



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

June 5th-12th
[The Grand Concert Tour of Detroit @ various locations](#)

Wednesday, June 6th
[Of Love and Law @ Michigan Theater](#)

Thursday, June 7th
[Of Love and Law @ State Theater](#)

Thursday, June 7th
[Richard J. Wood Art Curator Series: Sinead Vilbar - "From Jephtha Wade to Kelvin Smith: Collecting Japanese Art in Cleveland" @ Columbus Museum of Art](#)

Friday, June 8th
[Night is Short, Walk on Girl @ Cinema Detroit Theater](#)

Saturday, June 9th
[Of Love and Law @ Cinema Detroit](#)

Sunday, June 10th
[Of Love and Law @ Michigan Theater](#)

Sunday, June 10th
[CJS Cinetopia Film Screening | The Big House @ Michigan Theater](#)

Monday, June 11th
[20th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser @ The Country Club at Muirfield Village](#)

Saturday, June 16th
[Yukata Dressing Class @ DEC Networking Room](#)

Sunday, June 17th
[Ann Arbor Japan Week | Free screening of "A Letter to Momo" @ Michigan Theater](#)

Monday, June 18th
[Judo @ Ann Arbor YMCA](#)

Monday, June 18th
[Fiber Arts Lab: Sashiko Embroidery @ Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#)

Tuesday, June 19th
[Japanese Flower Arranging Workshops @ Matthaei Botanical Gardens](#)

Tuesday, June 19th
[Kokedama moss ball making @ Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#)

Wednesday, June 20th
[Intro Workshop on Japanese Writing and Calligraphy @ Weiser Hall](#)

Wednesday, June 20th
[Letterpress Lab with Japanese Crests @ Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#)

Thursday, June 21st
[Family Japanese Art Studio @ University of Michigan Museum of Art](#)

Thursday, June 21st
[Japanese Video Games @ Duderstadt Center](#)

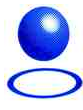
Thursday, June 21st
[Temaki-zushi workshop with Chef Kaede Nakano @ Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#)

Friday, June 22nd
[Origami Workshop @ Ann Arbor Downtown Library](#)

Friday, June 22nd
[Japanese Summer Festival \(Natsu Matsuri\) @ Ann Arbor Summer Festival](#)

Friday, June 22nd
[Iaido \(居合道\): Introduction to the Way of the Japanese Sword @ Ann Arbor Summer Festival](#)

Saturday, June 23rd
[Storytime at the Museum: Japanese Art @ University of Michigan Museum of Art](#)



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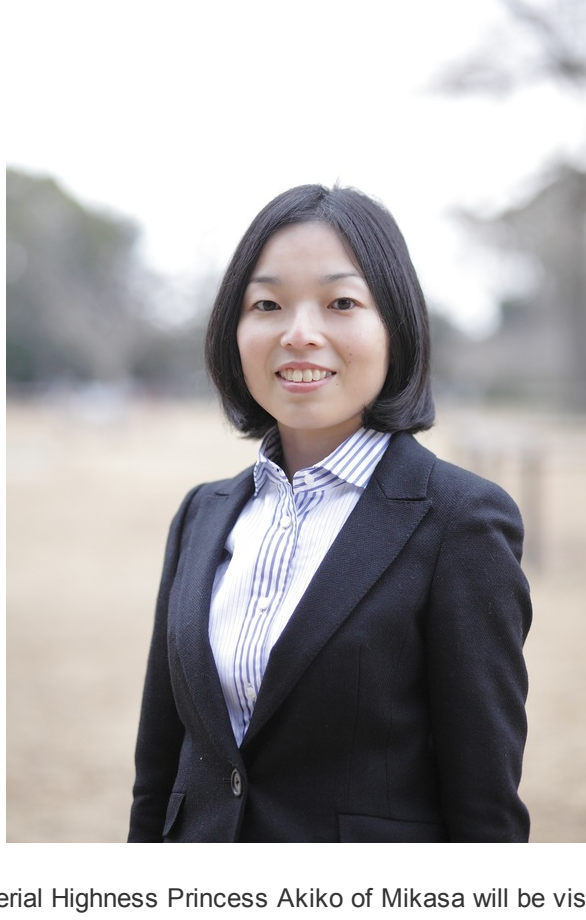
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Her Imperial Highness Princess Akiko of Mikasa To Speak at DIA



Her Imperial Highness Princess Akiko of Mikasa will be visiting Michigan and giving a talk at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of their day-long "Interconnections through Art and Culture: American Museums and the Building of US-Japan Relationships" event. Princess Akiko, who holds a doctorate from Oxford University, will speak about the positive impact of culture and the arts on U.S.-Japan relations past, present, and future.

