



March 2020

CALENDAR Exhibits & Events

Sun., March 1
[Hinamatsuri](#) @ DIA, Detroit, MI

March 1 - 3:
[Michigan Wagashi \(Japanese Sweets\) Tour](#), various locations

Mon., March 2
IJS/KS Lecture: [Buddhist Temple Bells and Transnational Connections Between Japan, Korea, and the Ryukyus](#) @ Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Sun., March 8
[Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl](#) @ University of Michigan Modern Languages Building, Ann Arbor, MI

Sun., March 8
[Dublin Japanese Festival](#) @ Scioto High School, Dublin, OH

Thurs., March 12
CJS Lecture: [Transition to a Modern Regime & Plant Lifecycles: A Natural Experiment from Meiji Japan](#) @ University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Thurs., March 12
[The Evolution of Manga](#) @ Art Museum Drive, Cincinnati, OH

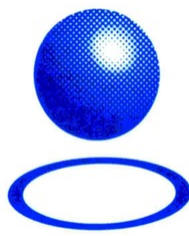
Thurs., March 12
[Tampopo](#) (film) @ Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, MI

Sun., March 14
[Ohio Japanese Language Speech Contest](#) @ Dublin Integrated Education Center, Dublin, OH

Thurs., March 19
[Dare mo Shiranai](#) (film) @ Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, MI

Wed., March 25
Global Comics Lecture: ["The Four Immigrants Manga: How a Japanese Fine Artist Leapt Across Cultures with a Comic Book in 1931"](#) @ Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Thurs., March 26
CJS Lecture: [Queer Writing x Asia: Japanese, Taiwanese, and Asian American Literary Worlds](#) @ University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI



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The Winter 2020 issue of *We Are Tomodachi*, titled "Welcome to TOKYO 2020," introduces preparations in various parts of Japan for the TOKYO 2020 Olympic/Paralympic Games, including the overcoming of the effects of natural disasters. It also describes the initiatives undertaken by Tokyo, in its second tenure as a Host City, to create a legacy of sustainability and the fostering of an inclusive society through sports.

This issue also includes articles about the efforts of local residents to protect Sea of Japan beaches from ocean waste; foreign female staff members promoting Japanese-pattern hijabs at a Kyoto kimono shop; and an interview with YOSHINO Akira, winner of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for lithium-ion battery development.

We Are Tomodachi is a digital publication that highlights Japan's attractions and initiatives by the Japanese Government.

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Doll Festival Celebration in Detroit Offers Fun for the Whole Family



Mark your calendars! On Sunday, March 1, the Hina Matsuri Girls' Day Celebration will take place at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). This annual event is sponsored by the DIA in collaboration with the Japan Business Society of Detroit, Japan Society of Detroit Women's Club, Japan Cultural Development, and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Hina Matsuri, or Doll Festival, is traditionally celebrated in Japan on the third day of the third month, as a time for families with young daughters to pray for their health and happiness. Families often display in their homes a stylized set of dolls representing the imperial court over 900 years ago.

Such a set of dolls will be on display at the DIA event, along with Japanese musical performances, workshops about *wagashi* sweets and ikebana flower arranging, and demonstrations of tea ceremony, children's kimono, calligraphy, origami, storytelling, and so on. Animated film *The Tale of Princess Kaguya* (2013) will be shown in English at 12:00 noon and 2:45pm. All events are free with general museum admission.

Brad Richardson Memorial Lecture in Ohio Highlights Early Japanese Entrepreneur



On Friday, February 28, The Ohio State University's Department of Geography Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Dr. Gil Latz, will discuss "Effective Leadership in Japan: The Case of Shibusawa Eiichi, Entrepreneur and Philanthropist." Dr. David Welch, University of Waterloo Professor of Political Science, will serve as discussant.

Shibusawa (pictured above) is widely regarded as a key leader in the development of Japan as a modern nation, and as a dynamic force in both the industrial world and the sphere of social and public welfare. Through examination of Shibusawa's entrepreneurial and philanthropic ventures, Professor Latz will offer potential developmental solutions Japan could adopt for emerging 21st-century challenges.

The lecture and reception will take place from 4:30 to 7:30pm in Room 01 Jennings Hall on the OSU campus. This lecture is free and open to the public. More information can be found [here](#).

Students Showcase Japanese Language Skills at Speech Contests in Michigan and Ohio in February and March



On Sunday, February 9, the 25th annual Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest was held at Michigan State University in East Lansing. High school and university contestants displayed their Japanese language skills by sharing a variety of life experiences in original speeches or by reciting poetry.

Congratulations to Troy High School's Rishi Rallapalli (pictured above left, with Consul General Nakagawa) and the University of Michigan's Kai Zhao (pictured above right) on winning the 1st Place Consul-General Award in the High School and University Divisions, respectively. Thank you to all contestants, judges, and supporters of this year's contest!

The 2020 Ohio Japanese Speech Contest will be held from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, March 14, at the Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin, OH. This contest features high school, college, and advanced divisions. Please come see the results of the students' hard work and dedication to learning Japanese language and culture! More information can be found [here](#).

Student Teams Dazzle at Japan Quiz Bowls in Ohio and Michigan in February and March



On Saturday, February 15, the Ohio Japan Quiz Bowl was held at the Ohio University Dublin Integrated Education Center. Teams of upper-level high school Japanese language learners competed in this quiz-bowl type event focused on knowledge of Japanese language and culture. Congratulations to the 1st place team, Marysville High School, and thank you to all who participated! (Photo credits: Ms. Yuko Rader)

The Michigan Japan Quiz Bowl (MJQB) for middle and high school teams of Japanese language learners will be held at the University of Michigan's Modern Languages Building (812 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109) on Sunday, March 8, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The public is welcome to watch the final round of competition, and to take part in the various activities and demonstrations in the Cultural Expo taking place from 10:00am to 1:00pm! More information can be found [here](#).



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