

Japan Focus



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Prime Minister Suga Attends G7 Summit

Prime Minister SUGA Yoshihide visited Cornwall in the UK to attend the Group of Seven Summit from June 11-13. On the sidelines of the summit, he held bilateral meetings with counterparts from Canada, Australia, the US, France,

Germany and UK.



Credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office

Japan Co-Hosts Global Vaccine Summit

On June 2, the Government of Japan and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, co-hosted a virtual summit to raise additional funding to secure necessary vaccines for developing countries. Participants in the Summit included leaders and ministers from about 40 countries including US Vice President

Kamala Harris. Prime Minister Suga called for further solidarity and commitments from the international community in the fight against COVID-19, and expressed Japan's full

support for ensuring equitable access to safe and effective vaccines for as many people as possible.

Separately, in early June, Japan contributed more than 1 million doses of the AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine to Taiwan. In response, [Taiwan expressed gratitude to Japan](#) for the donation. The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles has also received correspondence from within our local area, thanking Japan for sending vaccine doses to Taiwan.



Latest on Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games: Third Playbook Released

With less than one month to go until the Tokyo 2020 games begin on July 23, Japan continues to place the highest priority on delivering safe and secure Games for all. At their recent summit, [Group of Seven leaders reiterated their support for Tokyo 2020](#). On June 15, [the third and final edition of the Tokyo 2020 Playbooks](#), which serves as the basis of the game plan to ensure that all Olympic and Paralympic Games participants and the people of Japan stay safe and healthy this summer, was released. Also, on June 21, [an official announcement was made that the spectator limit for the Olympic Games](#) has been set at 50% of venue capacity, up to a maximum of 10,000 people. A decision on the Paralympic Games will be made by mid-July.



Latest on COVID-19 in Japan: Hospitalizations Down, Vaccinations Up

As of June 20, Japan ended the Declaration of the State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 for Tokyo, Kyoto,

Osaka, Hyogo, Aichi, Fukuoka, Hokkaido, Okayama and Hiroshima. The Declaration, however, was extended for Okinawa until July 11. As of June 22, COVID-19 deaths in the US stood at 183.43 per 100,000, while the figure for Japan was at 11.41 per 100,000, according to data from Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center. Cases requiring hospitalizations are declining in Japan, while the pace of vaccinations is accelerating. As of June 22, over 24 million doses were administered to date to the general public. Learn more about vaccination doses administered in Japan, [HERE](#).

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Window Hours Extended at Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles

With the State of California reopening its economy as of June 15, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles' consular window hours for Japanese passports and certificates will be from 9:30am-11:30am, 1:15pm-4:15pm and visa window hours from 1:15pm-3:30pm. Appointments are still required. Telephone assistance hours are from 9:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm - 5:00pm. The Consulate is open Monday - Friday, except certain U.S. and Japanese holidays.



Ambassador Tomita at the Nixon Presidential
Library in Yorba Linda

Ambassador of Japan Speaks at Event Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Reversion of Okinawa Agreement

Ambassador of Japan to the United States
TOMITA Koji gave keynote remarks at the

Richard Nixon Foundation’s “Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Reversion of Okinawa Agreement” on Thursday, June 17. In his address, Ambassador Tomita reflected on the enduring effect of Nixon’s vision of Japan in Asia as well as the importance of Okinawa today. The luncheon followed remarks by former National Security Advisor Robert C. O’Brien and two panel discussions - one historical and one future-oriented - on Okinawa, including the Senkaku Islands, and Japan-U.S. relations. Ambassador Tomita’s two-day trip to Southern California included stops in Little Tokyo, at Japan House at Hollywood and Highland, and at the Port of Los Angeles, among others. Read more about his trip on the Embassy of Japan in the U.S. Twitter account: [HERE](#)

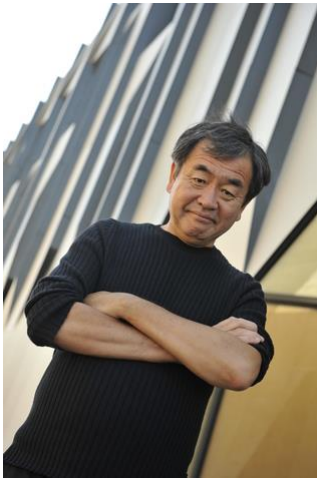


[Consul General Muto, LA City Councilmember Join Community in Little Tokyo Cleanup](#)

On May 22, Consul General Muto joined a community cleanup event in Little Tokyo, sponsored by the City of Los Angeles to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Consul General Muto joined Los Angeles City Councilmember Kevin De Leon, Public Works Commissioner Greg Good, and Little Tokyo Rotary Club Past President George Tanaka in offering brief remarks to the close to 50 community members who were gathered.

