

Japan Focus



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Government Ministers Visiting Los Angeles



Parliamentary Vice-Minister YOSHIKAWA (middle) at Japanese American National Museum



State Minister for Science & Technology Policy HOSHINO at Jet Propulsion Laboratory

On June 26, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs YOSHIKAWA Yuumi visited Little Tokyo as part of a trip to Los Angeles and Canada. In addition to visiting the Go for Broke Monument, she visited the Japanese American National Museum (JANM), where she toured exhibits on the history of Japanese Americans.

On June 29, HOSHINO Tsuyoshi, State Minister for Science and Technology Policy, Disaster and Economic Security, Japan visited Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. He met with JPL Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer Larry D. James and other JPL officials to learn more about the federally funded research & development center and its operations. During his visit, State Minister Hoshino toured JPL facilities, including the Von Karman Museum.



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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Working with the Japanese American Community



Learning From Japanese American and Japanese Women in the Food & Beverage Industry

On June 15, the Consulate General of Japan and the LA Next Generation Japanese American Leaders Initiative held an event at the Japanese American National Museum – “Breaking Barriers & Building Bridges: Japanese American and Japanese Women in Food & Beverage.” The event featured panelists Atsuko Kanai (Vice President, Mutual Trading Co.), Hisae Uki (Vice President of Business Operations, Sun Noodle) and Nami Yamamoto (Chief Executive Officer, Yamamotoyama U.S.A.) who spoke about their experiences as women executives in the food & beverage industry.



Opening Ceremony for Regional Connector Project and Little Tokyo/Arts District Station Held

On June 16, LA Metro held an opening ceremony at the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) for the regional connector project and the new Little Tokyo/Arts District station. Consul General SONE Kenko attended, along with such dignitaries as Metro Board Chair and Glendale City Councilmember Ara Najarian, White House Senior Advisor Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Senator Alex Padilla, U.S. Congressman Jimmy Gomez, California State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass.



JACCC's 42nd Anniversary Celebration

On June 22, Consul General and Mrs. Sone attended [the 42nd Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner](#) of the [Japanese](#)

[American Cultural & Community Center](#). Consul General Sone provided a toast at the beginning of the event, congratulating JACCC on its achievements and contributions to the community, and also recognized the evening's awardees.



2nd Annual Nikkei Celebration in Boyle Heights (Aug. 5)

On Saturday, Aug. 5, Boyle Heights Community Partners in collaboration with the Little Tokyo Historical Society will present the 2nd Annual Nikkei Celebration in Boyle

Heights! A parade will line up at Saratoga St. and E. 1st at 5pm, ending in front of the historic Japanese restaurant Otomisan located at 2506 E. 1st St. 90033. Let's celebrate Nikkei history and traditions in Boyle Heights!!



Celebrating Nisei Week Japanese Festival (Aug. 12-20)

Nisei Week Japanese Festival will be held in Little Tokyo from Aug. 12-20, showcasing Japanese cultural events, activities and exhibits, including music, entertainment, food and fun! The Coronation Ball will be held on Aug. 12 and the Grand Parade will be held on Aug. 13. The Plaza Festival will

take place on Aug. 19, with programs, food booths, arts & crafts galore. JACCC will have cultural exhibits and cultural demonstrations as well as other events.

Sister City Relations



Ichikawa City, Gardena Celebrate 60th Anniversary of Sister City Ties

A reception celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Ichikawa's (Chiba Prefecture) and Gardena's City Sister City relations was held on July 2nd. An Ichikawa City delegation headed by Mayor Tanaka visited Gardena and participated in various exchange events. At the reception, Mayors Tanaka and Cerda signed a Resolution and exchanged gifts. Consul General and Mrs. Sone were invited to the reception where he recognized the continuous efforts made by these two cities over the past 60 years.



