



From Japan to the Northwest

News From the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle



Our 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.

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Welcome to the November 2024 edition of From Japan to the Northwest!

In this edition, we will cover the Prime Minister's reaction to the U.S. presidential election, as well as the 2024 APEC Summit in Peru. Finally, be sure to read until the end for an announcement about a Japanese-style coming of age ceremony held in Bellevue in February 2025.

We will continue a **once-a-month publication schedule** to bring you the most important news from Japan and our region. Please be sure to **follow us on social media by clicking the icons below** for more frequent updates on local Japan-related events and the Consulate's activities.



1. Japan's reaction to the U.S. presidential election

Congratulatory Letter from Prime Minister Ishiba to President-elect Trump of the United States of America

On November 6th, Mr. ISHIBA Shigeru, Prime Minister of Japan, sent a congratulatory letter to The Honorable Donald J. Trump, President-elect of the United States of America. In this letter, Prime Minister Ishiba extended his congratulations on President-elect Trump's victory in the presidential election. He also expressed that he would like to work closely together to further strengthen the Japan-U.S. Alliance, which is a top priority of his administration, and to realize a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.

Telephone Talk between Prime Minister Ishiba and President-elect Trump

On November 7, commencing at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 5 minutes, Mr. ISHIBA Shigeru, Prime Minister of Japan, held a telephone talk with the Honorable Donald Trump, President-elect of the United States of America. The overview of the talk is as follows.

At the outset, Prime Minister Ishiba congratulated President-elect Trump on his victory in the presidential election.

Both sides confirmed that they would work closely together to bring Japan-U.S. Alliance to new heights.

Both sides concurred on realizing a meeting in-person at the earliest possible opportunity which would be convenient for both sides.

2. APEC and related meetings

APEC Leaders' Meeting: Day 1



Credit: Prime Minister's Office of Japan

On November 15, 2024, Prime Minister Ishiba visited Lima, Peru, to attend the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) Summit and related meetings.

The Prime Minister participated in an informal dialogue between APEC leaders and invited economies, followed by a [meeting with H.E. Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia](#).

In the afternoon, he [attended a dialogue between APEC leaders and the APEC Business Advisory Council \(ABAC\)](#), after which he [held talks with the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States of America](#). This was followed by a [trilateral summit with President Biden and H.E. Mr. Yoon Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea](#).

Later, Prime Minister Ishiba [met with Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China](#) and subsequently held a press conference regarding the series of meetings.

In the evening, he attended the APEC Leaders' Welcome Dinner.

[APEC Leaders' Meeting: Day 2](#)



Credit: Prime Minister's Office of Japan

On November 16, 2024 (local time), Prime Minister Ishiba, who was visiting Lima, Peru to attend the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) Summit and related events, [participated in the APEC Leaders' Retreat](#).

He then had a [meeting with H.E. Mr. Luong Cuong, President of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam](#), as well as an [informal talk with H.E. Mr. Prabowo Subianto, President of the Republic of Indonesia](#).

Following this, Prime Minister Ishiba [visited the Campo Fe de Huachipa Cemetery, where he offered flowers to the grave of H.E. Mr. Alberto FUJIMORI, the late Former President of the Republic of Peru and expressed his condolences](#).

He later [met with H.E. Mr. YOON Suk Yeol, President of the Republic of Korea](#), and concluded the day with a press conference discussing the Japan-ROK summit meeting and his participation in the APEC Summit.

3. G20 Summit

[G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit and related Summit Meetings: First Day](#)



Credit: Prime Minister's Office of Japan

On November 17, 2024, Prime Minister Ishiba visited Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to attend the G20 Summit (Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy) and related events.

On the 18th (local time), the Prime Minister [participated in the launch of the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and attended Session 1, titled "Fight against Hunger and Poverty."](#)

In the afternoon, he held bilateral meetings [with the Rt Hon Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada](#) and [the Rt Hon Keir Starmer KCB KC MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#). He then [participated in Session 2, titled "Reform of the Global Governance Institutions."](#)

G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit and related Summit Meetings: **Second Day**



