



**CALENDAR**

**Exhibits & Events**

June 28 – Sept. 15  
[Kimono: Refashioning Contemporary Style](#) @  
Cincinnati Museum of Art

Sunday, July 7  
[Tanabata Festival](#) @  
Coffman Park, Dublin, OH

July 15-31  
JBSD Sketch Contest  
Winning Entries on Display @  
[West Bloomfield Library](#), MI

Friday, July 19  
[JCMU Summer Picnic](#) @  
Potter Park Zoo, Lansing, MI

Saturday, July 27  
[JASGC Golf Outing](#) @ Rising  
Sun Resort near Cincinnati,  
OH

Saturday, July 27  
[Asian Festival](#) @ Madison  
Place, Madison Heights, MI



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**Scholars from U.S. and Japan Examine  
Bilateral Ties in Cleveland**



On Thursday, June 6th, *The United States and Japan: A Celebration of Cultural and Economic Ties* was held at the Cleveland Museum of Art. This event was sponsored by the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA) in collaboration with Honorary Consul of Japan in Cleveland, Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita, and the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.

Its centerpiece was a panel discussion titled “The United States and Japan: 2019 and Beyond,” featuring Professor Shigeo Kagami, General Manager of the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the University of Tokyo, and Professor Andrew Oros, Director of International Studies at Washington College, an expert on Japanese security policies and East Asian politics. The panel was moderated by Ambassador Heather Hodges, CCWA President and Ambassador-in-Residence.

Participants also had the opportunity to visit a special exhibition on Japanese art called “Shinto: Discovery of the Divine in Japanese Art,” which was on display from April through June. A podcast of the panel discussion will be posted on the CCWA [website](#) later this summer.



**Sister-State Goodwill Mission Prepares for  
Summer Exchange**

On Saturday, June 1st, the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit and the Michigan Shiga Sister-State Board co-hosted an orientation for the delegates of the 2019 Michigan-Shiga Goodwill Mission. The mission is a key part of the Michigan Shiga Sister-State relationship, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of its sister-state relationship last year. The goal of the mission is to strengthen sister-state and sister-city bonds between Michigan and Shiga Prefecture.

At the orientation, the 22 Goodwill Mission delegates in attendance discussed Japanese culture and learned about Omi tea from Shiga. During their 10-day visit to Japan this August, the delegates will have the opportunity to visit many cultural landmarks and participate in a homestay.

There are many relationships between communities in Michigan/Ohio and Japan. Lists of Michigan and Ohio municipalities with sister-city relationships with Japanese municipalities can be found on the Consulate website [here](#). This year, Lansing-Otsu, Ann Arbor-Hikone, and Dayton-Oiso celebrate the 50th anniversary of their sister-city relationships.

**Tanabata: Stars Align on Sunday This Year**



Tanabata is a summer festival based on the ancient legend of two lovers, Orihime and Hikoboshi, who became stars separated by the Milky Way and allowed to meet just once a year, on the 7th day of the 7th month. On this special day, the tradition is to write one's wish on a strip of paper and tie it onto a bamboo tree.

This year, the stars have aligned so 7/7 falls on a Sunday, the perfect day for a family-friendly festival. On Sunday, July 7th, the Japan America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) is hosting the 2nd annual Tanabata Festival at Coffman Park in Dublin, Ohio, from 2:00-6:00pm.

The event is free and open to the public. More information about this event is available [here](#).

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