

Japan Focus



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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](#).



Consul General Visits Ontario City Hall

On July 11, Consul General SONE Kenko visited Ontario City Hall in San Bernardino County and exchanged views with Ontario Mayor Paul Leon. They were able to confirm cooperation from Japanese companies with the city, for the future realization of a recycling-oriented community by tapping into Japanese technology for the city's urban development projects.

The Mayor stated that the city can learn much from Japan, including how to utilize its recycling technology, and that they would like to continue efforts to cooperate with Japan.



Consul General, Nagoya City Delegation Meets with LA Mayor Bass

On Aug. 9, Consul General Sone held a discussion with Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass during the visit of Nagoya Mayor Takeshi Kawamura to Los Angeles. The City of Nagoya delegation visit celebrated the sister cities between Los Angeles and Nagoya, marking 64 years of friendship this year.

Later that evening, Consul General Sone and the Los Angeles-Nagoya Sister City Affiliation welcomed the Nagoya delegation and LA county, city, and port officials to his official residence for a celebration dinner.



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Working with the Japanese American Community



Credit: Rafu Shimpo

Consul General & Mrs. Sone at Dodgers Japan Heritage Night

On July 8, Consul General and Mrs. Sone were recognized during the pre-game activities at Japan Heritage Night at Dodgers Stadium, and were also greeted by Dodgers

Manager Dave Roberts. Also featured at the game were the Nisei Week Foundation, singer Crystal Kay for the national anthems, and Los Angeles Laker Rui Hachimura for the first pitch.



Credit: Kris Ikejiri

Reception at JACL National Convention in Little Tokyo

On July 20 in Little Tokyo, the Consulate General of Japan co-hosted a special reception during the JACL's annual convention with JACL leaders and alumni of the JACL-KAKEHASHI program. Speakers at the event included JACL National President Larry Oda, JACL Executive Director David Inoue, White House Advisor for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders Georgette Furukawa, and Consul General Sone.



Little Tokyo Service Center Holds "Sake on the Rocks"

On July 28, Little Tokyo Service Center held the 15th Sake and Food Tasting Event "Sake on the Rocks" at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center in Little Tokyo. Consul General Sone delivered remarks and marked the celebratory occasion by participating in a Kagami-Biraki ceremony, which entails breaking open a sake barrel.

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Scholarship Fund Recipients Feted

Scholarship Fund for college students. JCCSC has supported nearly 2,000 students over the past 60 years or so.

On July 29, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California (JCCSC) held the Conferment Ceremony for the Japanese American Treaty Centennial



Next Generation Leaders Event: Local Public Service & Global Politics

On Aug. 3, the Consulate General of Japan and the LA Next Generation Japanese American Leaders Initiative held an event at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles - "Rising to the Call: Local Public Service & Global Politics." The event featured a panel discussion with Setagaya City Councilmember Risa Kamio (livestream from Japan), Alhambra City Councilmember Jeff Maloney, and Los Angeles Community College District Trustee Kelsey Iino.



Consul General Sone Attends JANM's "Our Promise" Public Launch

On Aug. 5, Consul General SONE attended the Japanese American National Museum's Our Promise Launch Celebration, which kicked off the public phase of its comprehensive fundraising campaign. In his remarks, Consul General Sone expressed hope that an even wider audience will encounter stories of Japanese American history and fully appreciate their depth and value.



2nd Annual Nikkei Celebration in Boyle Heights

On Aug. 5, Boyle Heights Community Partners in collaboration with the Little Tokyo Historical Society held the 2nd Annual Nikkei Celebration in Boyle Heights! From the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, Vice Consul MATOBA Hiroko attended and spoke about the importance of celebrating Nikkei history and traditions in Boyle Heights.



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

From Aug. 12–20, Nisei Week Celebration takes place in Little Tokyo. Don't miss out this year on tons of fun activities, such as the parade, the car show and the coronation of Nisei Week Queen! Did we mention

there will be Taiko drums too?

