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New Year's Address by Prime Minister Hatoyama

The Prime Minister outlined his hopes and plans for 2010, including budgetary issues and the reinforcement of the Japan-U.S. alliance.



Consul General Junichi Ihara highlights some of the Japanese Consulate projects for the new year.

In his New Year's greeting on the Consulate website, Consul General Ihara reveals some important projects for 2010 such as the Boyle Heights Heritage Initiative and the 50th anniversary celebration of the Japan-United States Security Treaty.



New Year's in Little Tokyo Photos by Nobuyuki Okada

Weller Court Oshogatsu



Kagami Biraki: Sake Barrel Breaking



Shishimai: Lion Dance

Kotohajime at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center

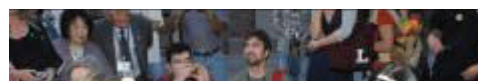
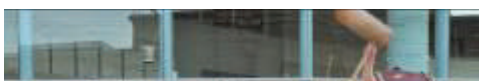


Ikkyu Rite of Purification: Hirokazu Kosaka



Kiccho Teuchishiki by Fujima Kansuma Kai

Oshogatsu Family Festival at Japanese American National Museum





Mochitsuki: Making O-mochi



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New Year's Toys Exhibition



Traditional hagoita and Hello Kitty hagoita! See the exhibition of New Year's toys and decorations on display in the library of the Japan Information & Culture Center at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles from Dec. 22 – Jan 29.



Glimpse Mt. Fuji

If you want to glimpse Mt. Fuji for good luck in the new year but can't take a trip to Japan just now, here is an opportunity to view Mt. Fuji from a selection of the renowned woodblock prints of Hokusai's "36 Views of Mt. Fuji." The prints are exhibited in the library of the Japan Information & Culture Center at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles from Jan. 6 – Feb. 28.



MEXT Scholarship Applications for 2010 Available Now!



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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
CULTURE, SPORTS,
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-JAPAN

Japanese Studies Scholarship – Undergraduate majors or minors of Japanese to study Japanese language and culture for one year

Teacher Training Scholarship – Experienced teachers or administrators research school education for up to 18 months

All applications due Friday, March 12, 2010 (received). For more information, please see our website or contact the Scholarship Desk at 213.617.6700x338 or info@la-cgjapan.org.



Tigers from Arcadia High School!



[School Visits](#)



Arcadia High School's Japanese language program students sent charming New Year's greetings to the Consulate in thanks for a school visit in December. These tiger drawings are on display at the Japan Information and Culture Center library at the Consulate through January. Information on school visits to Japanese language classes is available on the Consulate web site.

Southern California and Arizona Sister Cities

There are 40 sister city relationships between cities of Japan and Southern California and Arizona. The first three, established in 1957, were Riverside-Sendai, Pasadena-Mishima, and San Diego-Yokohama. Still active, these sister cities have websites you can visit.



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Bonsai Exhibition at Los Angeles Arboretum



The Baiko-En Bonsai Kenkyu Kai presents the only show of deciduous miniaturized trees in the US on January 16 & 17 at the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden. There is a list of Japanese gardens in Southern California and Arizona on the website of the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.

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Dance Performance: Umi no Tenzakai (Gods Beyond the Sea) by Tamagusuku-Ryu-Senjukai of Okinawa



Okinawa dance school, Tamagusuku-Ryu-Senjukai presents "Ryukyu Performing Arts Today" on Jan 31, 2:00 pm in Marsee Auditorium at El Camino College in Torrance, CA. Part I: Ryukyu Dance: "Kanayo Amaka" Part II: Kumiodori: "Gods Beyond the Sea" dance drama.
Senjukai Office: 310-595-5576

Los Angeles Green Technology, Business and Policy Event!

VERDEXCHANGE
CONFERENCE
VX2010

Join representatives and companies from the US, Japan, Canada, Germany, Australia, UK, China and many other countries, in a one day conference dedicated to matching green needs with green solutions. Stellar world-class speakers, globally competitive companies – a great opportunity to see what "going green" means for business and society. January 25, 2010 (with preliminary receptions and presentations scheduled for January 24).

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Asia's largest (and one of the world's largest) electronics industries trade show extravaganza takes place at the Tokyo Big Sight Int'l Exhibition Center January 20 -22. A total of 11 simultaneous trade shows, covering everything from industrial lasers to the latest in electric car technology. A chance to take a look at our stimulating future in Tokyo this January!

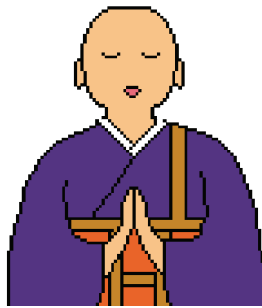


Japan-related Events Calendar for Los Angeles & Arizona

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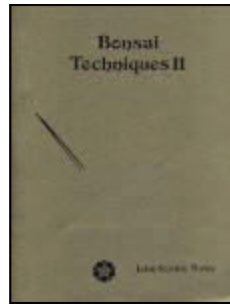
[Japanese](#)

Today's Kotowaza:
Mikka Bōzu



A Buddhist priest is familiarly referred to as “*O-bō-san*” because of his shaved head, or *bōzu* haircut. Those who give up easily on improved regimen in their lives could be called a “*mikka bōzu*” or a “*priest for three days.*” You are a “*mikka bōzu*” if you quickly give up on New Year’s resolutions.

Comprehensive Bonsai Book Series



“Bonsai Techniques” is a series of two books by Californian John Yoshio Naka, Grand Master of the art of bonsai. These books systematically teach how to cultivate trees native to the United States into beautiful bonsai. The books can be loaned from the library of the Japan Information and Culture Center at the office of the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.



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