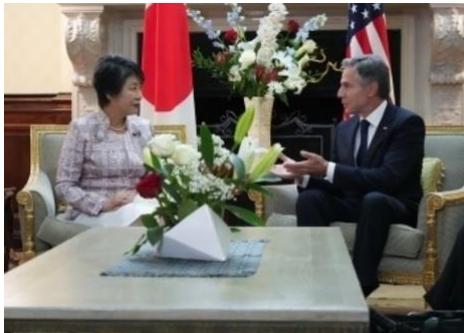




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Prime Minister Kishida, Foreign Minister Kamikawa Attend U.N. General Assembly

Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio and Foreign Minister KAMIKAWA Yoko visited New York to attend international conferences held as part of the Seventy-Eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly. In [his address at the UN on Sept. 19](#), the prime minister called for a renewed commitment to strong and effective multilateralism, with the UN at its core, aiming at a world filled with cooperation rather than division and confrontation.



[Foreign Minister Kamikawa](#), who was newly appointed to the position in September as part of the 2nd Kishida Cabinet (2nd reshuffle), attended international conferences while in New York. On Sept. 18, [she met with her US counterpart Antony Blinken](#), and the two concurred on continuing to work closely together in addressing the many issues facing the international society, including Russia's aggression against Ukraine and North Korea's nuclear and missile development and the abductions issue.



Japan Stands with Ukraine

At a [Security Council High Level Open Debate](#) held on Sept. 20 at the United Nations, Prime Minister Kishida once again strongly condemned Russia's aggression against Ukraine and emphasized the importance to realize a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine based on the principles of the UN Charter in order to uphold the international order based on the rule of law. 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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2024-2025 Application is Now Open

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program, which enters its 38th year, is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 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

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Japanese American Community



[Glendale Names Sadao S. Munemori Square](#)

On Sept. 19, the Glendale City Council approved designating “Sadao S. Munemori Memorial Square” in honor of Glendale-born Sadao S. Munemori, the only Japanese American to be awarded the Medal of Honor

during the World War II era. In reaction to the designation, Consul General Sone stated “Sadao S. Munemori Square will provide a lasting landmark of the Japanese American presence in Glendale and inspire all who pass through the intersection of the heroism and self-sacrifice of Mr. Munemori and the resilience and remarkable contributions of the entire Japanese American community.

Community Outreach



East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade

On Sept. 10, Consul General and Mrs. Sone participated in the 77th Annual East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade through the gracious invitation of the Comité Mexicano Cívico Patriotico. The parade was

first held in 1946 and is the largest Mexican Independence Day celebration in the U.S. Sapporo U.S.A. provided beer at the VIP reception and Sakura Rent-A-Car provided the parade convertible. ¡Viva Mexico y viva Japon!

Sister City Relations



Consul General, Mrs. Sone Visit Santa Barbara

Thanks to the gracious invitation of the Santa Barbara-Toba Sister City Organization, Consul General and Mrs. Sone had an opportunity to tour the City of Santa Barbara on Sept. 13. In addition to a visit to Santa Barbara City Hall, they made a stop at Sahyun Genealogical Library before touring Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, home to a

traditional Japanese tea house.

Business, Economy & Tech



Meeting on ALPS-Treated Water

On Sept. 6, Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, JETRO Los Angeles, and local Japanese food industry representatives handling Japanese marine products gathered to share the safety and

Japanese government efforts regarding the discharge of ALPS treated water, and to exchange views on the impact on the marine industry and future activities. The discharge of ALPS treated water into the sea is consistent with international safety standards and radiation impact on humans and the environment would be negligible. The Japanese government continues to provide information, including such details above, based on scientific evidence in a transparent manner.

Entertainment, culture & others



Credit: Jun Nagata - Rafu Shimpo

YOSHIKI's Hand and Footprints Memorialized in Hollywood

On Sept. 14, YOSHIKI was memorialized at the famous 'TCL Chinese Theatre' in Hollywood. In similar fashion to the over 300 Hollywood icons who have left their mark in this pavement over the last 100 years, YOSHIKI had his hand and footprints pressed into the concrete at the ceremony. With this achievement, he has now become the first-ever Japanese artist to receive this prestigious honor.



Travel Event Focuses on Hyogo Prefecture

On Sept. 14, an event to promote Hyogo Prefecture, Japan as a travel destination was held at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.