The presentation will take place on June 12th at 10 A.M. inside the Detroit Film Theatre Auditorium. Prior to Her Imperial Highness' presentation, there will be a panel discussion moderated by Professor Tsutsui from the Center for Japanese Studies at the University of Michigan. Throughout the day there will also be demonstrations by visiting Japanese master artisans in the Great Hall, where two Japanese friendship dolls will be on display.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Imperial Decoration Awarded to Mr. James F. Hettinger



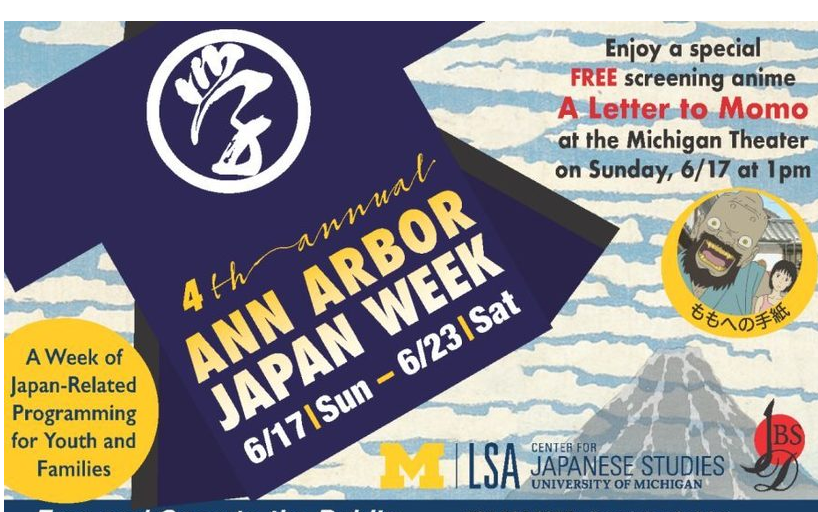
On April 29th, the government of Japan formally announced Mr. James F. Hettinger, former president and CEO of Battle Creek Unlimited, as a recipient of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays in recognition of his contributions toward strengthening the relationship between Japan and the United States.

During his 30 years as president of Battle Creek Unlimited, Mr. Hettinger made exceptional contributions to promoting understanding and friendship between Japan and the United States. He attracted Japanese businesses to invest in the Battle Creek area, developed strong bonds with Japanese business executives, and helped to create a welcoming atmosphere throughout the community for Japanese families.

Mr. Hettinger also authored a book on attracting Japanese investment to the US and helped establish the Battle Creek – Takasaki sister city relationship.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Hettinger on receiving this prestigious and well-deserved award. The decoration will be officially presented by Consul General Wada in an upcoming ceremony. To learn about other Imperial Decoration awardees, please click [here](#).

Ann Arbor Japan Week



Beginning on June 18th, the Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) at the University of Michigan will be hosting their 4th annual Ann Arbor Japan Week.

This year there will be 15 different events ranging from movie screenings to Japanese fine arts workshops. There are 16 events sponsors that partner together with CJS for this culturally immersive festival. In addition to all of the fun, there will be an opportunity to enjoy delicious Japanese food and drink at several restaurants throughout the city.

For more information, please click [here](#).

Temaki-zushi (Sushi) Workshop with Chef Kaede Nakano



On Thursday, June 21st, the Consul General's official chef, Kaede Nakano, will be hosting her third annual temaki (hand-rolled) sushi workshop at the Ann Arbor Downtown Library. Following Chef Kaede's explanation, participants have the opportunity to create their own temaki-zushi.

This event is part of Ann Arbor Japan Week and is an excellent opportunity to learn about authentic Japanese food.

The event runs from 6:00-7:30 P.M. and is open to all ages, but does fill up fast. For more information, please click [here](#).

Welcome Mr. Ito



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is delighted to welcome Mr. Yoshifusa Ito as the newest member of its staff. Mr. Ito succeeds Mr. Naoya Odaira as the Consul of the security section.

Mr. Ito was dispatched to Detroit by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs by way of the Japan National Police Agency. Formerly, he worked for the Aichi Prefectural Police. He enjoys a variety of hobbies including playing and watching basketball. He also enjoys watching suspenseful movies and movies about police officers. Mr. Ito practiced Wadoryu Karate when he was younger and, more recently, kendo. He enjoys eating gyoza and sushi.

Welcome Mr. Ito and Yoroshiku-onegaishimasu!

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