Community Outreach

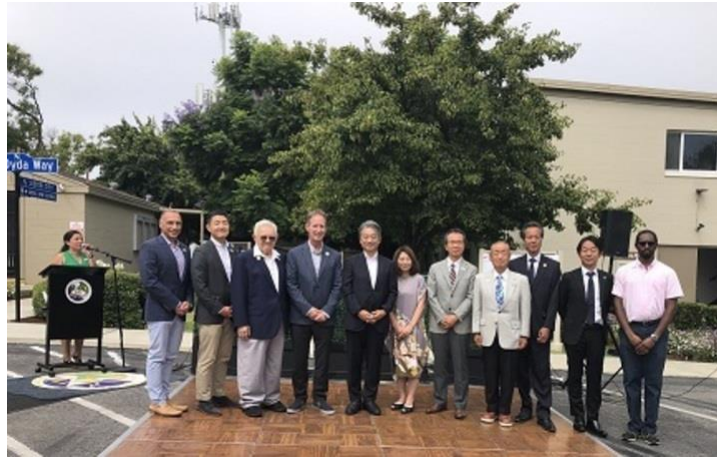


Diversity in Hollywood - An Evening With George Takei

On July 18, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles welcomed Hollywood legend, George Takei, and KTLA's award-winning news anchor, Frank Buckley, for its "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Series". The two not only discussed their views on diversity and inclusion

from the standpoint of their career experience, but they also spoke on the importance of diverse voices and perspectives in storytelling. Consul General Sone spoke as well that evening, touching on the strides Japan has been making to pursue gender equality, and support an overall greater empowerment of women in the country.

Sister City Relations



[Rancho Palos Verdes, Sakura City Mark 3 Years of Sister City Ties](#)

On Aug. 5, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone attended the Rancho Palos Verdes-Sakura Sister City Celebration, which marked three years since they became sister cities. Consul General Sone congratulated both cities and acknowledged their mayors, officials and citizens for their hard work and steadfast dedication to the friendship.

Entertainment, culture & others



Pokémon and Japanese Craft Come Together

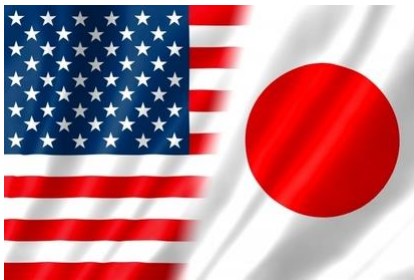
On July 25, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles (JHLA) unveiled its new exhibition, "POKÉMON X KOGEI | Playful Encounters of Pokémon and Japanese Craft"! An opening reception was held on July 24th, as well as a talk session the following day, where Tsunekazu Ishihara, president and CEO of The Pokémon Company, and Masahiro Karasawa, director of Japan's National Crafts Museum, were welcomed.

Coming Up!



5th Anniversary Event - Bridging Cultures, Inspiring Futures

On Aug. 27, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles will celebrate its 5th anniversary at the Level 2 Center Courtyard of Ovation Hollywood with a memorable experience that celebrates exchange, unity, and the power of music to bring people together with musical performances from such artists as MIYAVI, as well as a variety of food and beverage booths.



Talking About U.S.-Japan Trade: Leadership in Economic Security

On Sept. 5, Asia Society Southern California will host an in-depth discussion on how Japan and the U.S. are responding to the shifting dynamics of the international economy and trade. Consul General Sone will be among the panel speakers at the event, which will be held in partnership with the Consulate General of Japan Los Angeles, JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles, and Asia Society Policy Institute.



Discussing "How the Quad Affects Southern California"

On Sept. 6, Consul General Jane Duke of Australia, Consul General Sone of Japan, Incoming Consul General Dr Srikar Reddy of India (confirmation awaited), and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Camille Dawson are slated to discuss how their countries impact Southern California, the world, and a free and open Indo-Pacific. Click the link for tickets to attend the in-person event, supported by Orange County World Affairs Council and IIT Alumni Association of Southern California, at the Sheraton Hotel in Cerritos, CA.

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