Hyogo Governor SAITO Motohiko spoke at the event, along with Consul General Sone, who listed Hyogo's different attractions, including National Treasures such as Himeji Castle, beautiful natural landscapes, and the city of Kobe's special mixture of traditional Japanese and Western influences.



Japan Film Festival Los Angeles 2023

On Sept. 17, Consul General SONE attended the closing ceremony of the Japan Film Festival Los Angeles at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.

This was the 18th year the festival has been running, showcasing the art of cinema as it relates to Japan. In his remarks, Consul General Sone encouraged the expansion of collaboration between Japan and Hollywood in the entertainment industry



Kampai (Cheers) at the San Diego Sake Festival!

On Sept. 24, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone attended San Diego Sake Festival 2023, the largest sake festival in San Diego. Twenty-three companies opened their booths, offering approximately 80 different premium sakes. In

addition to the many enthusiastic sake fans in attendance, the event also provided an

opportunity for about 500 people from the restaurants and food industries to learn about and enjoy sake.



Celebrating Otsukimi "Moon Viewing" at Japanese Friendship Garden in Glendale

On Sept. 29, Shoseian Teahouse and the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles co-hosted the Otsukimi Moon Viewing Event at the Japanese Friendship Garden located at Brand Park in Glendale, CA. Attendees watched a Katori Shinto Ryu performance, Urasenke tea demonstration as well as koto and biwa performances and enjoyed bento boxes and sweets.



KAKEHASHI Project Reunion

On Sept. 30, Japan Foundation LA hosted the KAKEHASHI Project Follow-up Program reunion, bringing together past participants to share their experiences and to network. The KAKEHASHI Project is a government-funded grassroots exchange program that brings groups of Americans to Japan for engaging, focused and customized experiences related to their specific fields and interests. Consul ISHII Aya spoke at the event, encouraging KAKEHASHI Project alumni to maintain a strong connection to Japan.



Tokyo City Cup/Japan Family Day Held at Santa Anita

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, Tokyo City Cup and Japan Family Day were held. Tokyo City Cup, a commemorative race held as a symbol of friendship exchange partnership between Santa Anita Park Racecourse and Tokyo City Keiba, is celebrated annually alongside Japan Family Day at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, CA. As the biggest Japanese family festival in Southern California, people enjoyed Japanese food, culture, performance, tradition, and entertainment at Japan Family Day

Coming Up!



Taste of Japan in Arizona

Arizona's first Japanese food & pop cultural event, Taste of Japan Arizona, will be held Oct. 7th & 8th at Heritage Plaza in Downtown Phoenix. Japanese food, Japanese pop culture, anime, cosplay, entertainment, goods, and fun activities are all-in-one! There will be entertainment on the main stage throughout the day. Yokochi Fest, where you can experience Japan's local drinking culture, will be held at the same time!



Global Stage Hollywood Film Festival

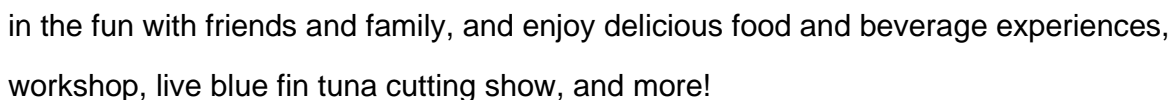
The Global Stage Hollywood Film Festival 2023 is a festival from Oct. 6-7 that will celebrate the best of Japanese and other diverse cinema from all over the world. The festival, which aims to showcase new talent discovery from around the world, will hold screenings at TCL Chinese Theatre.



On Oct. 14, come visit the Irvine Global Village Festival at Great Park in Irvine. The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles will present information on Japan at the booth, while other Japanese-related cultural offerings will include Ikebana flower arrangement, Shodo Japanese calligraphy, origami, Kimono dressing, and an introduction to products



On Oct. 15, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, the UCLA Terasaki Center for Japan Studies, and JETRO Los Angeles will co-host a speaking event featuring former firefighter Seietsu Sato at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. Despite the tragedy of losing his wife to the 2011 tsunami, Sato became a hero by saving thousands of lives during the



On Oct. 28, the Japanese Food Culture Association and JETRO Los Angeles will jointly host the 2023 Japanese Food Expo in LA at Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City. Join



Sushi & Sake Festival in Hollywood

On Oct. 29, the Japanese Restaurant Association of America will host the Sushi & Sake Festival 2023 at Hilton Los

Angeles/Universal City. Get ready to indulge in a mouthwatering extravaganza of sushi and sake! Don't miss the tuna cutting show and traditional Japanese TAIKO performance, too

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