

Japan Focus



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G-7 Leaders in Canada

Leaders of the Group of Seven nations gathered in Charlevoix, Canada for a summit on June 8-9, where they discussed such topics as sustainable economic growth and climate change.

Read more below:



Credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office

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Japan-U.S. Summit Held in Washington, D.C.

On June 6-7, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Washington, D.C. to hold talks with U.S. President Donald Trump.

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Foreign Minister Kono in Brazil, Argentina, the U.S. and Mexico

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono's whirlwind May 19-26 tour of the Americas included a stop in São Paulo, Brazil to visit a Japan House outpost and a visit to Buenos Aires, Argentina to attend the Group of 20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.



Japan House São Paulo



G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting

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Videos on Japan's Foreign Policy

Learn more about Japan's contributions to peace and security, development and global issues, gender equality, and people-to-people exchanges through videos created by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Volunteer at the Tokyo 2020 Summer Games

The Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 are looking for volunteers! Find out more about the volunteer application guidelines and other information



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Japan Top Investor in Southern California - World Trade Center Los Angeles/LAEDC New Report

Foreign investment plays an important role in building and supporting American economic growth and prosperity, and in linking the United States to the rest of the world. This is particularly true in southern California, the gateway for about 40% of US cargo trade, and thousands of Foreign Owned

Establishments. Once again, Japan tops the list of foreign investors in southern California, with 2,541 Establishments employing 85,874 people directly, at an estimated regional payroll of \$5.35 billion per annum. Download this important report here:

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Satoyama Exhibit at Japan House Los Angeles

Japan House Los Angeles presents *Satoyama: Evolving with the Forest*, a special exhibition featuring the work of Brazilian photographer Sergio Coimbra and Japanese Chef Yoshihiro Narisawa. The photo exhibition will be at Japan House Los Angeles at Hollywood & Highland from June 21 to July 29.

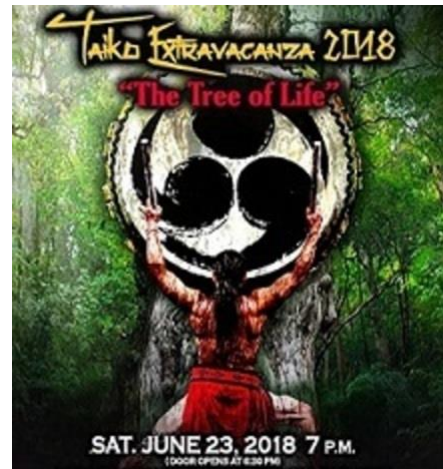


Credit: Sergio Coimbra

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Taiko Extravaganza in Arizona

Ancient Sounds of Peace co-produced by K2 Enterprise presents Ken Koshio Taiko Extravaganza 2018 - The Tree of Life at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts on June 23 at 7pm.
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Kizuna Video Series: Fugetsu-do & Little Tokyo Sparkle



The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles continues its collaboration with Kizuna bringing you news and views on the Japanese American community.

- Explore Fugetsu-do with third-generation *manju* master Brian Kito and learn the secrets of their 115 years of success: [CLICK HERE](#)
- See community volunteers converge on Little Tokyo to clean up the neighborhood on a recent Saturday morning during the latest Little Tokyo Sparkle: [CLICK HERE](#)

NHK World Services

Public broadcaster NHK's international broadcasting service, NHK World - Japan, is expanding its offerings to include earthquake and tsunami information in English. In addition, NHK World offers a program of Japanese language lessons in 17 languages.
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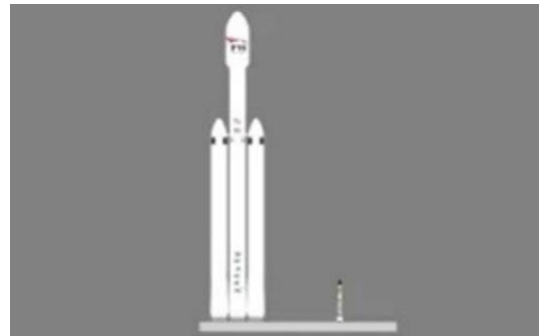


Japanese Film *Manbiki Kazoku* Wins Palme d'Or at the Festival de Cannes

Japanese filmmaker Hirokazu Kore-eda took the top prize Palme d'Or at the 71st Festival de Cannes for his film *Manbiki Kazoku* (English title: *Shoplifters*). The film is about a family that shoplifts for survival amid poverty.

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JAXA's Nano-Rocket Listed by Guinness as World's Smallest to Place Satellite in Orbit



The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency announced April 27th that its SS520-5 has been recognized as the smallest orbital rocket by Guinness World Records. At only 9.6 meters height and 2.6 tons, the SS520-5 can fit into the nose cone of the SpaceX Falcon Heavy. Yet on February 3rd, Japan's super-fast "nano rocket" successfully placed its cube satellite payload into orbit on its own power, with a three stage burn, and at a higher orbit than anticipated.

Check it out right here:

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Tsuruoka, Japan - an UNESCO Designated Region for Creative Gastronomy!



The continuing “Savor Japan” video series next features Tsuruoka – a region of sacred mountains; the vegetarian cuisine offerings of *shojin ryori*, seasonal natural foods prepared in accordance with Japan’s Buddhist traditions; and an abundance of products from both farms and the adjacent ocean. Enjoy ingredients and culinary traditions rooted in nature in Tsuruoka – video and visitors information here:

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