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Prime Minister Kishida At ASEAN-Related Meetings, G-20 Bali Summit and APEC Econ Leaders' Meeting

On Nov. 12-19, Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio attended ASEAN-related meetings in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He also attended the Group of 20 Bali Summit in Indonesia as well as the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand.



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Prime Minister Kishida, US President Biden Meet

On the sidelines of ASEAN-related summit meetings in Cambodia, Prime Minister Kishida met with US President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. for a Japan-US Summit Meeting on Nov. 13. The two leaders shared the recognition that the strong Japan-U.S. relationship has a significant role to play in regional peace and stability and beyond, and concurred to work together to ensure peace and prosperity in the region and the international community, by further strengthening the deterrence and response capabilities of the Japan-U.S. Alliance and promoting efforts to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific.”



Foreign Minister Hayashi at APEC Ministerial Meeting

On Nov. 16-18, Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi attended the APEC Ministerial Meeting in Thailand and held bilateral meetings on the sidelines, including informal talks with the [Foreign Minister of Peru](#), which will mark the [150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relationship with Japan](#) next year.



Japan Stands with Ukraine

Japan has shown its support for Ukraine through financial support and other assistance to the country. Read about Japan's response to the situation in Ukraine [HERE](#).

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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 our holiday schedule for 2023.



Consul General Sone Visits University of Southern California

On Nov. 7, Consul General Kenko Sone visited the University of Southern California and met with University President Carol L. Folt. He also toured the Nisei Rock Garden, which honors USC's nisei (second-generation Japanese American) students incarcerated at internment camps during World War

II.



Highlighting Japan-U.S. Study Abroad Stories

From Nov. 1-30, the US Embassy in Japan, Embassy of Japan in the US, and EducationUSA sponsored a Japan-US Study Abroad campaign on Instagram to highlight educational exchange between Japan and the US. Check out study abroad stories on the [Embassy of Japan in the US' Instagram page](#).

Working with the Japanese American community



[Consul General Joins AJC and JACCC Young Leaders in Little Tokyo](#)

On November 17, Consul General Sone joined a special event sponsored by the American Jewish Committee-Los Angeles (AJC) and the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC)

entitled “Building Bridges: The Japanese American Incarceration Experience,” which aimed to strengthen relations between young leaders of the Jewish and Japanese American communities. Members of the Japan Business Association of Southern California also attended the event.

Community Outreach



[Consul General Sone Attends the Asian Hall of Fame's Induction Ceremony](#)

On Nov. 12, Consul General Sone attended the Asian Hall of Fame’s Induction Ceremony at the Alex Theatre in Glendale. Established in 2004, Asian Hall of Fame overcomes anti-Asian bias by elevating Asian contributions in the United States and around the world. This year's inductees

included the band Hiroshima and Hiro Yamamoto, the founding bassist of Soundgarden.

Environment, Economy & Technology



City of Lancaster, CA and Namie Town, Fukushima Announced as H2 Twin Cities Winners

On Nov. 17, the City of Lancaster in California and Namie Town in Fukushima were announced as the winners of the H2 Twin Cities 2022 by the

US Department of Energy – together with the governments of Japan – at COP27. The winning cities will serve as mentors to Hawai'i County, Hawaii, in this Mentor-Mentee H2 Twin Cities partnership.



Port of LA and JETRO LA Sign MOU to Promote Cooperation

On Nov. 14, Port of Los Angeles and JETRO Los Angeles signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to further promote

cooperation in several key strategic areas, including sustainability, environmental initiatives and supply chain optimization. The signing ceremony at the Japan Consulate General Residence was also celebrated by Consul General Sone and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as witnesses.



Collaborative Event Between Japan Business Association and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Held

On Nov. 9, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) and the Japan Business Association of Southern California (JBA) held an annual collaborative event, Grand Mixer, to commemorate 22 years of partnership. Approximately 100 people, including Consul General Sone and Torrance City Mayor George Chen, joined the networking event. It provided a great opportunity to develop and improve the business environment in Torrance.

Entertainment, culture & others



California-Japan Sister Cities Network Fall Workshop Held in San Diego

On Nov. 19, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles along with fellow co-hosts California-Japan Sister Cities Network and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco held the California-Japan Sister Cities Network 2022 Fall Workshop & Reception at the Balboa Recital Hall in San Diego. Citing the workshop theme of “Connecting Sister City Youth with Your Community,” Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles Kenko Sone noted the importance of establishing connections with not only students and young professionals, but also in different areas such as economic exchange and business partnerships. Consul General Sone expressed his hope that active group discussions at

the workshop would help pave the way for new collaborations between sister cities and lead to a more robust Japan-U.S. relationship.



Kobe Beef Event Held at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles

A Kobe Beef promotion event, The Delight of Kobe Beef, took place at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles on Nov. 17. While Kobe Beef is often prepared as steak in the US, using loin cuts, this event became a great opportunity for the guests to re-discover the charm of Kobe Beef through tasting and

demonstration of various types of beef cuts, presented and curated by an expert chef.



Sushi and Sake Festival by Japanese Restaurant Association of America

Consul General Sone joined the “Sushi & Sake Festival 2022” organized by the Japanese Restaurant Association of America on Nov. 6. The event took place for the first time in 3 years (due to the COVID pandemic), and was

joined by Japanese food fans enjoying sushi and sake, together with Tuna Cutting demonstrations and a Japanese Drum (wadaiko) show

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