



From Japan to the Northwest

News From the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle



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 \(Updated regularly\)](#)

[Measures by the Japanese Government \(PDF\)](#)

2. [Prime Minister Kishida Attends ASEAN-related Summit Meetings, G20 Bali Summit and APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting](#)

These meetings are taking place November 12–19.

ASEAN-related Summit Meetings and Other Summit Meetings (Cambodia)

[The First Day](#)

On November 12, 2022 (local time), Prime Minister Kishida visited Phnom Penh in the Kingdom of Cambodia to attend the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-related Summit Meetings and other events.

After attending the ASEAN Plus Three (Japan-China-Republic of Korea) Summit and ASEAN-Japan Summit, the Prime Minister had a summit meeting, a signing ceremony, and a joint press announcement with Prime Minister Hun Sen followed by a gala dinner.

[The 25th ASEAN-Japan Summit](#)

On November 12, the 25th ASEAN-Japan Summit (Chair: Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia) was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Mr. KISHIDA Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan, attended the meeting. Following the opening remarks of Prime Minister HUN SEN, PM Kishida delivered his opening remarks and stated that he would like to hold a Commemorative Summit in Tokyo around December 2023 as the next year would mark the 50th Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation. PM Hun Sen expressed appreciation to the ASEAN Leaders for accepting Japan's proposal and confirmed that the Commemorative Summit would be held following a regular annual ASEAN-Japan Summit in 2023.

PM Kishida also spoke on ASEAN-Japan cooperation and regional and international issues.

[Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting](#)

On November 13, Mr. KISHIDA Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan held a meeting with the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America. They spoke on the security environment due to the Russia's aggression against Ukraine, North Korea's repeated provocative actions, and continuing unilateral attempts to change the status quo by force in the East and South China Seas. They shared the recognition that the strong Japan-U.S. relationship has a significant role to play in regional peace and stability and beyond, and concurred to work together to ensure peace and prosperity in the region and the international community, by further strengthening the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance and promoting efforts to realize a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."

The two leaders also exchanged their views on regional issues. PM Kishida explained that Japan is in the process of formulating a new national security strategy amid the increasingly severe security environment surrounding Japan.

The two leaders shared the recognition that engagement of the U.S. in the economic order and economic security in the region is becoming increasingly important. Prime Minister Kishida urged the U.S. to return to the TPP at an early time. Prime Minister Kishida also conveyed Japan's thoughts on the U.S. credits for clean vehicles.

The two leaders concurred to continue close coordination between Japan and the U.S. toward the success of the G7 Hiroshima Summit Meeting in 2023.



G20 Bali Summit (Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

G20 Bali Summit (Indonesia)

[The First Day](#)

On November 15, 2022 (local time), PM Kishida attended a working session on food and energy security followed by a working lunch session. Then he had a conversation with H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, and attended a working session on health. Later, he attended the G20 Bali Summit side-event on Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment.

[Policy Speech by Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio to the G20 Bali Summit side-event on Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment](#)

Except of PM Kishida's speech:

"Infrastructure is the foundation of a country's development. Quality infrastructure investment promoted by the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment is essential to realize Indonesia's G20 theme, "Recover Together, Recover Stronger."

Japan aims to mobilize more than 65 billion USD of infrastructure assistance and private finance over the next five years...

Japan is determined to further promote the quality infrastructure investment under the next year's Japanese G7 Presidency and to support the self-sustaining growth of each country working with partner countries."

While attending the Summit, On November 16, 2022 (local time), PM Kishida attended the [emergency meeting](#) of the leaders of the G7/NATO member countries.

APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (Thailand)

[Foreign Minister Hayashi Attends APEC Ministerial Meeting \(November 16-18, 2022\)](#)

3. [Foreign Minister Hayashi Visits Germany \(November 2-6, 2022\)](#)

During the visit, Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, attended the Japan-Germany Foreign and Defense Ministers' Meeting, the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, and held bilateral meetings.

