



Credit: Cabinet Public Affairs Office

Prime Minister Kishida Attends Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit 2021

On Dec. 7, the the High Level Sessions of the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit 2021, hosted by the government of Japan, was held.

Prime Minister Kishida said that Japan will provide nutrition-related assistance to the

world, which will amount to over 300 billion Japanese yen, equivalent to more than around 2.8 billion U.S. dollars, for the next three years. The Tokyo N4G Summit 2021 was organized to direct ways for the international community to improve nutrition as well as to encourage a wide range of stakeholders to take concrete actions through their announcements of policy and financial commitments, and to lead global measures for nutritional improvement.



Foreign Minister Attends G7 Meeting in the UK

Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa attended the Meeting of the Group of 7 Foreign and Development Ministers, held Dec. 10-13 in the UK. On the sidelines of the

meeting, [he met individually with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) and well as counterparts from other G7 nations. Hayashi and Blinken discussed regional affairs, including China and North Korea. In light of the increasingly severe regional security environment, the two ministers concurred that it is essential to strengthen the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance, and that Japan and the U.S. will continue to work closely together to that end.

COVID-19 Situation in Japan

(As of Dec 23, 2021)

	Total No. of COVID-19 Cases	Total No. of Deaths	% of Population Fully Vaccinated
Japan	1,729,577 (1,368 per 100,000 people)	18,380	77.97%
The U.S.	51,546,991 (15,673 per 100,000 people)	812,069	62.40%

Source: Coronavirus Resource Center, Johns Hopkins University & Medicine

Latest on COVID-19 in Japan: Vaccinations Up

In Japan, over 199 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to date to the general public as of Dec. 23, with 77.97% of the population now fully vaccinated. As of Dec. 23, COVID-19 cases to date came to 1,729,577 in Japan, and 51,546,991 in the United States, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center, Johns Hopkins University & Medicine.

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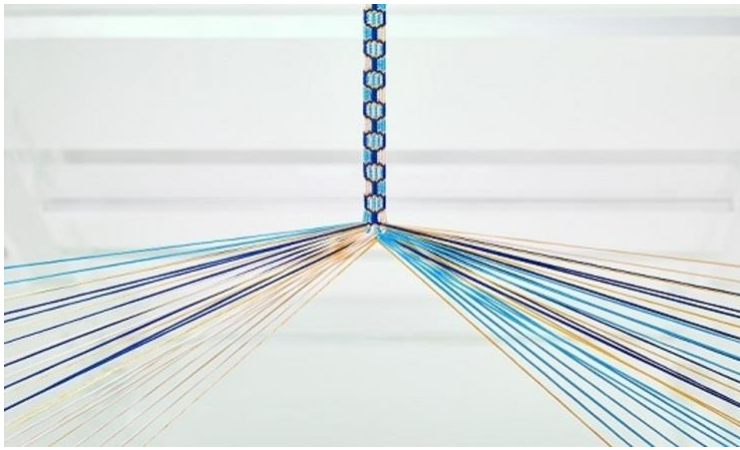
[Consulate General of Japan Holiday Schedule](#)

Click the title to learn more about the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles' year-end holiday schedule, as well as the holiday schedule for 2022.



[Consulate General of Japan Hosts Event for RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy](#)

On Dec. 8, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles hosted an event for RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy (CAPP) advisory board members a day before the semi-annual CAPP advisory board meeting. Consul General Muto gave a presentation on Japan-US and European engagement under FOIP to deter conflict in Taiwan Strait, to engage board members on this issue as they explore U.S. strategy in Asia in its security, diplomatic and socio-economic dimensions at their CAPP advisory board meeting.



JAPAN HOUSE LA Exhibition: The Art of Japanese Silk Braiding

KUMIHIMO: The Art of
Japanese Silk Braiding by
DOMYO, which runs from

Dec. 11, 2021-March 6, 2022, is the first exhibition in the United States to explore the history and art of Japanese silk braiding, or kumihimo ("braided cords"). The JAPAN HOUSE touring exhibition is produced by Yusoku Kumihimo Domyo (Domyo), a Tokyo-based company that has been making braided silk cords by hand since 1652.



"Drive My Car" Makes Oscars Shortlist, "Belle" Nominated for Annie Awards

[The 94th Academy Awards shortlist](#) was announced on Dec. 21, with Japanese film "[Drive My Car](#)" (Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi) making the cut in the category for International Feature Film. [Nominations](#)

[for the 49th Annie Awards](#) were also announced on Dec. 21, with "[Belle](#)" (Director Mamoru Hosoda) nominated for Best Animated Feature - Independent. The Academy Awards is slated to be held on March 27, 2022, while the Annie Awards will take place on Feb. 26, 2022.

2022 A JAPANESE
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
大晦日・お正月
in LITTLE TOKYO
Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
Japanese Village Plaza

FREE Admission

Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California
Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation presents

12/31/2021 (Fri)
12PM-7PM
@JACCC
Japanese American Cultural & Community Center
244 San Pedro St., L.A., CA 90012

1/1/2022 (Sat)
10AM-4PM
@JACCC &
@Japanese Village Plaza
335 East 2nd St., L.A., CA 90012

Japanese New Year Celebration in Little Tokyo!

Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and Japanese Chamber of Commerce Foundation are presenting a two-day celebration to mark the end of 2021 and the start of 2022 in Little Tokyo with a Japanese New Year Celebration! Watch music performances and traditional Japanese cultural performances to celebrate the New Year! More details [HERE](#).

**Building Hydrogen Corridors
in the Pacific West for a Carbon Neutral Future**

A two-part virtual conference hosted by NEDO and JETRO

Session 1: Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 3:00pm
Session 2: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 3:00pm

Building a Hydrogen Society in the Pacific West!

Consul General Muto offered opening remarks at an ambitious online seminar

organized by NEDO and JETRO, which also featured remarks by Eleni Kounalakis, Lieutenant Governor, State of California; Kate Brown, Governor, State of Oregon; Jay Inslee, Governor, State of Washington; and Bruce Ralston, Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Province of British Columbia. The two-day webinar covered everything from policy measures to case study examples by Japanese companies which

are supporting the growth of the hydrogen energy subsector in the Western Pacific region of North America. With a comprehensive series of presentations by policy leaders and many private companies from Japan, the webinar also posited the need for more collaboration between the North American western states and provinces, and global partners like Japan, to accelerate decarbonization with hydrogen energy.

Full webinar videos are available: [Session 1](#), [Session 2](#)



JBA Hosts an Online "Career Networking Event and Expo"

The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant disruptions in the job market, both for employers seeking talent and for prospective employees seeking opportunity. On December 18th, the Japan Business Association of Southern California

hosted an innovative online event, "Supporting California Employment! Online Career Networking Event & Expo" seeking to support both students and companies in this pandemic recovery phase as the southern California region gets back to business. It was a very successful exercise, with plenty of new contacts created and doors of opportunity opened.



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.

Check us out online!

Get to know the Consulate General of Japan through our social media accounts:



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