

Japan Focus

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Prime Minister Ishiba's Attendance at the G7 Summit

Prime Minister ISHIBA visited Canada from June 15-18 to attend the Group of Seven Summit in Kananaskis. The G7 leaders discussed such issues as improving domestic and international economic systems as well as the international issues, including the situation in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific.

(Photo: Cabinet Public Affairs Office)



Japan-U.S. Summit Meeting Held on G7 Sidelines

Prime Minister ISHIBA met on June 16 with U.S. President Donald J. Trump on the sidelines of the G7 summit. The two leaders concurred that both countries will further strengthen the Japan-U.S. Alliance to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific and to further contribute to the peace and stability of the world.

(Photo: Cabinet Public Affairs 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](#).

Working with Communities



[Celebrating Judoka at Nanka Judo Yudanshakai's Annual Awards Ceremony](#)

On June 15, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone attended Nanka Judo Yudanshakai's award banquet. The organization has promoted and supported the Judo community in Southern California for nearly 100 years. Derek Takeshita, who visited Japan under the KAKEHASHI program sponsored by the Japanese government, gave a presentation about his experience in Japan.

Technology, Environment, Economy, and Business



[Sushi & Sake for Wildfire Relief Charity Event](#)

On June 9, Consul General Sone gave remarks at the "Sushi & Sake for Wildfire Relief" charity event, which was hosted by the Japanese Restaurant Association of America in cooperation with the consulate. All proceeds were donated to the California Community Foundation Wildfire Recovery Fund.



[Flavors from Okinawa: Nature's Gift on Your Plate](#)

On June 12, Deputy Consul General Aoshima gave remarks at "Flavors from Okinawa: Nature's Gift on Your Plate," an event featuring Okinawan products, including "beni imo" (sweet potato) and "awamori" (distilled spirit), at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. The event was organized by Okinawa Prefecture in cooperation with the consulate.



[Taste of Anaheim 2025](#)

On June 13, Deputy Consul General Aoshima gave opening remarks and joined the sake barrel opening ceremony for the Taste of Japan festival in Anaheim. The festival celebrating Japanese culture and food

featured 100+ Japanese vendors offering food and handmade goods, cultural performances, and more.

Entertainment, Culture, Education



Asia Society Southern California US-Japan Initiative Launch Event

Consul General Sone participated in the launch of the U.S.-Japan Initiative (USJI) hosted by Asia Society Southern California on June 4. The event highlights included an inside look at the making of the Emmy-winning series SHŌGUN, conversations on cross-border investment and the impact of the current U.S. administration from industry leaders and policy experts shaping the future of U.S.-Japan relations.

(Photo: Asia Society Southern California)



San Diego Padres Japanese Heritage Celebration

Thank you to the San Diego Padres for its support of Japanese heritage and culture. On June 11, Consul General Sone and Honorary Consul of Japan in San Diego Kate Leonard attended Japanese Heritage Celebration Day at Petco Park. Consul General and the Honorary Consul met Japanese pitchers Yu Darvish and Yuki Matsui and gave them words of encouragement.

(Photo: Acey Kohrogi, Kate Leonard)



Screening of *Paper Lanterns*

On June 21, Consul General Sone and Mrs. Sone attended a screening of the documentary film, *Paper Lanterns*, at JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles. *Paper Lanterns* is an extraordinary story about Mr. Shigeaki Mori, a survivor of the Hiroshima bombing, who brought long-overdue recognition to the twelve American prisoners of war who perished during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and helped their grieving families find a sense of connection, closure, and peace.



Consul General Meets Japan Football Association Representatives

On June 25, Consul General Sone met with representatives from the Japan Football Association, who were in Los Angeles to attend a FIFA Club World Cup 2025 game between the Urawa Reds from Saitama, Japan, vs. CF Monterrey from Mexico.



Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Onboarding Orientation Held

On June 28, the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles and the JET Alumni Association of Southern California and Arizona held an onboarding orientation to connect alumni and the 2025-26 cohort of JETs scheduled to depart through Los Angeles and Arizona this summer. More than 100 alumni and JETs attended the orientation, which included training to prepare the newest JETs for their coming departure.
