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February 2019

CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

February 3rd-February 9th Ondekoza @ The Whiting

Wednesday, February 6th <u>CJS Icons of Anime Film</u> <u>Series | Hunter x Hunter: The</u> <u>Last Mission @ Michigan</u> <u>Theater</u>

Friday, February 8th Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center

February 10th-February 16th Ondekoza @ People's Bank Theater

Wednesday, February 13th <u>Women's Empowerment in</u> <u>Japan: Progress,</u> <u>Challenges, and Ways</u> <u>Forward @ Charles Phelps</u> <u>Taft Research Center</u>

Wednesday, February 13th IJS Lecture: Asako Osaki @ Ramseyer Hall

Wednesday, February 13th <u>CJS Icons of Anime Film</u> <u>Series | My Neighbor Totoro</u> <u>@ Michigan Theater</u>

Friday, February 15th Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center

Saturday, February 16th Japanese Calligraphy Class @ DEC Training Center

Sunday, February 17th <u>Michigan Japanese</u> <u>Language Speech Contest @</u> <u>Novi Civic Center</u>

Thursday, February 21st <u>CJS Noon Lecture Series |</u> <u>Japan's Response to the</u> <u>'US-China Cold War @</u> <u>Weiser Hall</u>

Friday, February 22nd <u>IJS Lecture/Brad Richardson</u> <u>Memorial Lecture: Takatoshi</u> <u>Ito, "Abenomics: Escape</u> <u>from the Lost Two Decades</u> <u>of Japan"@ Jennings Hall</u>

Friday, February 22nd Japanese Language Practice Sessions @ John T. Bernhard Center

Tuesday, February 26th Kodo: One Earth Tour @ Midland Center for the Arts

Wednesday, February 27th CJS Icons of Anime Film Series | Cowboy Bebop: The Movie @ Michigan Theater

Thursday, February 28th

Asako Osaki to Speak at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University



Ms. Asako Osaki is the Director of Gender Action Platform and Visiting Professor at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan. On February 13th, she will be visiting Ohio to give lectures at the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.

Ms. Osaki has been promoting gender equality and women's empowerment at many different organizations. She has also published several books on the topic.

Ms. Osaki will speak about new 'womenomics' policies, enacted by the administration of Prime Minister Abe. She will also discuss how Japan can make further strides toward a 'society where women shine.'

Lecture at the University of Cincinnati (12:30-2:00 PM)

Lecture at Ohio State University (5:30-7:00 PM)

Reminder: Join the Michigan Japanese

Language Speech Contest and the JASCO

Japanese Language Festival

The Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest will be held on Sunday, February 17th at 1:00 PM at the Novi Civic Center in Novi, Michigan. The JASCO Japanese Language Festival will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Dublin Integrated Education Center in Dublin, Ohio.

These festivities give students the opportunity to display the skills they have acquired from studying the language. If you have a chance, please join these two exciting events.

Hinamatsuri

Join in the celebration of Hinamatsuri (Girls' Day), on March 2nd and 3rd, at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

There will be Japanese cultural demonstrations such as tea ceremony

<u>Japanese 101 for teens @</u> <u>Schoolcraft Community</u> <u>Library</u>

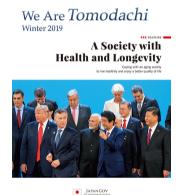
Friday, March 1st Japan Update: What's Driving Japanese Investment in the US, and How Will American Companies Be Impacted? @ Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Saturday, March 2nd JASCO Japanese Language Festival @ Dublin Integrated Education Center Ohio



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and calligraphy, as well as hands-on workshops and displays of Hina-dolls and flower arrangements.

This year, a Kimono fashion show and two musical performances grace the celebration. Neo Japanesque, a band from Nagoya that uses a blend of Japanese traditional and Western instruments, will perform on March 2nd and 3rd.

Ms. Masayo Ishigure, a Koto player from New York, will perform on March 1st, as part of Friday Night Live, and on March 2nd.

For more information, please click here.



Setsubun, the bean-throwing festival in Japan, is one of several annual events that coincide with the seasons. It is held on the day before *risshun* (the beginning of spring in the traditional Japanese calendar). This year setsubun was held on February 3rd.

The holiday is most well-know for mame-maki, a ceremony where roasted soybeans are placed in a wooden measuring cup (called a masu) and thrown all over one's residence or at people dressed as demons. While throwing the beans, people chant, "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi," meaning "out with the demons and in with fortune." After throwing beans, people usually eat the same number of beans as their age, which is supposed to prevent sickness for the year. Another activity during Setsubun is the consumption of Eho Maki, or large-sized fortune sushi rolls.

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