Credit: Coco Hatano

Celebrating the Huntington Beach-Anjo Sister City Relationship on Fourth of July

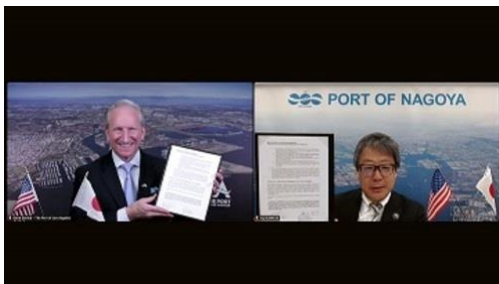
Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone celebrated at the 4th of July Parade of Huntington Beach with the Sister City Association of Huntington Beach. The city of Huntington Beach enjoys a strong sister city relationship with Anjo, Aichi Prefecture in Japan. Over many years, the two cities have mutually hosted local citizens and high school students to promote friendship and goodwill. Watch the parade [HERE](#) (Sister City Association of Huntington Beach from 59:09-1:00:18).

Environment, Business, Economy & Technology



Consul General Meets with San Diego Japanese Business Association

On June 21, Consul General and Mrs. Sone met with the San Diego Japanese Business Association and learned more about its member companies and organizations. Other discussions included the association's activities and future plans.



3rd Anniversary of MOU Between LA Port and Nagoya Port

On June 29, The Port of Nagoya and the Port of Los Angeles renewed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of sharing information in the areas of environmental sustainability and operational efficiency. The ports will continue the

partnership to work on port community systems and digital supply chain information sharing, zero-emission vehicle and equipment testing.

Entertainment, culture & others



City Pop "Moon in the Sky" Held

A City Pop event "Moon In the Sky" was held on June 15 at The Fonda Theatre. The City Pop category of music emerged in Japan during the late 1970s to the mid-1980s, heavily influenced by Western music genres such as funk, soul, jazz, and rock. Now, City Pop has enjoyed a renaissance as music fans and DJs around the world rediscover artists and songs. Hundreds of guests joined the event and enjoyed the music and Japanese food and samplings.



Cheering on Team Japan Lacrosse in San Diego

On June 21, Consul General SONE Kenko met with Team Japan lacrosse players competing at the 2023 World Lacrosse Men's Championship held in San Diego from June

21 to July 1. Joined by Honorary Consul of Japan in San Diego Kate Leonard, Consul General Sone offered his best wishes to the lacrosse players in competition at the event.



Teachers of Japanese in Southern California Exchange Event

On June 22, the Consulate General and Japan Foundation Los Angeles co-hosted an exchange event for the

Teachers of Japanese in Southern California, known as TJSC, at the Official Residence of Consul General Sone. During a roundtable discussion, teachers spoke about their efforts in Japanese education, the challenges they face, and their requests to the Consulate General of Japan and the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles.



Credit: Nisei Week Foundation

Japanese Heritage Night at Angels Stadium

On June 27, Deputy Consul General Aoshima joined [Nisei Week representatives](#) for an on-field recognition at the Angels Japanese Heritage Night Celebration. Los Angeles Angels and fans celebrated Japanese Heritage Night, with Wadaiko (Japanese

drums) performers and Awaodori dancers livening up the pregame event.



Ribbon Cutting at Anime Expo

On July 1, Consul General Sone joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Anime Expo, which draws fans of anime, manga, and Japanese culture to Los Angeles every year. The Japanese consulate also promoted the Japan International MANGA Award at a booth run by JETRO (Japan External Trade Organization).

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Credit: Nikkan Sun



(L-R: Mrs. Sone, Consul General Sone, Honorary Consul of Japan in San Diego Kate Leonard)

On July 1, Consul General Sone threw the first pitch at Angels Stadium in Anaheim. On July 3, he stood on the mound yet again to throw the first pitch at Petco Park in San Diego for the Padres' Japanese Heritage Celebration. At the San Diego game, he was joined by Mrs. Sone and Honorary Consul of Japan in San Diego Kate Leonard.

Coming Up!



JAPAN HOUSE LA Exhibit to Combine Pokémon and Japanese Craft

The new exhibition "POKÉMON X KOGEI | Playful Encounters of Pokémon and Japanese Craft" at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles will run from July 25, 2023 - Jan.

7, 2024. Supervised by the National Crafts Museum in Kanazawa, Japan, with special support from The Pokémon Company, the exhibition features over 70 works of varying materials and diverse techniques created by twenty of Japan's most accomplished craft artists.

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