[Japanese Architect Kengo Kuma Discusses His Design Philosophy in LA Times Branded Article](#)

Learn more about renowned Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, who was involved with designing the beautiful Japan National Stadium that will be featured at the upcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020. Mr. Kuma was interviewed for an LA Times



Credit: J.C.Carbonne

branded article about his design philosophy, particularly his focus on "natural architecture" and sustainability.



[JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles](#)
[Exhibition:](#)
[RECONNECTING - A Vision](#)
[of Unity by Kengo Kito](#)

Japanese artist Kengo Kito will use 2,021 hula hoops to explore ideas of connection and re-connection as part of his installation RECONNECTING: A Vision of United by Kengo Kito at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles from June 16 to Sept 6. By opening up the hoops and linking them to each other end-to-end, he creates one expansive, interconnected whole that fills the space with color, line and light. His first hula hoop exhibition in the United States, the colorful structure will serve as a metaphor for the interconnectedness of all humanity.

[Japan-Black LA Initiative - Webinar: June 28, Monday](#)

You are invited to join a virtual program of the Japan & Black L.A. Initiative co-sponsored by the United Methodist Church California-Pacific Conference West District and the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles featuring critical race and ethnic studies scholar Dr. Curtiss Takada Rooks. Dr. Takada Rooks' presentation will examine the



history of “racing” Blacks & Asians in the U.S. and the forces obscuring their sense of kinship, and their acts of collaboration to form communities of solidarity.

Pacific Council
ON INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Webinar: "A Conversation on the Quad"

Consul General Muto spoke at a special webinar, “A Conversation on Quad”, hosted by Pacific Council on International Policy on May 26. Jane Duke, Consul General of Australia in Los Angeles, and Laura Stone, Deputy Assistant Secretary for South Asia, U.S. Department of State, joined Consul General Muto, and discussed the importance of the Indo-Pacific strategy. They also shared perspectives on their commitment to quadrilateral cooperation between Japan, Australia, India and the US. Ambassador Nina Hachigian, Deputy Mayor of International Affairs, City of Los Angeles, moderated the discussion.



Japan Top Foreign Direct Investor Nation for Southern California and Statewide!

On June 2nd, the World Trade Center Los Angeles convened a webinar to detail the results of their latest report on FDI into southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the state of California overall – and yet again, Japan is the largest FDI source nation into the Golden State. Japan leads in employment (115,420 direct jobs) the number of establishments (3,672) and total payroll of over \$10.6 billion statewide. Coming in at 2nd is the UK, followed by France at 3rd. Enjoy the webinar which drills into the details of this benchmark analysis by the WTCLA, and also find the latest FDI report by clicking the link.



Port of LA, Kenworth, Toyota and Shell Push Ahead on Hydrogen Energy!

June 7 saw (1) Kenworth heavy-duty trucks powered by (2) Toyota hydrogen fuel cell stacks, and for the first time ever fueled at a newly

dedicated nearby (3) Shell hydrogen filling station, delivered into service at the (4) Port of Los Angeles. A truly historic occasion, marking the next step towards a viable hydrogen value chain near the ports and an increasingly robust hydrogen energy sector here in southern California. Hydrogen has been tapped to play a role in the decarbonization of the ports of southern California and the greening of California; and the collaboration between these world-leading companies and the Port of Los Angeles is already going a long-way in proving the utility and viability of hydrogen powered heavy-duty equipment for clean port operations.

Japanese Gardens and Tea Rooms

We are highlighting Japanese gardens/tea rooms in our jurisdiction. Please check each location's website for operating hours and/or reservations as well as current offerings.

[Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden \(at California State University, Long Beach -- Long Beach, CA\)](#)



Credit: Cal State Long Beach

Located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden is home to a koi pond, winding pathways, a Tea House and Zen Garden.



Looking for something entertaining or informative about Japan?
Look no further, the [Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles' events calendar](#) includes information about virtual events related to Japan, as well as links to virtual museums.

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