

Japan Focus



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Japan Hosts Group of Seven Leaders' Summit

Japan hosted the G7 Leaders' Summit in Hiroshima from May 19-21. Highlights included the [G7 leaders' visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum](#) as well as Ukraine's

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's visit to Hiroshima. Read the G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communique [HERE](#).



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](#).



Visit to Naval Base San Diego

On May 18, Consul General SONE Kenko and Ambassador TSUKADA Tamaki, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan, visited Naval Base San Diego to meet and receive

briefings from the Third Fleet, the Carl Vinson aircraft carrier, and the Special Warfare

Group. Consul General Sone commended their efforts and confirmed Japan's commitment to further strengthening the Japan-U.S. alliance.

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POSITION AVAILABLE: Economic Advisor

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles has an opening for a full-time advisor in its Economic Section. The responsibilities of this section vary widely, but include facilitating government, trade, and business relations between Japan and the United States. Click the title to learn more!

Check us out online!

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Working with the Japanese American Community



Little Tokyo Sparkle Community Cleanup

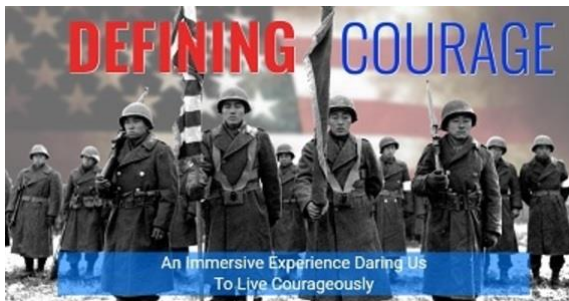
On May 20, Consul General and Mrs. Sone and consulate staff joined the annual Little Tokyo Sparkle-Nancy Kikuchi Volunteer Day. Japanese American

community organizations and leaders participated in trash pick-up, graffiti and sticker removal, sidewalk cleaning, and more in the Little Tokyo neighborhood.



Memorial Day Service at JACCC

On May 27, Consul General and Mrs. Sone attended the Japanese American Veterans Joint Memorial Service at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center Memorial Court and made a flower offering, along with other community representatives.



Learning About Nisei Soldiers in 'Defining Courage'

On June 7, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone attended the "Defining Courage"

immersive multimedia performance at the Samueli Theater. The beautiful and powerful event attendees an opportunity to learn about the history and bravery of the Nisei Soldier, Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the segregated military units of the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Military Intelligence Service, and 552nd Field Artillery Battalion.

Community Outreach



Credit: Toyo Miyatake Studio

Jewish & Japanese American Leaders Visit Manzanar

On May 16-17, Deputy Consul General Aoshima joined a pilgrimage to Manzanar with leaders of the Jewish American and Japanese American communities. The visit was co-organized by the American Jewish

Committee Los Angeles and Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, in association with the Japanese American National Museum and Go For Broke National Education Center.



Credit: UCLA Alpert School of Music

Symphony No. 6, "Vessels of Light" Honoring Chiune Sugihara

On May 18, Consul General and Mrs. Sone attended a special performance of "Vessels of Light" at UCLA's Royce Hall honoring [Chiune](#)

[Sugihara](#). The work was commissioned by Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, and had its world premiere in Lithuania and U.S. premiere in New York, with additional performances planned around the world.

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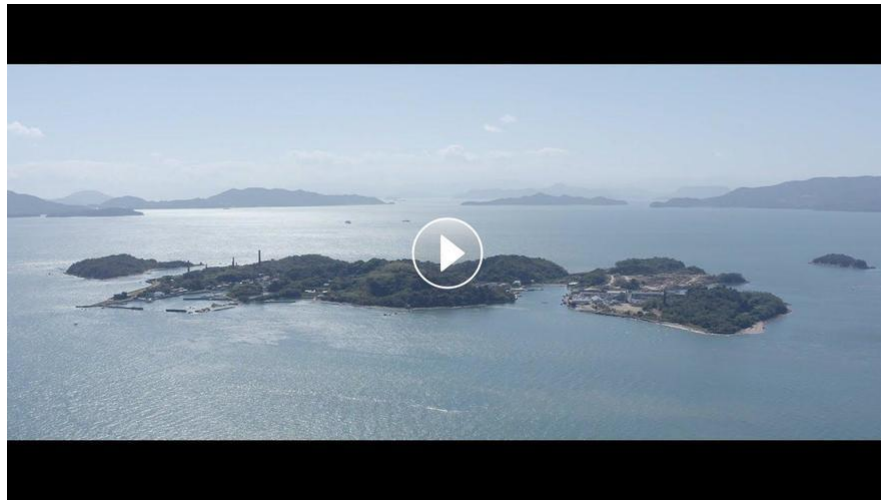
Discussing 'Japan and the Geo-Dynamics of the Indo-Pacific'

