



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

Saturday, December 15th
JASGC 5th Annual Bonenkai @ Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Sunday, December 23rd
Sunday Tour: Watanabe: Japanese Print Envoy @ Kalamazoo Institute of Arts



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Welcome Consul General Nakagawa



In early November, Consul General Tsutomu Nakagawa began his appointment as Consul General of Japan in Detroit.

Consul General Nakagawa most recently served as Deputy Director-General for International Trade Policy at the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). He has also served in positions in India, Thailand, and the Middle East.

Welcome Consul General Nakagawa and yoroshiku onegaishimasu.

Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest

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2019 ミシガン
日本語弁論大会
2019 Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest

Michigan 2019 Japanese Language Speech Contest.
Applications and information are available through your language instructor or online at http://www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp/itptop_en/index.html.

The event will be on
Sunday, February 17th, 2019
from 1:00PM
at the Novi Civic Center

**Deadline for Entries
January 16, 2019**

**Consulate-General
of Japan in Detroit**

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The 24th annual Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest will be held on Sunday, February 17th, 2019 at the Novi Civic Center. This year we have added a high school practice category for students who would like to showcase their language abilities without competing.

Applications for the Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest are due on January 16th, 2019. To learn more about the contest, please click [here](#).

JASCO Japanese Language Festival



On March 2nd, 2019, the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio will be hosting their first ever Japanese Language Festival to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Festivities will include the JASCO Speech Contest, the inaugural Ohio Japan Bowl, a Japanese Career Workshop, and a Japanese Education Exchange Lunch.

Applications for the JASCO Speech Contest are due on January 18th, 2019. To learn more about the contest and the Japanese Language Festival, please click [here](#).

MEXT 2019 Japanese Studies Scholarship
Applications Now Available!

Japanese Government MEXT (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship

Applications for the 2019 Japanese Studies are now available!

The MEXT Japanese Studies Scholarship offers enrolled university students the opportunity to study in Japan for a 1-year time period and can be used as a study abroad program.

Scholarship Includes:
*Round-trip airfare to and from Japan
*University tuition and fees covered
*Monthly stipend for living expenses

Eligibility:
*U.S. Citizenship (to apply through U.S.)
*Must be an undergraduate student majoring in field related to Japanese language/culture.
*Must have studied Japanese at a college/university for a period of one year or more as of September 1, 2019.
*Born between April 2, 1989 and April 1, 2001

One Year Scholarship Term:
September/October, 2019 through September/October, 2020

Application Deadline: **February 20th**
Applicants must be available for testing and interviews: **March 5th**

For more detailed information on how to apply, please see application guidelines at: https://www.studyjapan.go.jp/jp/smap_stopj-applications_japanese.html
Send your applications or address questions to:
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MEXT

The application for the MEXT Japanese Studies Scholarship is now available. This scholarship offers enrolled undergraduate university students who are majoring in a field related to Japanese language/culture the opportunity to study in Japan for a 1-year time period. Application guidelines and materials can be found [here](#).

Nengajou



According to the Chinese zodiac, 2018 is the year of the dog and 2019 is the year of the boar.

In celebration of the New Year (Oshogatsu) many Japanese people send and receive New Year's Cards (nengajou) that often have drawings of objects such as kadomatsu (the pine decoration seen above) or an animal that represents the coming year. The cards often have a traditional greeting such as 'Akemashite Omedetou Gozaimasu!' (Happy New Year!) They are a great means of well-wishing family and friends.

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