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March 2019

### CALENDAR

#### **Exhibits & Events**

Tuesday, March 12th <u>TOHOKU UPDATE: First-</u> <u>Hand Insights on the Current</u> <u>Progress @ Cincinnati Art</u> <u>Museum</u>

Thursday, March 14th <u>Japanese 101 for teens @</u> <u>Schoolcraft Community</u> <u>Library</u>

Friday, March 15th <u>US–Japan Auto Conference</u> 2.0 @ Weiser Hall

Thursday, March 21st Japanese 101 for teens @\_\_\_\_\_\_ Schoolcraft Community Library

Thursday, March 28th <u>CJS Noon Lecture Series |</u> <u>Abenomics: Escape from the</u> <u>Lost Two Decades of Japan</u> <u>@ Weiser Hall</u>

Thursday, March 28th <u>IJS Lecture: Victoria Lee,</u> <u>"Engineering Plenty:</u> <u>Nutrition, Environment, and</u> <u>Fermentation Chemistry in</u> <u>Interwar Japan" @ Hagerty</u> <u>Hall</u>

Friday, March 29th <u>Gendering Robots: Robo-</u> sexism & Retro-Tech in Japan @ International <u>Center</u>



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## **TOHOKU UPDATE:**

### **First-Hand Insights on the Current Progress**

On Tuesday, March 12th, the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), along with the Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati and the Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit, will host "TOHOKU UPDATE" at the Cincinnati Art Museum. The event features first-hand looks into the revitalization work being done to build a positive future in the *Tohoku* region, since The Great East Japan Earthquake. Guests will have the opportunity to sample *sake*, from the *Tohoku* region, paired with delectable food.

For more information about this event, please see here.

# **Invitation Program for**

## **Japanese American Students**

Applications are now available for the Invitation Program for Japanese American Students. The purpose of the program is to provide Japanese American students with an opportunity to learn various aspects of Japan, as well as to promote mutual understanding and exchange between Japanese people and Japanese American youth.

Applicants must be Japanese American high school students (without Japanese nationality) who have not been previously invited to participate in the program. Applicants should also have a strong interest in Japan. The application and more information are available <u>here</u>.

Application Deadline: Monday, April 22nd

# Announcing the Winners of the 2019

## Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest



On Sunday, February 17th, there were 11 high school and 10 university/college students who competed in the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest at the Novi Civic Center, in Novi, Michigan.

#### **High School Winners:**

1st Place and Consul General's Award:

Jessica Jang (Novi High School)

#### 2nd Place:

Sheridan Skinner (South Lyon East High School)

#### 3rd Place:

## Quick Links

<u>Consulate-General of Japan in</u> <u>Detroit</u>

<u>Ministry of Foreign Affairs of</u> <u>Japan</u>

Japan National Tourism Organization



Vishwaas Gangeddula (Novi High School)

JBSD Special Prize:

Laya Sathyan (Troy Athens High School)

#### University/College Winners:

1st Place and Consul General's Award:

Darren Young (University of Michigan)

2nd Place:

Amanda Esler (Kalamazoo College)

3rd Place:

Younghoon Kim (Kalamazoo College)

JBSD Special Prize:

Joseph Sikora (Eastern Michigan University)

# The 2019 JASCO Japanese Language Festival



On Saturday, March 2nd, the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio hosted the first JASCO Japanese Language Festival in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest. The event featured the College Japanese Language Career Workshop, the Japanese Education Exchange Lunch, and the 1st Annual Ohio Japan Bowl.

For the speech contest, a total of 8 high school and 10 university/college students participated in the competition.

High School Winners:

1st Place:

Maya Thompson (Dublin Coffman High School)

2nd Place:

Samiul Islam (Dublin Coffman High School)

3rd Place (Consul General's Award):

Aaron Curie (Marysville High School)

### University/College Winners:

1st Place:

June Chen (Case Western Reserve University)

2nd Place:

Jie Huang (The Ohio State University)

3rd Place (Consul General's Award):

Gitanjalli Ajay Prasad (The Ohio State University)

Advanced Category Winners:

1st Place:

Deidra Buenger (University of Toledo)

2nd Place:

Sumrestar Beauchamp (University of Findlay)

3rd Place (Consul General's Award):

David Moore (University of Cincinnati)

## Japanese Girls' Day (Hinamatsuri)



*Hinamatsuri* was celebrated on March 2nd and 3rd at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA). *Hina* dolls were displayed for the celebration of the Japanese Girls' Day.

At the expanded two-day event, the DIA welcomed Neo Japanesque, a Nagoya-based band that harmonizes Japanese and Western instruments, and Ms. Masayo Ishigure from New York who performed *koto* music.

From the local area, Ms. Kyoko Fujii demonstrated calligraphy and tea ceremonies were also held. The attendees were able to experience making Japanese pancakes (*dorayaki*) and *origami* in workshops. With the beautiful displays of *ikebana* (flower arrangements), people were able to taste Japanese tea and enjoyed *Gara-Pon* (a Japanese festival game), gathered around to listen to storytelling (*Nihon Mukashi Banashi*) and learned about *Hinamatsuri*. The event was concluded by a *kimono* fashion show, which exhibited hand-made modern cloth fabric.

# 26th Annual Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl

The Michigan Japanese Quiz Bowl was held on Sunday, March 10th, at the University of Michigan. The event featured 49 teams from 12 schools who competed by demonstrating their knowledge of Japanese language and culture. The event also featured cultural displays and interactive booths which were open to the public.

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