Credit: Prime Minister's Office of Japan

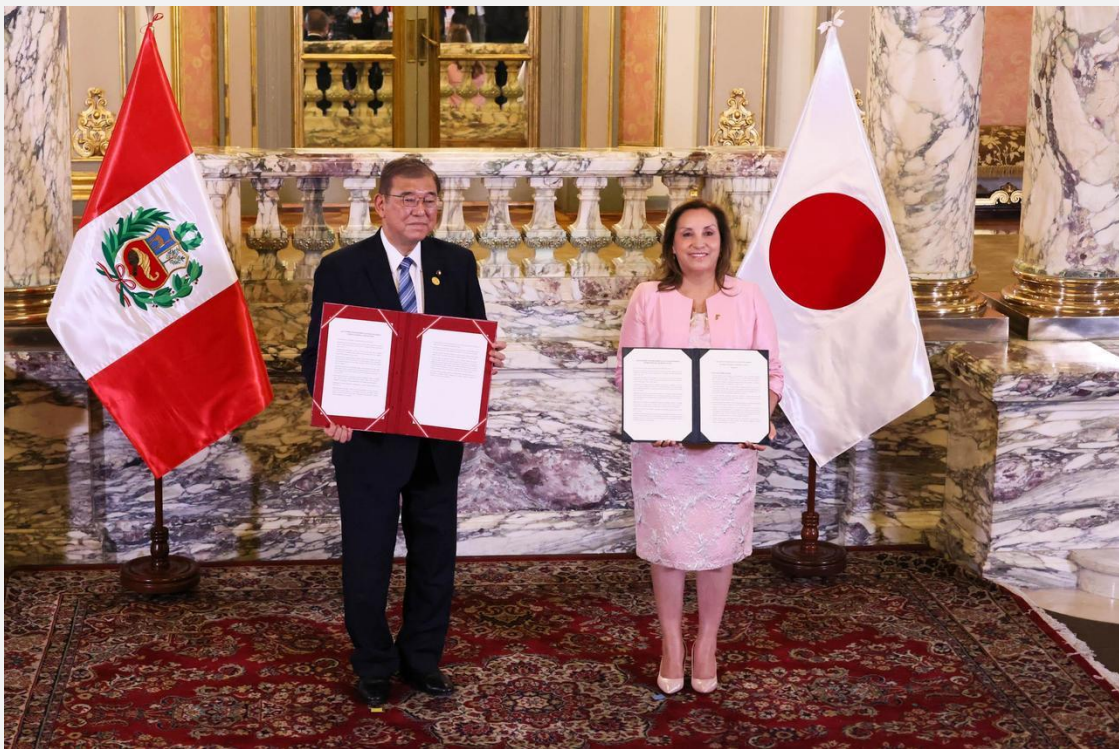
On November 19, 2024, when visiting Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to attend the G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit and related events, Prime Minister Ishiba [met with members of the Nikkei \(Japanese immigrants and descendants\) community and Japanese residents in the area.](#)

He then [participated in a Japan-Italy-UK Leaders' Meeting with the Rt Hon Keir Starmer MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Ms. Giorgia Meloni, President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic to discuss the Global Combat Air Program \(GCAP\).](#) Following this, he [attended Session 3 of the G20 Summit, titled "Sustainable Development and Energy Transition".](#)

Later, Prime Minister Ishiba [held talks with H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil](#) and concluded the day with a press conference addressing his participation in the APEC Summit and G20 Summit.

4. Prime Minister Ishiba's visit to Peru

[Visit to Peru](#)



Credit: Prime Minister's Office of Japan

On November 17, 2024 (local time), during his visit to the Republic of Peru, Prime Minister Ishiba [attended a welcome ceremony hosted by the Peruvian Nikkei Association](#), where he delivered a speech. He then participated in a discussion session with representatives of the Nikkei (Japanese immigrants and descendants) communities in Peru.

Following this, he attended a welcome ceremony at the Presidential Palace and [held talks with H.E. Ms. Dina Boluarte, President of the Republic of Peru](#). Later, they had a presentation ceremony of the Joint Statement and a joint press conference. In the afternoon, Prime Minister Ishiba attended a luncheon hosted by President Boluarte.

5. Japanese royal family passage

[Statement by Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru on the Passing of Her Imperial Highness Princess Yuriko of Mikasa](#)

"I am deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of Her Imperial Highness Princess Yuriko of Mikasa.

Since her marriage, Her Imperial Highness Princess Yuriko was a steadfast support to her late husband, His Imperial Highness Prince Mikasa, and as a member of the Imperial Household, she made extensive contributions across a wide range of fields, including healthcare, welfare, culture, sports, and international goodwill. In particular, she devoted herself over many years to maternal and child health initiatives, making remarkable efforts with great dedication.

Princess Yuriko also attended numerous commemorative ceremonies and events, encouraging those involved and engaging warmly with the public.

In her later years, Her Imperial Highness spent her days quietly and peacefully, and last year, she celebrated her 100th birthday. The people of Japan had been hoping for Her Imperial Highness's continued longevity, and her passing has been felt with profound sorrow.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the members of the Imperial Household and other close relatives of Her Imperial Highness, and I join the people of Japan in mourning this great loss."

- Prime Minister Ishiba

6. Consulate News & Activities

6th SEIJIN-shiki USA

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SEIJIN-shiki USA
Embrace Your Journey Ahead

Celebrate your coming-of age together!
Welcoming anyone born between January 2003 and March 2005
Free Event • Registration required

January 19, 2025
2:00pm door opens
3:00pm program starts
Meydenbauer Center Theatre
11100 NE 6th St. Bellevue, WA 98004

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Experience Japanese culture and celebrate your coming-of-age with your fellow SEIJINs in Bellevue, WA! **6th SEIJIN-shiki USA welcomes anyone whose birthday falls between January 2003 and March 2005.** Like this year, the ceremony will include an onstage appearance by Deputy Consul General Junichi Sumi! Click the link above or scan the QR code for more information.

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

Thank you for reading. Until next month!

Sincerely,
Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

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