

# Japan Focus



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Credit: Cabinet Public Affairs Office

## Prime Minister Kishida Meets with U.S. Vice President Harris

On Sept. 26, Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio received a received a courtesy call from United States Vice President Kamala Harris, who was visiting Japan to attend the State Funeral of former Prime Minister ABE Shinzo. Prime Minister Kishida also hosted a dinner for the

U.S. delegation headed by Vice President Harris. The two sides agreed to continue close coordination between Japan and the U.S. toward further strengthening the Japan-U.S. Alliance and realizing a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific,” to carry on the legacy of former Prime Minister Abe.



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## Prime Minister Kishida and Foreign Minister Hayashi Attend United Nations General Assembly

Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio and Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimada both visited New

York to attend the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly and other meetings held on the sidelines. Please click the headline to read more about the bilateral

meetings they attended. Read [Prime Minister Kishida's address](#) at the General Debate of the U.N. General Assembly.



## Japan at the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity Ministerial

On Sept. 8-9, Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry NISHIMURA Yasutoshi and State Minister for Foreign Affairs YAMADA Kenji attended the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Ministerial co-hosted by Ambassador Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative, and Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce of the United States of America. Discussions focused on four major pillars: trade, supply chains, clean economy, and fair economy.



Credit: City of Los Angeles

## Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti Visits Japan

In early September, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and a delegation of LA leaders visited Japan, including stops in Tokyo, Yokohama, and Los Angeles' sister city Nagoya. The delegation focused on strengthening the Los Angeles-Nagoya sister city relationship, furthering collaboration among ports, advancing environmental green initiatives, and ongoing collaboration between Tokyo and Los Angeles as Olympic and Paralympic Host Cities. The Mayor and delegation members also visited Fukushima Prefecture to study the world's foremost green hydrogen production and research facility: the Fukushima Hydrogen Energy Research Field (FH2R).



## Japan Stands with Ukraine

Japan continues to show its support for Ukraine by providing emergency humanitarian assistance and financial support to the country. Read about Japan's response to the situation in Ukraine [HERE](#).



## Consul General Sone Signs Book of Condolence for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

On Sept. 14, Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles SONE Kenko signed a book of condolences for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the British Consulate General in Los Angeles. CG Sone expressed his profound condolences over the passing of Her Majesty.

## Guidance on Japan's Border Control Measures

As of midnight Oct. 11, 2022 (Japan Standard Time), all cross-border travelers from the US who fall under [visa exemption measures](#) for short-term stay will no longer require visa applications. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

In addition, travelers from the U.S. with [a valid vaccination certificate of COVID-19](#) are not [required to submit the certificate of negative test result of pre-departure COVID-19 test](#) within 72 hours prior to departure from the original country/region.

## Community Outreach



## Discussing "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" at JAPAN HOUSE LA

On Sept. 19, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles Foundation - MUFG Union Bank's new program series "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Why does it matter" kicked off at JAPAN HOUSE LA in Hollywood. In his video remarks, Consul General Sone said that fostering a diverse and inclusive society will be an important undertaking ahead for Japan. He also said that as a recent arrival to Los Angeles, he looks forward to learning more about the diversity of the region and working with as many different communities as possible during his posting here.

## Working With the Japanese American Community



Photo by Tracy Kumono, Courtesy of Japanese American National Museum

### [Consul General Attends Ceremonial Installation of Ireichō at JANM](#)

On Sept. 24, Consul General SONE had the honor of visiting the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) to attend the ceremonial installation of a monumental book, Ireichō, which lists the names of Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II. It is the first time a comprehensive list of these incarcerated has been compiled, displayed and memorialized. Visitors to the Japanese American National Museum may experience the Ireichō on display throughout the next year.







## Japan at ITS World Congress in Los Angeles!

The ITS World Congress 2022, the premier event for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) around the world, was held Sept. 18-22 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, with more than 6,000 industry professionals from 64

countries in attendance. Consul General Sone joined the ribbon cutting ceremony at the ITS Japan Pavilion together with the Honorable Yuji Yamamoto and Honorable Ichiro Tsukada -- members of Parliament keen in their support of Japan's ITS industry sector. The Japan Pavilion showcased 17 Japanese companies. The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles also presented an exhibit to highlight recent contributions and successes of Japanese companies in southern California with [display panels and video presentations](#). The many hundreds of visitors who interacted with Pavilion displays and engaged in conversation with companies were treated to special toy souvenirs with architectural and engineering themes – as well as exclusive Tamagotchi toys – all generously provided by Bandai Namco Toys and Collectibles America, Inc. – definitely some of the most exclusive and sought-after SWAG giveaways at the 2022 ITS World Congress!

