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Japan, U.S. Leaders, Foreign Ministers Hold Talks During APEC

On the sidelines of the APEC Summit meeting, [Prime Minister ISHIBA Shigeru](#) and [President Joe Biden, Jr. spoke on Nov. 15](#) and concurred to further uphold and bolster the Japan-U.S. relationship, which has become stronger than ever. [Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs IWAYA Takeshi met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#) on Nov. 14 and stated that he would like to further deepen cooperation as global partners to uphold and bolster the free and open international order based on the rule of law.



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](#).



Prime Minister Ishiba Speaks With U.S. President-Elect Trump

On Nov. 7, Prime Minister Ishiba spoke on the phone with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump on his victory in the presidential election. Both sides confirmed that they would work closely together to bring Japan-U.S. Alliance to new heights.



Foreign Minister's Commendation Presented to the Teachers of Japanese in Southern California

On Nov. 3, the Foreign Minister's Commendation was presented to the Teachers of Japanese in Southern California in recognition of the organization's contribution to mutual understanding between Japan and the U.S. by working to improve Japanese language education in Southern California.



Consulate General of Japan in LA 2025 Holiday Schedule

Please see the 2025 holiday schedule for the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.

Japanese American Community



Next Generation Leaders Event: Empowering Community Resilience

On Nov. 8, the Consulate General of Japan and the LA Next Generation Japanese American Leaders Initiative held an event at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles – “Empowering Community Resilience in Times of Crisis.”

Technology, Environment, Economy, etc.



Japanese Food Expo in LA & Sushi and Sake Festival

Consul General Sone participated in *kagamiwari*, a sake barrel opening, at the [Japanese Food Expo in LA on Nov. 2](#) and the [Sushi and Sake Festival](#) on Nov. 3. Both events featured sushi, shochu and sake, and a wide variety of Japanese food, including *takoyaki*. Participants also enjoyed a tuna filleting show and other performances.



SEMICON West Pre-event Seminar and Reception

On Nov. 15, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles hosted a pre-event for SEMICON West with 100+ participants joining the reception and seminar. The event was held in anticipation of SEMICON West moving from San Francisco to Phoenix in 2025 and was co-hosted by JETRO Los Angeles and the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Entertainment, Culture



Los Angeles Nagoya Sister City Affiliation 65th Anniversary Special Events

On Nov. 2, Consul General Sone gave remarks at the [LANSCA 65th anniversary dinner](#) where Toyota Motor North America, Toyota Tsusho America, and Mitsui E&S, which is collaborating with PACECO, were awarded the 2024 Sustainability Innovation Award. Earlier in the day, Consul General Sone spoke at [Nagoya Day 2024 Explore Nagoya and Central Japan at the Westfield Century City Mall](#) and acknowledged LANSCA for having nurtured the Nagoya-LA sister-city relationship these many years through cultural, educational and civic initiatives rooted in people-to-people exchanges.



Nagano Food and Tourism Reception

On Nov. 1, Consul General Sone, together with Nagano Prefecture, co-hosted a Nagano Prefecture Tourism Promotion & Business Meeting at his official residence. During the event, several tourism businesses in Nagano made presentations and showed the beauty of nature in Nagano and their hospitality.



Arizona State University (ASU) Japanese Open House + Job Fair 2024

On November 7, ASU hosted a Japanese Open House and Job Fair with support from the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles.

Over 150 students joined to explore Japan related career opportunities, including the JET Program, experience Japanese culture through workshops, learn about Japanese studies at ASU, and more.



J-Screen Highlights Opportunities for Japan-U.S. Entertainment Industry Collaboration

On Nov. 12-13, JETRO Los Angeles hosted J-Screen, an entertainment industry event to highlight and accelerate creative collaboration between Japan and the U.S. The events included a talk by Director Hirokazu Kore-eda ('*Monster*' '*Shoplifters*'), a special screening of Japan's submission for Best International Feature Film at the 97th Academy Awards, *CLOUD*, directed by Kiyoshi Kurosawa, and a panel discussion on "Filmmaking in TV Series with the Japanese Perspective."



JAPAN HOUSE LA Exhibit - Masters of Carpentry: Melding Forest, Skill and Spirit

The JHLA exhibition "Masters of Carpentry: Melding Forest, Skill and Spirit" welcomes visitors into the world of the Japanese *daiku*, or master carpenters – the guardians of the timeless traditions and cultural heritage of Japan's wood craft. The exhibition opened on Nov. 20 and will run through Jan. 22, 2025.



Oita Prefecture Food and Tourism Reception

On Nov. 21, Consul General Sone gave remarks at an Oita Prefecture food and tourism reception hosted at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. Oita Prefecture is a hot spring paradise with 5,000+ hot spring sources. At the event, guests enjoyed regional food specialties including wagyu steak, teriyaki yellowtail, and grilled shiitake mushroom.