

August 4, 2020



August Newsletter

JASDFW NEWS

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[Online Event] Baseball in Japan and the U.S. during COVID-19

Monday, August 10

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Tickets: FREE

Co-presented by Japan Society (New York)

Baseball plays a major cultural role in the United States and Japan. While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, baseball begins to return to the U.S. and Japan under new measures to ensure player and fan safety.

Join JASDFW and a panel of baseball experts including Jason Coskrey, Sports Writer/Editor at The Japan Times, Matt Murton, Baseball Operations Assistant with Chicago Cubs and a former professional player in the U.S. and Japan, and Bobby Valentine, a former championship manager in the U.S. and Japan, for a lively discussion on how baseball is returning and evolving.

[For more information online and to register, please click here.](#)



[Online Event] A Summer Day in Japan

Tuesday, August 11

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm CDT

Tickets: FREE

Join JASDFW's special summer program before going back to school.

Natsuo and Natsuko are visiting their grandparents. Let's take a look how they spend a day, and learn some Japanese summer traditions from them. You will explore Radio taiso (Japanese calisthenics), Ohaka mairi (visiting family grave), Japanese special summer foods, a Japanese summer festival and more!

We will also demonstrate a couple of special summer origami. If you have any origami papers at home, try with us. You can learn more by clicking below!

[To learn more and to register, click here.](#)



[ONLINE EVENT] Japanese Government Leadership and U.S.-Japan Relations during COVID-19

Tuesday, August 11

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Tickets: FREE

Co-presented by the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth and the Sun & Star Program on Japan and East Asia at SMU's Tower Center for Policy Policy and International Studies.

COVID-19 presents challenges to nations across the

globe, but Japan faced both the pandemic and postponing the world's largest international sporting event. Between the leadership of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike, and Osaka Governor Hirofumi Yoshimura, Japan has implemented a number of approaches to dealing with the pandemic amidst new challenges for the U.S.-Japan relationship. Join us for a talk on how Japanese leadership is addressing the pandemic, the future of Japanese politics, and the implications for the U.S.-Japan alliance.

[To learn more and to RSVP, click here.](#)



JASDFW Board Member Appointed New Honorary Consul of Japan in Dallas

The Government of Japan has appointed JASDFW board member Dr. Hisashi (Sam) Shichijo as the new Honorary Consul of Japan in Dallas. Dr. Shichijo is a research professor at the University of Texas at

Dallas. He was born and raised in Kagawa, Japan, and worked for Texas Instruments for 29 years. Now a U.S. citizen, he is also a member of the Dallas Japanese Association. Honorary Consul Shichijo succeeds Mr. John Stich, who served as the Honorary Consul of Japan in Dallas for 16 years until February 2020.

[Click here to read more.](#)



[ONLINE EVENT] Japanese Health and Wellness during COVID-19

Wednesday, August 19

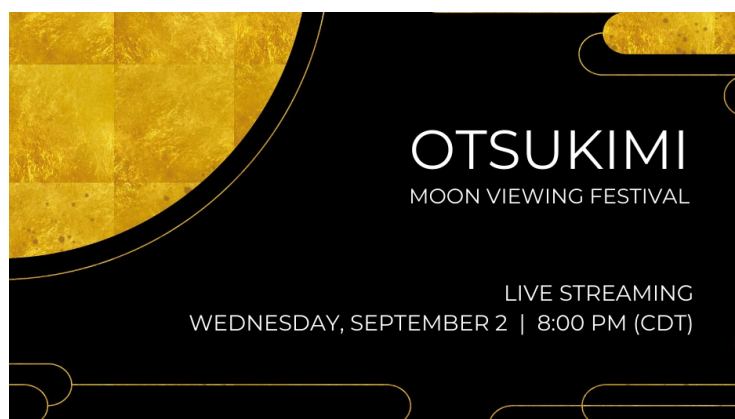
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Tickets: FREE

Tea and meditation have a storied history in Japanese culture. Whether through promoting health, peace of mind, or culture, tea consumption and meditative practices can also lead to longevity. Join JASDFW and a panel of experts for a discussion on the benefits of these Japanese traditions during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our panelists include Dr. Nada Milosavljevic, M.D., J.D., Author, Founder and Director of the Integrative Health

Program at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Rona Tison, Executive Vice President of Corporate Relations at ITO EN (North America) INC.

