



His Majesty the Emperor's Accession to the Throne

Learn more about the ceremonies and rites related to His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito's Accession to the Throne on May 1. Also, read [the profiles of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress](#).



Book of Congratulations Available for His Majesty the Emperor's Accession

On the occasion of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito's accession to the Throne on May 1, 2019, a book of congratulations will be available for signing at the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles from Monday, May 6, 2019

to Friday, May 10, 2019.



Credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office

Prime Minister Abe Visits Europe and North America

Prime Minister Abe visited France, Italy, Slovakia, Belgium, the U.S. and Canada as part of his April 22-29 trip.



counterpart Mike Pompeo as part of the Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee (2+2) meeting.

Foreign Minister Kono Attends Japan-U.S. Security Consultative Committee Meeting

During his April 18-21 trip to the U.S., Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono met with his U.S.



Credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office

U.S. President Trump to Visit Japan from May 25-28

President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump will visit Japan from May 25-28 as the first State Guests after the enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor on May 1. This will be President Trump's second visit to Japan as President.



Japan Hosts G20 Agricultural Talks!

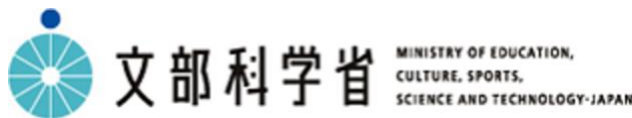
Agricultural Ministers from the world's largest economies will converge upon Niigata, May 11th and 12th, to discuss a wide range of issues concerning global agriculture practices and markets. Among key issues covered will be innovations in technology and human resources supporting agriculture – get the full details!



The 13th Japan International MANGA Award Accepting Entries

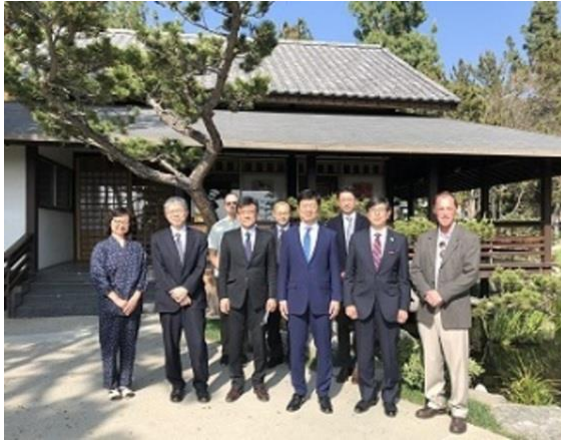
The Thirteenth Japan International MANGA Award is accepting entries through June 14, 2019. Established in May 2007, the award recognizes creators who contribute to the spread of manga culture and international cultural exchanges

through manga.



MEXT Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for Japanese Government (MEXT) Scholarship program are now being accepted for 2020 Research Students Scholarships, 2020 Undergraduate Students Scholarships, and 2020 Specialized (Professional) Training College Students Scholarships.



Vice Minister Visits Japanese Garden in Glendale's Brand Park

On April 27, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Mr. Masahi Adachi, visited the Japanese garden in Glendale's Brand Park and the tea house "Shoseian."

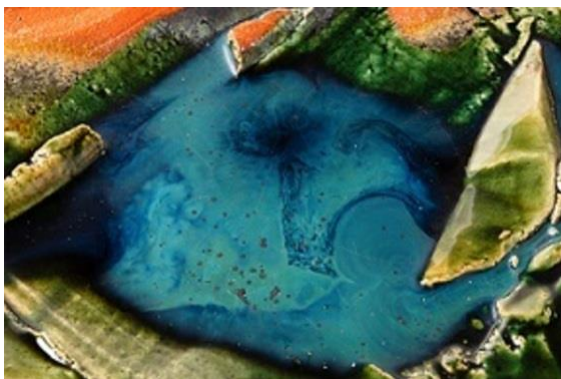


Credit: Kan Sakurai

Railway Photojournalist Kan Sakurai to Discuss Japan's Railway Journeys

Japanese railroad photo journalist Kan Sakurai will introduce the latest railway journeys across Japan, including the "Seven Stars in Kyushu" deluxe cruise train and the "Sagano Romantic Line" sightseeing train in

Kyoto, at a May 14 event from 7:00pm at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.



KESHIKI Japanese Ceramics Exhibition at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles

"KESHIKI: The Landscape Within - Contemporary Japanese Ceramics from the Brodfuehrer Collection" is open at the JAPAN HOUSE Los

Angeles gallery from April 17 to June 9, 2019. The exhibition presents over sixty contemporary ceramic pieces from the collection of Mr. Gordon Brodfuehrer.



Kizuna Video Series: Rajio Taiso

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and Kizuna bring you news and views on the Japanese American community. Join Kizuna staff as they participate in Rajio Taiso at the JACCC. A national warm-up exercise in Japan, Rajio Taiso, also known as radio calisthenics, promotes good health for people of all ages.



Japanese Companies Prospering in the U.S.

Known for their positive role as major employers, investors, and all-around good corporate citizens in the United States, Japanese firms have been rewarded with consistently profitable operations in the US, according to the latest survey information. Nearly 75% of Japanese firms anticipate good results in FY 2018 – capping a seven year winning streak of over 70% of Japanese firms bullish on their prospects in the market.



Numismatists Alert! Japan to Changeover Currency Designs

In the first design revisions since 2004, Japan will be incorporating cutting-edge counterfeiting safeguards, and honoring some of the figures who guided the nation's entry into the modern era. New style bills and coins are slated for circulation commencing in 2024. See the big changes in store right here:



Koinobori (carp-shaped streamers)

Children's Day is a national holiday on May 5th in Japan that celebrates the healthy, happy growth of children. Families with young boys fly colorful, carp-shaped streamers called koinobori in front of their houses in the hope that they will grow up healthy and strong.

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