January 2015 Newsletter

Ring in the Year of the Sheep

Sunday, January 18, 2 - 5 pm
Mochitsuki New Year's Celebration
Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc., (in the cafeteria) MAP

Admission: $5 - JASDFW & DJA members, $10 - non-members, $2 - children (age 5-12 yrs), free - children (age 5 yrs and under)

Bring your family and friends to this 15th annual festival featuring Japanese New Year's traditions!

Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and sponsored by:

Fujitsu

JAPAN UPDATE Symposium

Friday, February 13
JAPAN UPDATE Symposium
Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, 1590 LBJ Fwy., Dallas, TX 75234 MAP
Luncheon Program, 12 pm
Panel Session, 2 pm
Price:$45 Member, $55 General Public
REGISTER NOW

Luncheon Speaker - Osamu Nagata
President & CEO, Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.

Luncheon Speaker - Matthew P. Goodman
William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy & Senior Adviser for Asian Economics, Center for Strategic & International Studies
This program provides an in-depth look at key trends in U.S.-Japan relations and their particular relevance to DFW/Japan business interests. The program will highlight Toyota’s decision to consolidate its U.S. headquarters in North Texas, examine global trends in Japanese business, and explore the growing attraction of greater Dallas/Fort Worth to global firms.

Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth.

Mochitsuki Volunteers Needed

Sign up today to be a part of the Mochitsuki New Year’s celebration! Volunteers are welcomed for all shifts, Saturday, January 17, 7-9pm and Sunday January 18, between noon-7pm. Plus, work one shift, you’ll get complimentary entry to enjoy the rest of the event.

To volunteer, please register online.

Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner

Monday, April 20, 2015 | 6:30 pm
Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner
Four Seasons Resort and Club, Irving at Las Colinas
4150 North MacArthur Boulevard, Irving, TX 75038 MAP
REGISTER

Honorary Hosts:
Ambassador and Mrs. J. Thomas Schieffer

Mr. Yoshiyuki Kasai, Chairman Emeritus of Central Japan Railway Company (JR Central), will receive the Sun & Star Legacy Award for his distinguished leadership and strong commitment to bringing true high-speed rail services to the United States. The result, when ultimately brought to fruition, will be a positive impact on our nations’ joint efforts to solve important transportation needs.

Sponsorships are available.

Silent Auction Donation Request

JASDFW is seeking items for the 2015 Sun & Star Auction. The auction will take place both online and at the Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner on April 20. We welcome donations of merchandise, gift certificates, and services valued at $50 or more. Japanese decorative items are especially popular!

Proceeds will support business, cultural, and educational programs that nurture friendship and cultural exchange between Japanese and Americans in the community.

To donate, please complete and return the auction contract to info@jasdfw.org or fax 214-342-1022.

2015 Nengajo Contest

The annual Nengajo Contest received 107 submissions from 14 schools. Nengajo usually incorporate the "animal of the
Grand Prize - Alissa Kon

Silver - $1,000
Bronze - $500
Friend - $100
Join or renew online now!

Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowable by law.

Special Thanks to our Corporate Members
Through January 7

Gold
New - Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

Bronze
New - Mitsui Sumitomo Marine Management (U.S.A.), Inc.

Welcome Individual/Family Members
Through January 7

New
Adam Black
Renewal
Robert & Julie Driegert
Jaime Jaramillo
Robin & Kyoko Mallon
Tom & Sharon Oliver
Yvonne Perkins
Matt & Nobi Sawyer
Yayoi Takeuchi & Brent Hirak
Jerry & Mia Shelton
John & Joan Winter

Dallas-Sendai Friendship Tree Campaign a Success!

Thank you for helping us exceed our goal of $2,500 for the Dallas-Sendai Friendship Tree! We appreciate your support this holiday season!

JASDFW Welcome

JASDFW is pleased to welcome Dia Tam as Office Manager. Dia and her family have been residents of Southlake, Texas, for ten years. She is originally from New York City and is a nisei of Japanese descent. She enjoys traveling to Japan and is interested in kaiseki ryori.

JASDFW Online

www.jasdfw.org

Sun & Star Golf Classic - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, September 19, 2015
Sun & Star Golf Classic
at Cowboys Golf Club

Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth.

KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery

Sunday, February 15, 2015, 7 pm
KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery
at Music Hall at Fair Park

KODO One Earth Tour: Mystery will make a special stop in Dallas "...to share the wondrous and sacred "Mystery" that lies deep within Japanese folk arts with audiences of all ages".

More Information

25th Grassroots Summit

Japan-America Grassroots Summit
July 6-13 in Oita Japan

This annual meeting managed by the Center for International Exchange (CIE) alternates yearly between Japan and America. The summit aims to strengthen the relationship between the two countries by fostering grassroots friendships.

More Information

U.S./Japan Creative Artists Program

Application deadline - February 2, 2015

The 2016 U.S./Japan Creative Artists' Program offers contemporary and traditional artists from the US the opportunity to spend 3 months in Japan as living liaisons to the cultural life of Japan. The program accepts applications from all disciplines. This program is sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission.

More Information

Spring 2015 Japanese Language Classes

Spring classes for Japanese language classes begin soon for the following organizations:

January 24, 2015
Dallas Japanese Association
January 17, 2015
Fort Worth Japanese Society

Classes are available for all levels and ages. Please visit their websites for more details.
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### Upcoming Events & Activities

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**Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration**  
At Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc., Richardson  
Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth  
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**January 24 | 9 am**  
**Unveiling the East: Discovering the Cultural Heritage of Korea and Japan**  
1370 Southmore Blvd., Houston, TX 77004  
Presented by Asia Society Texas  
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**January 31 | 10 am - 4 pm**  
**Contemporary Japanese Fashion Symposium**  
Crow Collection of Asian Art: Grand Gallery  
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**February 8 - July 19, 2015**  
**Exhibit - Shiraga/Motonaga: Between Action and the Unknown**  
Hoffman Galleries, Dallas Museum of Art  
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**Friday, February 13**  
**JAPAN UPDATE Symposium**  
**Going Global: A New Era in Japanese Business Strategy and Growth**  
Presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth  
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Sunday, February 15 | 7 pm  
Performance - Kodo One Earth Tour: Mystery  
Music Hall at Fair Park  
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February 19 | 7:30 pm  
UTA Maverick Speakers Series  
Michio Kaku: Physics of the Future  
Texas Hall, UT Arlington, Arlington, TX  
More

Continuing through Sunday, February 22  
The Mary Baskett Collection of Japanese Fashion  
Crow Collection of Asian Art  
More

February 22  
Dallas Asian American Youth Orchestra Concert  
At the Eisemann Center  
More

February 28 | 10 am - 5 pm  
Mini A-Kon  
At the Denton Civic Center and Emily Fowler Library  
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