

NEWS RELEASE: Consulate General of Japan in Collaboration with Marx Layne & Company

Contact: Glenn Oswald
Carol Lundberg
Marx Layne & Company
(248) 855-6777

Consulate General of Japan
Public Relations Section
313-567-0120 ext. 226

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**JAPAN BUSINESS SOCIETY OF DETROIT FOUNDATION
DONATES \$77,000 TO SUPPORT EDUCATION/EXCHANGE
PROGRAMS**

NOVI, Mich. – December 11, 2015 – The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit announced the Japan Business Society of Detroit Foundation has donated \$77,000 to support 47 charitable causes, community initiatives, educational programs and student exchange programs throughout the state of Michigan.

The donations were presented on Dec. 4, 2015 at an award ceremony in Novi.

Among the recipients were: Detroit Historical Society, Alternatives for Girls, Ennis Center for Children, Ikebana International, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit, University of Michigan, Novi Community School District, Eastern Michigan University Foundation, Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU), Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program, Ann Arbor Public Schools, and the City of Detroit/Toyota Sister-City Exchange Program.

“The Japan Business Society Foundation is a great supporter of programs that promote goodwill and innovation in the community and in our public schools and universities. The Foundation has contributed about 1.7 million dollars worth in grants to non-governmental organizations and academic facilities for over 23 years and has sent 159 US high school and university students to Japan to study over 17 years,” said Mitsuhiro Wada, the Consul General of Japan in Detroit. “We are proud to support an organization like the JBSD Foundation for all its contributions throughout the Detroit metro area.”

The JBSD Foundation Received a Foreign Minister Commendation from the Consul General of Japan in Detroit on November 17, 2015 for their promotion of U.S.-Japan bilateral relations and mutual understanding.

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 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/index.htm or call (313) 567-0120.

###

**MARX
LAYNE**

MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS & DIGITAL MEDIA