On May 30, Consul General Sone joined Ulrike Schaede, Professor and Director of the Japan Forum for Innovation and Technology, UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy, to discuss issues pertaining to the Indo-Pacific region. Watch the Zoominar by clicking above!

Entertainment, culture & others

Japan House Exhibition - Symbiosis: Living Island

"Symbiosis: Living Island," on view at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles from April 15 to July 5, 2023, explores the groundbreaking Inujima "Art House Project," designed to revitalize Inujima, a depopulated Japanese island, by integrating contemporary art. The project has created a unique symbiosis between art, architecture, community, and ecology that will nurture and sustain the island for many years to come.



Celebrating Japanese Food and Culture at LALALA Matsuri



On May 14, Consul General Sone participated in the "LALALA Festival" hosted by Weekly LALALA in celebration of its 20th anniversary.

The event featured booths and stage performances introducing Japanese culture. The festival featured an area comprised of 12 famous ramen shops from Japan as well as a variety of Japanese food and beverages.



2023 California-Japan Sister Cities Spring Workshop Held

On May 19, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles co-hosted the 2023 online California-Japan Sister Cities Spring

Workshop with CJSCN (the California-Japan Sister Cities Network) and the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco. This year's theme of the online workshop was "Navigating Renewed Opportunities for Sister Cities". The Torrance Sister City

Association and the Redlands Sister Cities Association, gave short presentations based on their actual experiences that were obtained from their resumed in-person exchanges carried out earlier this year.



Japan Foundation LA Exhibition: ÔMECITTÀ

Open from June 2- Aug. 5, The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles presents an exhibition of French artist Chantal Stoman's ÔMECITTÀ, a one-of-a-kind photography project with a companion documentary. While in Japan in

2017, Chantal Stoman heard rumors of a town, Ôme, that had once been the epicenter of cinema during the Showa era. After doing her own research, Chantal Stoman found hand-painted movie posters of classical Hollywood films, all created by one self-trained local artist.



19th Annual All-USA High School Japanese Speech Contest Held

On June 4, the 19th Annual All-USA High School Japanese Speech Contest was held online, sponsored by the Aurora Japanese Scholarship Fund, and co-sponsored by the

Japan Foundation, Los Angeles and the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles. Consul Shoko Kida from the Consulate General of Japan, participated as a judge. This contest provides opportunities for non-native speaking high school students studying Japanese in the United States to make presentations in the language and to inspire others to improve their proficiency in Japanese. The purpose of the contest is to enhance and deepen the general understanding of Japan and its culture.

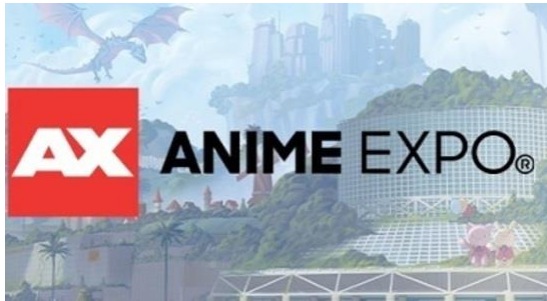


Introducing 'UKA' at JAPAN HOUSE LA

UKA brings vibrant kaiseki dining to Hollywood as the new restaurant anchor at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. UKA, at the helm of esteemed Chef Yoshitaka Mitsue and Chef Shingo Kato, is

dedicated to vibrant contemporary kaiseki dining, introducing the culinary heritage of a refined, multi-course Japanese meal to modern-day palates.

Coming Up!



Anime Expo (July 1-4)

Anime Expo is coming back to downtown Los Angeles! Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Los Angeles will be on site with a booth, so please stop by.

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