4. [Japan-U.S. Foreign Ministers' Informal Talk](#)

On November 3, FM Hayashi, during his visit to Munster, Germany, to attend G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, held informal talks with the Honorable Antony Blinken, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

They spoke on North Korea's series of missile launches on November 2 and 3. The two ministers strongly condemned North Korea continuing its provocation in an unprecedented frequency and manner as a serious and imminent threat to the regional security and a clear and serious challenge to the international community. The two ministers shared the importance of further strengthening the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance and also shared the view to continue close coordination between Japan and the U.S. as well as among Japan, the U.S., and the ROK toward the complete denuclearization of North Korea in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions by strengthening the regional deterrence including security cooperation among Japan, the U.S., and the ROK and by implementing further measures to be taken by the UN Security Council.

5. [Japan-U.S. Extended Deterrence Dialogue](#)

The Government of Japan and the Government of the United States held a meeting of the bilateral Extended Deterrence Dialogue (EDD) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan from 15th to 16th of November 2022. This round of the EDD furthered Prime Minister Kishida and President Biden's shared understanding on enhancing bilateral discussions on extended deterrence and the two sides held in-depth discussions on extended deterrence.

Taking this opportunity, the delegations observed KEEN SWORD 23, the latest in a series of joint-bilateral field training exercises designed to increase combat readiness and interoperability of the JSDF and U.S. forces.

6. [IAEA Officials and International Experts Visit Japan for the Second Mission to TEPCO and METI under the Safety Review of the Handling of ALPS Treated Water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station](#)

From the 14th to 18th of November, IAEA officials and international experts will visit Japan to conduct a mission focused on TEPCO and METI, under the auspices of the IAEA's Safety Review on ALPS treated water at TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. The Government of Japan will continue its cooperation with the IAEA to ensure the safety of ALPS treated water as well as the reliability and transparency of its handling. It also remains committed to making efforts to promote better understanding in the international community regarding the handling of ALPS treated water.

7. [Updates on the COVID-19 Situation and Travel to Japan](#)

[Daily COVID Data Updates](#)

Traveling from the U.S. to Japan:

Fast Track function will be added to Visit Japan Web *NEW*

For all travelers entering Japan: the [Fast Track](#) pre-registration service for entry to Japan will be integrated into [Visit Japan Web](#) from November 1st, 2022.

If your **arrival date is after November 1, please use [Visit Japan Web](#)**, an online **service for quarantine, immigration, and customs procedures**. The service is for **both international travelers and Japanese citizens**. Please refer to [Visit Japan Web](#) for further information.

The relaxation of border restrictions including visa exemption entry to resume after October 11, 2022.

The Prime Minister of Japan announced that Japan will resume the short-term stay visa exemption measure after October 11, 2022. This will only apply to nationals of those countries that originally had visa exempt status, including the United States. ([See list of visa exempt countries here.](#))

For information on the current requirements and procedures for visiting Japan, [please check our website](#).

Consulate Activities

Seattle and Kobe: 65th Anniversary of Sister City Relations and 55th Anniversary of Sister Port Relations



[Kobe Delegation visits Seattle](#)

A delegation from the City of Kobe visited Seattle as part of the celebrations!

[Seattle Delegation visits Kobe](#)

After the Kobe Delegation visited Seattle last month, the Seattle Delegation is now in Japan!

[Hyogo-Kobe Fair](#)

Hyogo-Kobe Fair in Seattle is happening now! Enjoy Hyogo/Kobe-inspired dishes and sake from Hyogo at participating restaurants in the greater Seattle area between November 6 and November 22. There is also a chance to win a \$1,000 airfare certificate by visiting the restaurants and sharing your photos on Instagram!

JET Applications Due Tomorrow

Don't forget to [submit your application](#) by tomorrow, November 18!

**** Job Opportunity: Driver ****

The Consulate is seeking a well-qualified individual to serve as Driver. This position is expected to start in January 2023.

For more information about the position and how to apply, please check the [consulate website here](#), or the [Indeed listing here](#).

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

Until next time, thank you for reading!

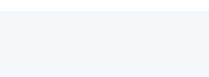
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