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Parade Celebrating Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor Held on Nov. 10

The parade of Their Majesties and Emperor and Empress was held in Tokyo on Sunday, November 10, with large crowds lining the route to offer their best wishes. The Enthronement Ceremony of His Majesty the Emperor was held on October 22.



Credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office

Prime Minister Abe Attends ASEAN-Related Meetings

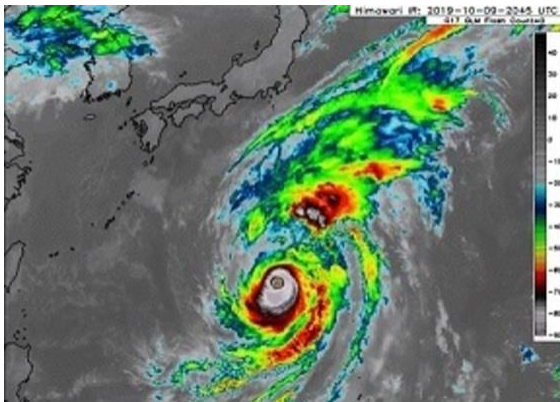
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended ASEAN-related meetings in Thailand on Nov. 3-5, holding bilateral talks with counterparts from such nations as Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia and India. He also met with Premier Li Keqiang of China's State Council.

[Read more about the ASEAN-related meetings.](#)



G20 Foreign Ministers to Meet in Aichi, Japan

The G20 Aichi-Nagoya Foreign Ministers' Meeting will be held Nov. 22-23. The main themes set to be discussed include free trade and global governance, realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and supporting Africa's development.



Typhoon Recovery Making Good Progress!

Typhoon No. 19 (aka Typhoon Hagibis) made a destructive landfall on October 12th, and created disruptions mainly in the Kanto region just west of Tokyo and the south Tohoku area, just north of Tokyo.

Most rail and other transit has recovered, however there still remain a few areas where rail and other travel is not yet at 100%. Stay up to date on these developments at the JNTO travel blog.



A Castle Destroyed; Forming Plans to Rebuild

One of the most famous symbols of Japan's Okinawa region, the monumental, crimson-hued Shuri Castle, tragically caught fire early October 31st, and was extensively burned, destroying much of the structure and the art and artifacts collection it housed. Wasting no time, both regional and national government leaders are already conferring to plan out the best ways to reconstruct the buildings of this beloved UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Naha Municipal government also has a [crowdfunding page](#) for rebuilding Shuri Castle.



Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles 2020 Holiday Schedule

Visitors planning a trip to the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles can find out more about our location, hours and holiday-related closures.

Recipients of Fall 2019 Decorations



On November 3rd, 2019 (Japan Standard Time), the Government of Japan announced the recipients of its Fall 2019 Decorations. From the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, the following two distinguished persons will be awarded: Ms. Debra Nakatomi and Ms. Hisako Osako. Learn more about their accomplishments at the [link](#).



Foreign Policy and Japan-US Relations Take Center Stage

Keio University Professor of American Politics and Foreign Policy Toshihiro Nakayama visited Southern California as part of a U.S. lecture tour in November. To start his tour, he was joined by Consul General of Japan Akira Muto on Nov. 15 for a special presentation, “Japan’s Foreign Policy & Japan-U.S. Relations,” which was co-presented by the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.

Panel Discussions
The New Era for Japan:
Business, Economy and Regional Security

Join Us for a Panel
Discussion at JAPAN
HOUSE

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles present a panel discussion on business, economy and regional security in the Asia Pacific on Thurs., Dec. 12, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. The event will start off with a keynote from Ambassador Nina Hachigian followed by two panels: "Trade & Investment in the Asia Pacific" and "Changes in Japan's Political Economy and Foreign Policy." Click the headline for more information.



