



**CALENDAR**  
**Exhibits & Events**

Saturday, August 19th  
**[SYODO Japanese Calligraphy Opening Reception @ Ann Arbor District Library Central Library](#)**

August 20th and August 21st  
**[Japanese Uchiwa Fan-Making Workshop @ Ann Arbor District Library Central Library](#)**

Thursday, August 23rd  
**[JETRO Smart Manufacturing Series: Creating a Digital Strategy for Your Company and Building the Framework for Efficient Production @ Dublin Integrated Education Center \(Ohio University\) Room 212](#)**

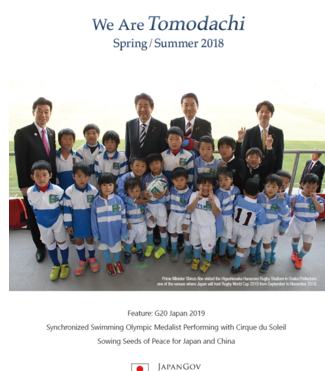
August 31st-September 3rd  
**[Detroit Jazz Festival](#)**

Sunday, September 16  
**[Saginaw Japan Festival](#)**



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**Japan's ASABA Trio to Perform at Detroit Jazz Festival**



For the past three years, the Detroit Jazz Festival has partnered with the Yokohama Jazz Promenade to bring a group of jazz musicians from Japan to Detroit.

The band performing this year is the ASABA Trio. They won the Grand Prix award in Yokohama and were given the opportunity to travel to Detroit. The trio is led by guitarist Hirofumi Asaba, along with bassist, Yuhei Honkawa, and drummer, Toshihiro Fujita.

The Detroit Jazz Festival will occur over labor day weekend between August 31st and September 3rd. You can watch the ASABA Trio at 5:45–7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 2nd, at the Absopure Water Front Stage in Hart Plaza.

**Sister Library and Sister City Delegations Visit Consulate General**



Two student delegations from Japan, along with their chaperones, recently paid courtesy visits to the consulate.

The first group of middle and high school students traveled here from Awaji. They were joined by representatives of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library which has a sister library relationship with Higashiura Library in Awaji. The delegation then traveled to Ohio to visit Awaji's sister city, St. Marys.

The second group of students are high school students from Toyota. They were joined by Ms. Rose Love, senior publicist at the City of Detroit, who coordinates the sister city exchange. This sister city relationship is the oldest in Michigan and will celebrate its 58th anniversary this year.

**JETs Depart for Japan**



On August 4th, 44 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program participants left for Japan. On August 3rd, the Consulate General of Japan hosted a reception in their honor.

During the reception the departing JETs listened to encouraging remarks from Deputy Consul General Sakai, along with Great Lakes JET Alumni Association members.

The JET Program, run through the Japanese government, invites participants from all over the world to represent their country, language, and culture through grassroots exchange. There are 3 positions available to JETs: Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs), Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs), and Sports Exchange Advisors (SEAs).

To learn more about the program, please visit the following websites.

[U.S.A. Site](#) [International Site](#)

**Welcome Ms. Chashiro**



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is delighted to welcome Ms. Mayuko Chashiro as the newest member of its staff. Ms. Chashiro succeeds Ms. Eguchi as the Public Relations Officer.

Ms. Chashiro received a Masters in Global Governance and Regional Strategy from Keio University in Japan. She enjoys watching baseball and traveling. Her favorite food is Mac and Cheese and she enjoys drinking Diet Coke, coffee, and wine. Ms. Chashiro is kind and is always smiling.

Welcome Ms. Chashiro and Yoroshiku-onegaishimasu!

**Save the Date for the Saginaw Japan Festival**

This year, the Saginaw Japan Festival will be held on Sunday, September 16th. Please save the date and stay tuned to the Japan Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens of Saginaw's website [here](#).

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