



CALENDAR

Exhibits & Events

Fri.-Sun., October 8-10:

[Verne Collection of Japanese Prints at Fine Print Fair](#) @ Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

Sat.-Sun., October 2-3

[Hinoki Foundation Japanese Culture Booth](#) @ Tollgate Farm Pumpkinfest, Novi, MI

Sun. & Sat., October 3 & 9

[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese Language Meetup](#) @ online platform

Tues., October 5

[J-Chat Japanese Conversation Group](#) @ online platform

Wed., October 6

[Novi \(MI\) Library Japanese Conversation Group](#) @ online platform

Sun., October 10

[HF Halloween O-uchi-pan Japanese Baking Workshop for Kids](#) @ Ypsilanti, MI

Thurs., October 14

[Hofu-Monroe Book Club](#) @ online platform

Sun. & Sat., October 17 & 23

[Ann Arbor \(MI\) Japanese Language Meetup](#) @ online platform

Tues., October 19

[Teen Anime Club](#) @ Mogadore Branch Library, Mogadore, OH

Thurs., October 21

[OSU-IJS Webinar on Tale of Genji](#) @ online platform

Sat., October 23

[Garden Volunteer Day](#) @ Japanese Cultural Center, Saginaw, MI

Sun., October 24

[Great Lakes JETAA Cider Mill Meetup](#) @ Three Cedars Farm, Northville, MI

Wed., October 27

[JASGC Webinar on Japanese Mgmt. Values & Style](#) @ online platform

Thurs., October 28

[UM-CJS Webinar on Economic Inequality](#) @ online platform

Thurs.-Sun., October 28-31

[Youmacon Anime Fandom Convention](#) @ TCF Center, Detroit, MI



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Festival in Saginaw Celebrates Japan



On September 12, Consul General and Mrs. Shindo (pictured above right with Center Director, Masumi Azu-Boles) joined around 300 others taking part in the 13th annual Japan Festival at the Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House, and Gardens in Saginaw, MI. The Consul General and Saginaw Mayor Brenda Moore greeted the crowd with opening remarks. Stage performances included *taiko* drumming, *koto* (floor harp) and mixed-percussion ensembles, and original compositions sung in Japanese by a local American guitarist/vocalist.



Attendees enjoyed various displays and demonstrations of traditional arts, such as *bonsai*, *ikebana*, and calligraphy, and lined up for the chance to observe a tea ceremony. Local vendors also sold handmade crafts, such as pottery, *kimekomi* fabric ornaments, *origami* jewelry, and wall hangings. The Tea House was constructed 35 years ago, in collaboration with Tokushima, Saginaw's sister-city for the past 60 years. We appreciate all who help keep these U.S.-Japan ties strong!



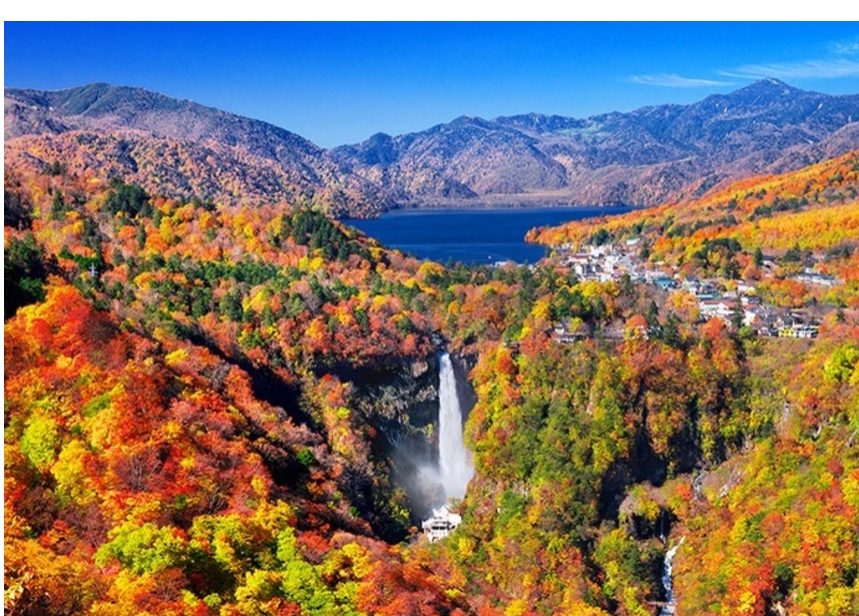
Consul General Visits Automotive Industry Events in Michigan and Ohio



In September, Consul General Shindo attended two special events related to the automotive industry in our region. The first was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new "33 Smart Mobility Corridor" near Columbus, OH. This 35-mile stretch of freeway between Dublin and Marysville is equipped with special, high-tech infrastructure for the testing of "connected" vehicles by Japanese manufacturers and collaborating local agencies.

The next event was Motor Bella, the latest incarnation of the North American International Auto Show, held in Pontiac, MI. In large outdoor booths, Japanese manufacturers exhibited their newest product lines, showcasing the latest in electric-powered and automated vehicle technologies. As future mobility trends more and more toward these new technologies, collaborations between Michigan-based and Ohio-based talent and Japan-based companies become increasingly important.

Autumn is a Time of Colors and Flavors in Japan



Just as in Michigan and Ohio, falling autumn temperatures in Japan bring brightly-colored foliage, such as in the scene above, near Kegon Waterfall in Tochigi Prefecture. In addition to plentiful evergreens, the Japanese landscape also features deciduous plants, such as maple, mountain ash, ivy, and *yamaurushi* (a type of sumac), whose leaves change each autumn from green to red and gold.

In Japan, the weather in October tends to be mild, and the skies clear. People often visit the countryside to admire the autumn colors, pick fruit (such as grapes, tangerines, and pears), dig for potatoes, and gather chestnuts or the prized wild mushrooms called *matsutake*. Read more about autumn in Japan in the latest edition of Kizuna magazine [here](#).



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