a summit meeting with Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Afterwards, the leaders held a signing ceremony and a joint press announcement.

## 3. [Japan-Turkey Foreign Ministers' Meeting](#)

On March 19, Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Mevlüt ÇAVUŞOĞLU, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey, during his visit to Turkey. They spoke on deepening the friendly relations toward the year 2024, the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, Russian aggression and cooperating in the international arena, disarmament and non-proliferation, bilateral relations, and the situation in the Middle East and in East Asia.

## 4. [Visit of the IAEA Officials to Japan for the Regulatory Review on the Handling of ALPS Treated Water at the TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station](#)

From March 21 to March 25, IAEA officials and international experts will visit Tokyo, Japan. During the visit, they will conduct a review of regulatory aspects of the proposed discharge of ALPS treated water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (FDNPS) and will hold discussions with the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA).

The Government of Japan will continue its efforts to promote an understanding regarding the handling of ALPS treated water in the international community through ensuring safety of the ALPS treated water, as well as confidence and transparency of the handling of the ALPS treated water.

## 5. 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](#).

## 6. Consulate News & Activities

[Consulate Hiring Part-time Consular Section Staff](#)

The Consulate is hiring for its Consular Section. The role is part-time and Japanese fluency is required.

[JET Program Info Sessions](#)

JET Program info sessions are taking place this spring. Sessions are 30 minutes with a 15-minute Q&A, held on Microsoft Teams. The next info session will take place on April 12. Registration is required.

[2022 Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl](#)

On March 5, the Pacific Northwest Japan Bowl was hosted online by Japan-America Society of Oregon and the Consulate. 15 teams of high school students from Oregon and Washington competed against each other on their knowledge of Japanese language and culture. The first-place winners advance to the National Japan Bowl, taking place online on April 21 and 22, 2022.

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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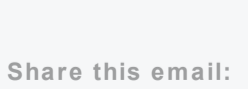
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