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Prime Minister Kishida Attends G7 Summit 2024

Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio joined his Group of Seven (G7) counterparts at a summit in Apulia, Italy in June. The leaders reaffirmed their unity and determination to meet global challenges, especially

at a time when the international community is confronting multiple interconnected crises.

Read the [Apulia G7 Leaders' Communique](#).



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](#).

On June 15, Prime Minister Kishida attended the opening plenary session of the [Summit on Peace in Ukraine](#) held in Switzerland. He emphasized that peace in Ukraine should be a “just and lasting peace” based on international law. He also noted that achieving a “just and lasting peace” in Ukraine is symbolically important in leading the entire international community towards a world of cooperation, not that of division and confrontation.

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Ambassador of Japan to the U.S. visits Los Angeles



Meeting George Takei at the
Japanese American National
Museum



Meeting with LA Mayor Karen Bass

In mid-June, Ambassador of Japan to the United States of America [YAMADA Shigeo](#) visited Southern California. On June 13, he toured the Little Tokyo neighborhood and visited the [Japanese American Cultural & Community Center](#), the [Japanese American National Museum](#), and the [Go For Broke Monument](#). On June 14, he visited the [Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum](#) in Simi Valley, and later that day he met with [City of Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass](#) at City Hall. During his visit, Ambassador Yamada also met with [Japanese business leaders, organization and community leaders, and next-generation Japanese American leaders](#).



Honoring the Late Dame Olivia Newton-John

On May 28, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles held an intimate luncheon at the Official Residence of the Consul General to honor the late Dame Olivia Newton-John, who was awarded The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette in Fall 2021.

Japanese American Community



Signing Ceremony for Sister Museum Affiliation

On May 22, Consul General SONE Kenko and Mrs. Sone participated in the signing ceremony for the new sister museum affiliation between the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and the Museum of Modern Art, Wakayama (MOMAW). The ceremony was held at JANM and attended by the governor of Wakayama Prefecture, members of the prefectural assembly, the director of MOMAW, and other delegates visiting Los Angeles from Wakayama Prefecture.

Community Relations



Celebrating Japanese & Mexican Cultures

On June 20 at the Consulate General of Mexico, the Consulates General of Japan and Mexico co-sponsored “Mi Casa es Tu Casa,” which featured Mexican and Japanese food and culture. The festive event included live music and dance

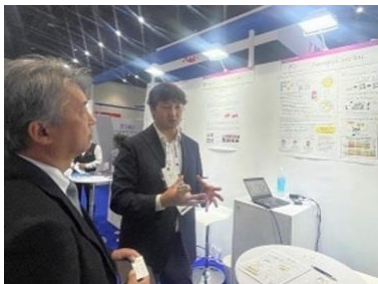
performances and Japanese organizations exhibited Japan's leading technologies and travel destinations.



African American & Japanese American Young Leaders Visit JANM

On June 29, a group of African American and Japanese American young leaders, including those who participated in the KAKEHASHI Program to Japan, visited the Japanese American National Museum for a tour and discussion to strengthen ties and deepen mutual understanding about their communities.

Business, Economy and Technology



Japanese Innovation Luncheon and Japan Pavilion at BIO2024

On June 4, Consul General Sone joined "Japan Innovation Luncheon", a spin-off event of the world's largest biotechnology exhibition, BIO International Convention 2024 (BIO2024) in San Diego. Japanese start-ups pitched and exchanged business ideas with local companies and organizations. He also visited the Japan Pavilion and Japanese companies' booths at BIO2024 to learn about Japanese companies' contribution to the industry.



Japanese Business Networking Event in San Diego

On June 7, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles cohosted a networking event for Japanese companies in San Diego in conjunction with JETRO Los Angeles and the Japanese Maquiladora

Association. The event was attended by 35 San Diego-based Japanese companies and provided an opportunity to promote networking within the region across companies and industries.



Select LA Investment Summit 2024

On June 20, Consul General Sone participated in the Select LA Investment Summit 2024 organized by the World Trade Center Los Angeles (WTCLA). In the opening remarks, Consul General Sone noted the strong economic ties between Japan and Southern California and looked forward to further collaboration for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games and other opportunities.



Select Torrance

On June 21, Consul General Sone attended Select Torrance hosted by the City of Torrance. Select Torrance is an event related to the SelectUSA Investment Summit and focused on investment in Torrance. This was the first time this event was held, and Consul General Sone gave opening remarks after introductions by George Chen, the Mayor of Torrance.

Entertainment, culture & others



Exploring KAWAII at JAPAN HOUSE LA Exhibit

Check out 'King of Kawaii' artist Sebastian Masuda's "Yes, KAWAII is Art -EXPRESS YOURSELF" exhibition for an in-depth look at the origins of the colorful kawaii style, its development and its profound cultural significance. The exhibit runs through Nov. 3, 2024 at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles.



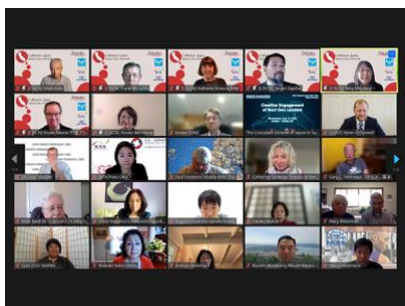
Teachers of Japanese in Southern California Exchange Event

On June 1, Consul General Sone, in collaboration with TJSC (Teachers of Japanese in Southern California) and the Japan Foundation Los Angeles, hosted the Japanese Teachers in Southern California reception and panel discussion on Japanese education in Southern California.



6th Japan Contents Pitch

On June 12, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, along with JETRO Los Angeles and United Talent Agency (UTA), co-hosted the 6th Japan Contents Pitch event. It was joined by Fuji TV, TV Asahi, TV Tokyo, and Yomiuri TV to pitch their TV dramas for adaptation in the U.S. market.



2024 California-Japan Sister Cities Online Workshop Held

On June 12, the Consulate General of Japan in LA co-hosted an online workshop event with the California-Japan Sister Cities Network (CJSCN) and Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco. The event focused on “Creative Engagement of Next-Gen Leaders,” focusing on language exchanges. Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association President Mike Vaughn gave a presentation on some of their successful exchange programs related to language education.



Nikkei Wine Summit 2024

On June 29, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone joined the inaugural Nikkei Wine Summit 2024, hosted by the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. The summit showcased the Nikkei community’s rich history in the wine industry that spans over 100 years and concluded with a grand tasting with 20+ wineries as donors/participants.

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