Mr. Fumio Demura Awarded
Foreign Minister's
Commendation

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles held a ceremony for the conferment of the Foreign Minister's Commendation upon

Mr. Fumio Demura, chairman of the Shito-ryu Karate-do Genbu-kai, Nov. 13, 2019. Consul General Akira Muto praised Mr. Demura's accomplishments and presented him with a certificate from the Foreign Minister of Japan.



Credit: County of Los Angeles

Consul General Introduction at LA County Supervisors Meeting

On November 19, Consul General Muto was formally introduced and presented with a plaque at the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting, led by Chair Janice Hahn. In his remarks, Consul General emphasized the economic contributions of Japan in Los Angeles County as the number one foreign direct investor, and hopes to expand contributions in the areas of environmental and new technologies and enhance ties among the diverse communities of the region. Watch the video of the presentation from 53:45 (click the headline).



"Nagoya Day" Marks 60 Years of LA-Nagoya Friendship

The Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Affiliation marked the 60th anniversary of the sister city relationship between Los Angeles and Nagoya. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Consul General Akira Muto were among the dignitaries on hand to celebrate the special anniversary with the "Nagoya Day" event on Oct. 26.



U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference Receptions at Japan House

On November 3 during the 10th anniversary U.S.-Japan Council Annual Conference, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles hosted receptions at Japan House for U.S.-Japan Council board members and alumni of the Japanese American Leadership Delegation. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan has collaborated with the U.S.-Japan Council on a number of programs, including the Japanese American Leadership Delegation celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2020.



Reception Celebrating LA Mayor's Young Ambassadors & My Global LA

On October 12, Consul General and Mrs. Muto hosted an afternoon reception in conjunction with Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of International Affairs, celebrating the LA Mayor's Young Ambassadors & My Global LA programs, which connect local students with the world. Special guests delivering remarks included LA City Deputy Mayor for

Economic Opportunity Brenda Shockley, LAUSD Board of Education Member Monica Garcia, and LAUSD Associate Superintendent Hilda Maldonado.



LA Nebuta at the Hollywood Christmas Parade

The Nebuta float, which celebrates a cultural tradition from Aomori Prefecture, will be accompanied by dancers and performers at the Hollywood Christmas Parade on Dec. 1. The LA Nebuta group returns to the parade, which will be televised!



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Japanese Animal Art at LACMA

Don't miss the *Every Living Thing: Animals in Japanese Art* exhibit at LACMA, which lasts through Dec. 8 at the Resnik Pavillion. The exhibition draws from LACMA's permanent collection, and is arranged in such themes as Zodiac Animals, Animals from Nature, Religion, Myth and Folklore, and Leisure.



Shibuya Scramble Phase 1 Opens

In the successful launch of a new destination building right in front of (and named after) the busiest crosswalk in Tokyo – the infamous “Shibuya Scramble” – Prime Minister Abe joined the opening ceremony of this new 45 story tower which promises to create another level of activity and excitement within one of Tokyo’s most famous districts, Shibuya. Shops, restaurants, offices and destination experiences! More information at the link.

“JAPAN’S FOOD” EXPORT FAIR

– For Importers & International Buyers –

Japanese Food Direct From the Source -- JAPAN!

Join the largest buyer’s trade fair for Japanese food exports hosted in Japan – over 700 businesses seeking to help overseas buyers of Japanese foods with new products and distribution channels. Hosted at the Makuhari Messe convention center near Tokyo, with many ways for overseas buyers or others in the food business to register for free, consider joining this event, November 27 – 29! More details on participating and registering at the link.



Japan Proudly Hosts the 9th Rugby World Cup and Defies the Odds in Play

44 Days; 45 Matches; 20 Qualifying Countries; and 1.7 million stadium spectators! The 9th Rugby World Cup was the first hosted outside of the traditional 1st Tier Rugby nations, and the first Cup hosted in Asia. South Africa took the championship in the finals with England, but host nation Japan proved itself an able rival to the world’s traditional rugby powerhouses with upset wins over Ireland and Scotland, and wound up in the top 8 as the first Asian team ever in World Cup Quarterfinals!

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