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**CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN DETROIT SUPPORTS
JAPAN FESTIVAL IN SAGINAW ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 17**

WHAT: On Sunday, September 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Consul General Mitsuhiro Wada will attend the Japan Festival in Saginaw. The event will take place at the Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Garden of Saginaw, located at 527 Ezra Rust Drive in Saginaw. Admission is free.

The Festival will feature the following:

- A Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony, presented by the JSD Women's Club (\$10.00 ticket required)
- Demonstrations of flower arranging, calligraphy and origami
- Stage performances including Rai-On Taiko, Kendo and Tai Chi
- Japanese children's games
- Formal remarks by Consul General Wada, Saginaw Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Kloc and Japanese Cultural Center Board of Directors, Secretary and Treasurer, James Gerding

Consul General Wada remarked, "This is an outstanding opportunity to experience many facets of Japanese culture all at one event. It is my sincere hope many will join us for a day of fun, while at the same time learn about our rich Japanese culture and heritage."

Japan continues as a leading foreign investor in Michigan. There are 502 Michigan-based Japanese facilities which provide a total of 40,358 direct jobs. Ninety-five percent of these direct jobs are held by local residents. Total employment at the 502 state-based facilities has now surpassed pre-recession levels.

Also, in Michigan there are 32 high schools and 14 elementary and middle schools that offer Japanese language courses with a total of 3,031 students in the state enrolled at the K-12 level. In addition, there are 17 colleges and universities offering Japanese language programs with 1,793 students enrolled.

Interview and photo opportunities are available with Consul General Mitsuhiro Wada and Japanese Cultural Center Board of Directors, Secretary and Treasurer, James Gerding, Saginaw Mayor Pro-Tem, Floyd Kloc, will also be in attendance.

WHEN: Sunday, September 17, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Garden of Saginaw, 527 Ezra Rust Drive (corner of Washington and Ezra Rust), Saginaw, MI 48601

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About the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit

The Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit was established in 1993 by the Government of Japan to serve in the states of Michigan and Ohio. The Detroit office is one of 14 Japanese Consulates General in the United States. The Consulate strives to promote better understanding of Japan and Japanese culture through educational and cultural programs. The office protects the interests of Japanese citizens and strengthens the Japan-U.S. alliance through furthering relations with local governments, companies, educational institutions, cultural organizations and the general public. For more information, visit www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/ or call (313) 567-0120.

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