ITS World Congress metrics and follow up information available [here](#):



## Japan Food Expo in LA Wraps Up!

After two long years of not being able to hold this event, on September 24th the crowds once again came to Hollywood to enjoy the very best food

and beverage experiences on offer from Japan, and all reports are that it was highly appreciated by the eager participants! The event was headlined by a special guest from Japan, Parliamentary Vice Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Honorable Takaaki Katsumata, who offered his special greetings and remarks. Joining in the ceremonial “kagamiwari” breaking of the sake barrel event was Consul General Sone, along with other dignitaries, to give the event its official kick-off. Throughout the course of the day, hundreds of enthusiastic fans of Japanese foods and beverages enjoyed food tasting, curated workshops, entertainment, and plenty of positive vibes.



## Students From Rebun Town Visit the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles

On Sept. 26, a total of 21 high school students from Rebun town in Hokkaido, Japan visited the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles as part of their approximately two-week trip to Southern California and Arizona. The students met with Consul General Sone, who also hails from Hokkaido, and presented information about Rebun town.

## Coming Up!



## 2023-2024 Application is Now Open!!

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, which enters its 37th year, is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 program. Two positions are offered for U.S. citizens: Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs). ALTs work as assistants to Japanese teachers of English at elementary, junior high or senior high schools, while CIRs engage in international exchange activities at local government offices.



## School Visits: Now Making Appointments for Fall & Winter!

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles' school visits are part of the Japan Information and Culture Center's education outreach, by which we share Japanese culture and society with grades K-12 students in greater Southern California and Arizona schools. In addition, the School Visits Program offers lectures at colleges, universities and organizations that touch on current issues, especially as they relate to Japan and its interactions with other nations.

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## Visit Our Booth at the Irvine Global Village Festival

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles will participate in the fun and festivities at this year's Irvine Global Village Festival on Oct. 8 at Great Park in Irvine. Please visit our booth, where we will present information about Japan!





## Empowering Women Through Karate, Addressing Mental Health

Koyamada International Foundation (KIF), World Karate Federation, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) are launching a women’s self-defense initiative called Guardian Girls Global Karate Project (“Guardian Girls Karate”), which aims to combat violence against women by providing girls and young women with martial arts

guidance, knowledge and techniques. On Oct. 8, Guardian Girls Karate will hold a women’s Self-Defense Seminar and Women’s Mental Resilience panel discussion at Terasaki Budokan in Little Tokyo from 4pm-8:30pm.



## Discussing "The View of the Taiwan Strait from the U.S.-Japan Alliance"

On Oct. 10, RAND Corp. and JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles will co-host the "The U.S.-Japan Alliance Conference Series: The View of the Taiwan Strait from the U.S.-Japan Alliance." Mr. Matthew Pottinger, former United States Deputy National Security Advisor (2019-2021) and former Asia Director, National Security Council (2017-2019), will give the keynote presentation at the online event.



## Newport Beach Film Festival to Screen "Offbeat Cops" as Japanese Spotlight

On Oct. 19, the Newport Beach Film Festival will feature a Japanese Spotlight Screening of "Offbeat Cops", a film by Eiji Uchida. The star, Hiroshi Abe, plays an enthusiastic detective who must come to grips with a re-assignment to the police force's band. [The Newport Beach Film Festival](#) will take place from Oct. 13 to Oct. 20.



## [Japanese Films to Be Featured at Upcoming Global Stage Hollywood Festival!](#)

With a solid mix of features, shorts and new anime, Global Stage Hollywood promises to bring an exciting sampling of current Japanese cinema to southern California, yet again! Hosted at the iconic Chinese Theater in Hollywood, from Oct. 28-30, and kicking off with a grand red-carpet reception of top directors, actors, and other talented artists on Friday evening, the 28th – the event promises a full roster of entertainment and industry discussion on the Japanese, US and film industries of selected other countries as well. The program is being finalized for the festivities to come – get more information on tickets and film selection by clicking the title!



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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