

Japan Focus



Introducing New Prime Minister Ishiba

On Oct. 1, ISHIBA Shigeru was appointed the new Prime Minister of Japan and [his Cabinet inaugurated](#). Read his statement [HERE](#).



Highlights from Japanese Delegation's US Visit

In September, Prime Minister Kishida and Foreign Minister Kamikawa both visited the U.S. to attend bilateral and multilateral meetings. Kishida's schedule included [a meeting with U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.](#) and [address at the U.N. Summit of the Future](#). Foreign Minister Kamikawa attended the [G-7 Foreign Ministers' meeting](#) and other gatherings.

(photo credit: Cabinet Public Relations Office)



Japan Stands with Ukraine

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

Check us out online!

The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles updates its activities on social media daily, so please follow us!



[Consul General's Commendation Conferred on Frank Buckley](#)

On Sept. 6, the Consulate General of Japan in LA presented the Commendation of the Consul General to KTLA anchor and journalist Frank Buckley.



[2024 Invitation Program for Japanese American Students](#)

San Diego high school student Eva Kurima was one of three participants chosen for the 2024 Invitation Program for Japanese American Students who traveled to Japan in August, sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Community Outreach



East L.A. Mexican Independence Day Parade

On Sept. 15, Consul General and Mrs. Sone participated in the 78th Annual East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade, the largest Mexican Independence Day celebration in the U.S.

Technology, Environment, Economy, etc.



JAL's 30th Anniversary of KIX-LAX Route

On Sept. 4, Japan Airlines (JAL) held a ceremony at LAX to commemorate the 30th anniversary of its Kansai International Airport (KIX) - LAX route, and Consul General Sone gave congratulatory remarks. There were Japanese cultural performances, and commemorative goods related to JAL and Osaka, Kansai, Japan World Expo 2025 were distributed.



Figueria Eight - Mitsui Fudosan America's Newest Tower in DTLA

On Sept. 16, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone had a tour of Figueria Eight, a 42 story, 438 unit residential tower developed by Mitsui Fudosan America in the heart of downtown Los Angeles. Figueria Eight, which is currently open for lease, is one of downtown's newest residential towers and shows Mitsui Fudosan America's continued commitment to Downtown Los Angeles.



Toyota Tsusho America Technology at Yusen Terminals and Fenix Marine Services

On Sept. 24, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone visited Yusen Terminals and Fenix Marine Services at the Port of Los Angeles to see Toyota Tsusho America hydrogen technology being implemented to help the port reach decarbonization goals. This project was awarded a grant by Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization.



[Visit to Otafuku Foods](#)

Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone on Sept. 24 toured Otafuku Foods in Santa Fe Springs to learn more about their operations and business plans. During the visit, they sampled Otafuku's signature sweet and savory "Otafuku Okonomi Sauce" with "okonomiyaki", a Japanese savory pancake.



[Japan • O Food Showcase](#)

On Sept. 25, Consul General Sone gave opening remarks at "JAPAN • O Food Showcase," which was organized by KKT Enterprise, J-made, and RE&S Japan and hosted at Japan House LA. 17 companies featured various Japanese foods including onigiri, bento, seafood, mochi, drinks, desserts, and more.

Entertainment, Culture



[JET Program Application Now Open](#)

Want to experience Japanese culture and make memorable relationships with the community while you live and work in Japan? The JET Program is the way to go. Applications are now open with a Nov. 15 deadline, [so apply today!](#)



["Global Connections: Sister Cities, Business and the Next Generation" Event Held](#)

On Sept. 14, the Consulate Generals of Japan in LA and San Francisco and the California-Japan Sister Cities Network co-hosted a Workshop & Reception in Torrance focused on "Global Connections: Sister Cities, Business and the Next Generation."



Japan Film Festival Los Angeles

Consul General and Mrs. Sone attended the Japan Film Festival Los Angeles on Sept. 15, organized by the Japan America Media Association. At the festival, which introduces Japanese culture through cinema, Consul General Sone, who has attended and supported the festival for several years, received the Best Support Award



'Shogun' wins big at Emmy Awards

Congratulations to FX's Shogun for winning an astonishing 18 Emmys! The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles gives its sincere congratulations to all involved with this momentous achievement in entertainment history.



Hokkaido Students Visit L.A. Area

Fourteen students visiting from Hokkaido's Rebun Island paid a courtesy visit to Consul General Sone on Sept. 23, and also participated in "Japan Day" with their sister school, John Muir Middle School in Burbank on Sept. 20.

Coming Up!



2024 Japanese Film Festival of Arizona

The 2024 Japanese Film Festival of Arizona will be held on Oct. 19 at the Phoenix Art Museum!