



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

Wed, July 1

[Novi Library Japanese Virtual Conversation Group](#)
@ online platform
[Cranbrook Japanese Garden reopens](#) @
Bloomfield Hills, MI

Sun., July 5

[Cleveland Japanese Language Meetup](#) @
Upper Berea, OH

Tues., July 7

[J-Chat Japanese Conversation Group](#) @
online platform

Thurs., July 9

[USMCA Webinar for Japanese companies](#) @
online platform
[Metro Detroit Japanese Conversation Meetup](#) @
Sterling Heights, MI

Sun., July 12 - Sat. July 18

[Koi Festival](#) @ online platform

Thurs., July 16

[Bonsai Pinch Pots Workshop](#) @ Cincinnati, OH

Fri., July 17

[Edamame Chopstick Challenge](#) @ online platform

Sat., July 18

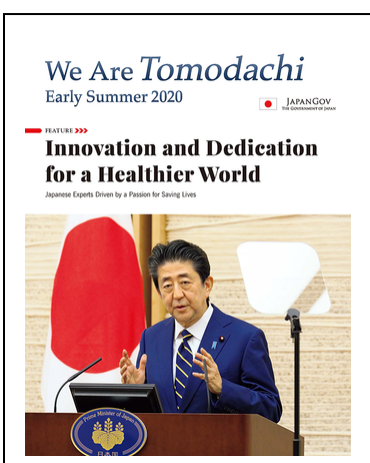
[Heian Era Lecture](#) @
Japanese Cultural Center of Saginaw, MI
[Yukata Wearing Class](#) @
online platform

Tues., July 21

[JASCO Webinar on Immigration & COVID-19](#) @
online platform



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Koi Festival to Be Held Virtually This Year



Now in its 4th year, the annual Koi Festival will be held as a week-long online event, from Sunday, July 12, through Saturday, July 18. This year, the Japan-themed festival will feature online videos and activities related to koi fish (Japanese carp) and Japanese festivals, such as Children's Day and Tanabata, the Star Festival. You can join by visiting this site: <https://www.belleisleconservancy.org/koi-festival>

The Koi Festival originated when the Belle Isle Aquarium did not yet have a year-round koi pond, and the public would be invited to help transfer the fish outdoors each spring. It has since become a celebration of Japanese culture, inspired by the *koinobori* (carp streamers) of the spring festival called Children's Day.

The Koi Festival is organized by the Belle Isle Conservancy in Detroit, MI, with support from Grassroots Exchange Network-Japan (GEN-J) Michigan and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. The Consulate will provide a series of videos on cultural topics from its new YouTube channel (see next article).

Consulate Launches New YouTube Channel



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is pleased to announce the rollout of its new logo and official [YouTube channel](#) this month. On our new video channel, we will share fun facts about Japan, and its relationships with Michigan and Ohio. We hope this channel will help you find new connections to the Japanese community in Michigan and Ohio, and stay connected with our Consulate as well. We invite you to visit our [YouTube channel](#) and please subscribe!

MEXT Scholarship Applications Available



Applications are now being accepted for three types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies in Japan.

1) The **MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Undergraduate Scholarship** gives high school graduates the opportunity to spend up to 5 years at a Japanese university as an undergraduate student in the fields of social sciences, humanities, or natural sciences.

2) The **MEXT Specialized Training College Scholarship** offers undergraduate students the opportunity to spend up to 3 years at a Japanese professional training school, studying in a field such as technology, fashion, nutrition, business, and so on.

Applications for scholarship #1 or #2 must be received at our Consulate by Tuesday, Aug. 11 (not a postmark deadline) and applicants must be available for testing and interviews at our office in Detroit on Thursday, Sept. 3. Application guidelines and materials can be found here: [Undergraduate](#) or [Specialized Training](#)

3) The **MEXT Research Studies Scholarship** gives university graduates the opportunity to conduct research in Japan at the post-graduate level for a period of 18 months. Applications must be received at our Consulate by Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7 (not a postmark deadline; no postal service on this holiday) and applicants must be available for testing and interviews at our office in Detroit on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Application guidelines and materials can be found here: [Graduate Research Studies](#).

****PLEASE NOTE:** It is possible that the selection process this year may be suspended, or that those selected as scholarship recipients may not be able to travel to Japan, in case of certain circumstances, such as travel restrictions or quarantines, etc.

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