



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

Through September 2021:
[Exiled to Motown Exhibit](#) @
Detroit Historical Museum,
Detroit, MI

Tues., August 3
[Grand Rapids-
Omihachiman Sister-City
Group J-Chat](#) @ online
platform

Wed., August 4
[Japanese Bookbinding
Workshop](#) @ Manoogian
Mackinac Art Museum,
Mackinaw Island, MI

Thurs., August 5
[JASGC Kokeshi Doll Maker
Webinar](#) @ online platform

Fri., August 6
[Peace Action
Remembrance of Atomic
Bombings](#) @ Rockefeller
Lagoon, Cleveland, OH
[Minyō Crusaders Concert of
Colors performance](#) @
online platform

Sun. & Sat., August 8 & 14,
Sun. & Sat., August 22 & 28
[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese
Language Meetup](#) @ online
platform

Thurs., August 12
[Hofu-Monroe Book Club](#) @
online platform

Fri., August 13
[Sadako Peace Crane
Origami Workshop](#) @
Highland Square Branch
Library, Akron, OH

Fri.-Sun., August 13-15
[Grand Rapids Comicon](#) @
Deltaplex Arena, Grand
Rapids, MI

Fri., August 20
[Novi \(MI\) Library Japanese
Bilingual Storytime](#) @ online
platform
[Origami Workshop](#) @
Swartz Creek, MI

[Raion Taiko Performance](#) @
International Festival,
Holland, MI

Sun., August 22
[JASCO Obon Festival](#) @
Coffman Park, Dublin, OH

Sat., August 28
[Garden Volunteer Day](#) @
Japanese Cultural Center,
Saginaw, MI

Tues., August 31
[Teen/Tween Anime &
Manga Club](#) @ Kenmore
Branch Library, Akron, OH
[Teen Anime Club](#) @
Mogadore Branch Library,
Mogadore, OH



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Welcome to Detroit, Consul General Shindo!



The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is pleased to
welcome Mr. Yusuke Shindo to his new post, as he succeeds Mr.
Nakagawa as Consul General of Japan in Detroit.

Before his posting here, Mr. Shindo served for three years as
Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in
Pakistan. In his career as a diplomat, he says he enjoys meeting
and interacting with people of various nationalities, cultures, and
religions. He believes that mutual understanding between people
is very important in strengthening the friendship between
countries.

In his free time, Consul General Shindo enjoys reading, and prior
to the pandemic, he enjoyed visiting places of historical and
cultural interest. He also enjoys all kinds of sports, and in his
youth, played baseball, soccer, rugby, tennis, and golf. He says
he looks forward to eating American burgers. His official greetings
may be viewed on the Consulate's website [here](#).

Japanese American Community Day

Highlights Cincinnati Links to Japan



On July 25, the Japan America Society of Greater Cincinnati
(JASGC) and the Cincinnati Reds welcomed Consul General
Shindo and his wife to "Japanese American Community Day" at
the Great American Ball Park in downtown Cincinnati.

Special performances were broadcast from Japan, and fans
cheered on the Reds' centerfielder, Shogo Akiyama, who moved
here from Japan in 2020. Local sculptor, Tom Tsuchiya, was
presented with the Japanese American Community Advocate
Award for his artistic contributions.

Consul General Shindo threw the ceremonial first pitch in
the Reds vs. St. Louis Cardinals game, while JASGC Chairman
Koji Sado acted as catcher. A video of the first pitch was
displayed on the stadium's 217-foot-wide scoreboard (pictured
above).

Saginaw Japan Festival Returns in September



After converting to an online format last year due to public
health concerns, the Saginaw Japan Festival is returning to its
usual in-person format this fall. The festival is scheduled for 1:00-
4:00pm on Sunday, September 12, at the Japanese Cultural
Center, Tea House, and Gardens, in Saginaw, MI ([homepage
here](#)). Admission is free and open to the public.

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