[For more information, please click here.](#)



**[Online Event] 2020 Otsukimi
Moon Viewing Festival
Save-the-Date**

**Wednesday, September 2
8:00 pm CDT
Tickets: FREE**

**Celebrate JASDFW's 21st Otsukimi
from the comfort of your home!**

For the first time ever, the Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival will be presented in a virtual format. This program will have a special collaboration with two of the Japan-America Society's community partners, the Dallas Japanese Association and the Fort Worth Japanese Society. There will also be unique programming from Sendai city in Japan, which has been an international friendship city with Dallas since 1997. Additional activities and demonstrations will be announced as they are confirmed. Please note that this event will be live streaming and the link will be available later this month.

Performances

- [Sho Asano](#) (Tsugaru shamisen)
- [Masayo Ishigure](#) (Koto)
- Dallas Kiyari Daiko (Japanese drums)
- Suzume Odori (Sendai sparrow dance)

Demonstrations and Special Presentations

- Dango cooking (Japanese sweets served during Otsukimi)
- Modern Japanese calligraphy
- North Texas Japanese restaurants and stores via video

[For more information, please click here.](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

CORPORATE MEMBERS

GOLD | \$2,500

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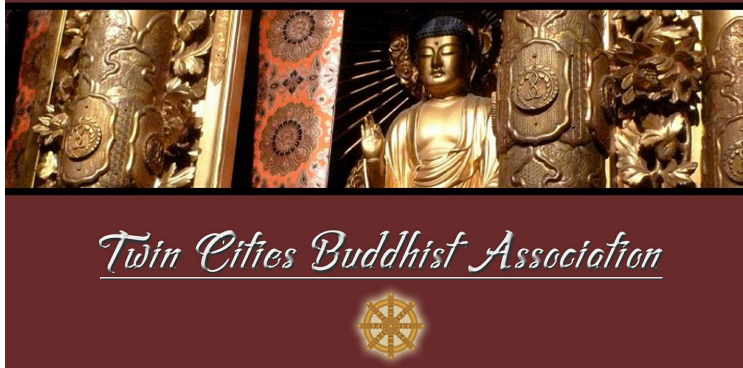
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**Japan-America Society of Minnesota:
Meditative Moments in Everyday Life**

Thursday, August 6

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CDT

Tickets: FREE

Join Reverend Todd Tsuchiya and Reverend Chiemi Renshin Onimura Bly of the Twin Cities Buddhist Association Sangha for a webinar on meditation and internal reflection. This webinar will explore meditation as a concept and practice from a Jodo Shinshu and a general Buddhist perspective.

[To learn more and to RSVP, click here.](#)



**[Online Event] Japan-America Society of
Southern California: The House of Suntory -
Bridging the East and West**

Thursday, August 13

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm CDT

Tickets: Japan-America Members - FREE

General Public - \$25

The Japan-America Society of Southern California has teamed up with Suntory Holdings Limited to bring its members and the general public a 3-part mini master class series on Suntory's history and its products. Participants will get the chance to learn from experts Taki Nakatani and Jonathan Armstrong as they explore Suntory's many brands.

This August program will feature Suntory's HAKU Vodka,



which is made from 100% Japanese rice, and will explore its unique production process.

[To learn more and to RSVP, click here.](#)



Events Calendar

NEW MEMBERS

Individual/Family

Sufiyan Qureshi
Isabella Tiberi

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [August 4 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] U.S.-Japan Council – Coronavirus: Opportunity for a New Health Paradigm](#)
- [August 6 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan-America Society of Minnesota: Meditative Moments in Everyday Life](#)
- [August 10 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Baseball in Japan and the U.S. during COVID-19](#)
- [August 11 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] A Summer Day in Japan: Adventure of Natsuo and Natsuko](#)
- [August 11 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japanese Government Leadership and U.S.-Japan Relations during COVID-19](#)
- [August 13 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan-America Society of Southern California: The House of Suntory Mini Master Class](#)
- [August 19 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japanese Health and Wellness during COVID-19](#)
- [September 2 | SAVE-THE-DATE: 2020 Otsukimi Moon Viewing Festival](#)

Numerous events throughout the DFW area have been postponed due to COVID-19. We will update this section accordingly as the situation develops.

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