



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 a continually updated list of Japan's response to the situation in Ukraine please refer to the page linked above, or see [this PDF for the latest information on measures taken by Japan](#).

[Press Conference by the Prime Minister \(Apr 08, 2022\)](#)

PM Kishida announced further sanctions and other measures in response to the situation in Ukraine. View the press conference video with English translation at the link above.

[G7 Leaders' Statement](#) (PDF) - April 7, 2022

[Foreign Minister Hayashi Attends the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Foreign Affairs](#)

Foreign Minister Hayashi participated in the NATO Partner Session, which was attended by the foreign ministers from 30 NATO member countries and invited partner countries (Japan, Australia, Finland, Georgia, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Sweden, Ukraine, and the EU).

In his remarks, FM Hayashi states that Russian aggression in Ukraine has revealed the importance of establishing a new international order based on universal values and that enhancing cooperation among like-minded countries who share fundamental values will be essential.

[Expulsion of diplomats and officials from the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Japan](#)

On April 8, Mr. MORI Takeo, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, summoned Mr. Mikhail Y. GALUZIN, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Japan. Mr. Mori stated that Japan condemns the actions of Russia's forces in Ukraine and demands the expulsion of 8 diplomats and officials from the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Japan.

[Public Webinar Free, Geopolitics and Energy: Role of Natural Gas in Energy Transition - in the context of the War in Ukraine- April 27th](#)

The recent Russian aggression against Ukraine has given us an opportunity to question ourselves on the importance of energy security. What are the geopolitical aspects we need to understand and how could they affect our lives? This free webinar will explore these themes.

- [Broadsheet for the Seminar](#)

- [Register here](#) (Zoom)

2. [Japan-New Zealand Summit Meeting](#)

On April 21, PM Kishida held a Summit meeting with Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand.

The two leaders concurred to further strengthen the "Strategic Cooperative Partnership" between Japan and New Zealand to realize a "free and open Indo-Pacific" in the midst of a situation in which very foundation of the entire international order faces jeopardy, caused by factors such as Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

Read an [overview of their meeting here](#), and the [full joint statement here](#). (PDF)

3. [Japan-Switzerland Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Working Dinner](#)

On April 18, FM Hayashi held a meeting and working dinner with H.E. Mr. Ignazio Cassis, President and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, who was visiting Japan.

At the outset, FM Hayashi looked forward to having meaningful discussions with Switzerland, an important partner sharing fundamental values, regarding the situation in Ukraine as well as further strengthening the bilateral relationship, enhancing engagement in the Indo-Pacific, and deepening cooperation in the international arena. The two ministers then discussed regional issues and cooperation in the international arena.

[Read an overview of the meeting here](#).

4. [Vaccine Donation to Cambodia by Japan-Australia-India-U.S. \(Quad\)](#)

The Quad countries (Japan-Australia-India-U.S.), based on the needs of the Cambodian government, jointly donated COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in India to Cambodia as an initiative of the Quad Vaccine Partnership.

Since the launch of the Quad Vaccine Experts Group at the Japan-Australia-India-U.S. Leaders' Video Conference in March 2021, the four countries have led global efforts for COVID-19 response and continuously promoted efforts to globally ensure equitable access to vaccines, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, as well as to strengthen preparedness for future health crises.

5. [FY2021 Domestic Public Opinion Survey on Japan's Diplomacy](#)

From March 17 to 22, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conducted a domestic public opinion survey on Japan's diplomacy. This survey was conducted by telephone, with responses from 1,000 people 18 years of age or older in Japan's 47 prefectures.

[View the results of survey here](#) (PDF).

6. [Updates on the COVID-19 Situation in Japan](#)

- [Daily COVID Data Updates](#)

Traveling from the U.S. to Japan:

- All foreigners, including U.S. citizens, are currently required to get a visa to enter Japan. For information on the requirements and procedures for getting a visa to visit Japan, please check our website below.

https://www.seattle.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itpr_en/visa.html

7. [Consulate News & Activities](#)

[CG Folds 600th Crane](#)

Consul General Inagaki has been folding a crane every day, praying for everyone's health and peace, since he arrived in Seattle. On April 13, he folded his 600th crane. Follow his [Instagram @hisaoinagaki](#) for his daily updates!

[Japan-America Society Annual Meeting](#)

On April 19, Consul General and Mrs. Hisao Inagaki attended the Annual Meeting of the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington. They listened to two speeches about diversity and innovation in Okinawa. They also enjoyed listening to Okinawan music and savored the delicious bento box. [Read the full facebook post here](#).

[CG Tries It! – Sakura Con](#)

On this new episode of "CG Tries It," CG Inagaki performed at the opening ceremony of the 25th Sakura-Con on April 15. Watch the video below!



CG tries Sakura-Con



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

Until next time, thank you for reading!

Sincerely,

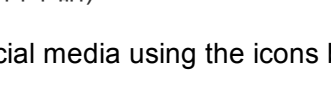
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