January 2016 Newsletter

Corporate Members

Platinum | $5,000

Gold | $2,500

Welcome New Member!

Happy Year of the Monkey!

Japan uses a 12-animal zodiac calendar to mark the passing of the years. 2016 is the year of the monkey (saruh)

Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration

Sunday, January 17, 2 - 5 PM
Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration
Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

Experience Japanese New Year’s traditions at the 16th annual Mochitsuki New Year’s Celebration. Highlights include taiko drumming, kimono demonstration, Japanese folk dance, and ikebana (flower arranging). See traditional rice pounding and sample freshly made mochi (a Japanese treat) with various toppings. Try your hand at calligraphy, origami, and traditional children’s games! Event Flyer

Admission:
JASDFW & DJA Members: $5 Adult | $3 Children (6-12 yrs.)
Non-Members: $10 Adult | $5 Children (6-12 yrs.)
Children 5 yrs. and under: Free
Pay at the door. Cash or Check only.

Join now to get the member's price!

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

Japan Update Symposium

Friday, February 12 | 12:00 - 3:30 PM
Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel
Event announcement with more details to follow soon!

Keynote Speakers:
JASDFW Membership

Join or renew **online now!**

**Individual Membership**
- Hatamoto - $1,000
- Samurai - $500
- Tomodachi (Friend) - $100
- Regular Individual/Family - $40
- Student/Educator - $25

**Corporate Membership**
- Platinum - $5,000
- Gold - $2,500
- Silver - $1,000
- Bronze - $500
- Friend - $100

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

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**Welcome, Jennifer!**

JASDFW welcomes Jennifer Brantley, who joined us as an Administrative Assistant in December. Jennifer is a recent graduate of Austin College where she majored in International Relations and worked in the Institutional Advancement division. She currently lives in Fort Worth.

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**JASDFW Job Bank**

**Comerica Bank**
Retail Personal Banker
North Plano Area

Visit our Job Bank for details.

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**Travel Discounts for JASDFW Members**

As members of the National Association of Japan America Society (NAJAS), JASDFW members can take advantage of discount room rates at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo during 2016! More

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**JASDFW Online**

[www.jasdfw.org](http://www.jasdfw.org)

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**Professor Koji Murata**, President of Doshisha University

**Ambassador Ira Shapiro**, former Chief Negotiator for Japan and Canada, Office of the United States Trade Representative

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**The Sasakawa Peace Foundation**

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**American Airlines**

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**Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner**

**Sun & Star Legacy Award Dinner & Silent Auction**
Monday, April 25
The Westin Galleria Dallas

Honoring Sun & Star Legacy Award Recipient
**Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki**
Former Ambassador of Japan to the United States (2008 - 2012)

**Bridges-to-Friendship Award Recipient**
**Fort Worth Japanese Society**

**Honorary Hosts**
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Donohue

Sponsorship Information | Sponsor this Event!

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**Seeking Runners for Sendai International Half Marathon**

**Sendai International Half Marathon**
Application deadline: February 19
Race date: Sunday, May 8, 2016
Sendai, Japan

[Informational Flyer](Download Application)

Amateur Runners, represent the City of Dallas in Sendai, Japan! Participate in this expense-paid experience of a lifetime. Please see application for details and qualifying times. Race information can be found at:

[www.sendaihalf.com/english](http://www.sendaihalf.com/english)

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**Consul-General Takaoka Assumes New Role**

Texans bid farewell to Consul-General Nozomu Takaoka and his wife Yumi in mid-December as they departed Houston for a new assignment in Tokyo. Mr. Takaoka is now Managing Director for International Relations at SME Support, Japan (Organization for Small & Medium Enterprises and Regional Innovation), a subsidiary organization of the Japanese Government. JASDFW appreciates the Takaokas' service in Texas and wishes them well.
Tower Center: Coffee & Conversation

Satoshi Ikeuchi
"Diffuse and then Expand: Organizational Approach to the Islamic State"
Tuesday, January 19 | 1:00 PM
SMU campus

SMU's Tower Center is kicking off the spring semester with a talk by Middle East scholar Professor Satoshi Ikeuchi (University of Tokyo) whose recent book, *The Shock of the Islamic State*, received the Mainichi Publishing Cultural Prize and has sold more than a million copies.  More

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.  RSVP to tower@smu.edu.

KKC Teacher Fellowship - Deadline February 15th

The KKC Teacher Fellowship is currently accepting applications.  The Fellowship enables American social studies teachers to travel to Japan, all expenses paid, for a 10-day study tour in July.  The tour features school visits, homestays, factory tours, and meetings with business, civic and academic leaders.  More

Photo Gallery

**Members enjoy the Toyota Suite at American Airlines Center**

Thank you to Toyota for generously sharing its suite at American Airlines Center with JASDFW members for four games during the holidays! Everyone had a great time cheering on the Mavericks and the Stars!

**Congratulations to the 2016 Nengajo (New Year's Card) Contest Winners**

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER!**
Grace Hinojosa, 10th grade, Richardson High School
Upcoming Events and Activities

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Weekly

Dallas Japanese Language and Culture Meetup (Meetup.com)

Dallas Japanese and English Language Exchange (Meetup.com)