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November Newsletter

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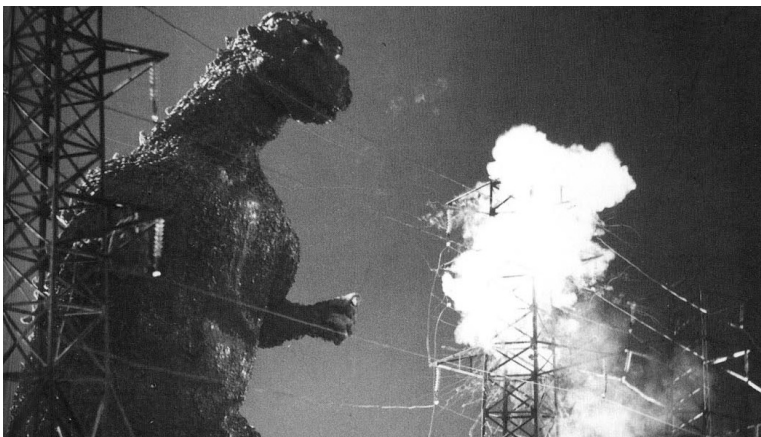
[Online Event] A Conversation with Ambassador Shinsuke Sugiyama

Thursday, November 19
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm CST
Tickets: FREE

Presented in partnership with the World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth

The Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth proudly presents a conversation with H.E. Shinsuke Sugiyama, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America. He will comment on his country's ongoing fight against COVID-19, the new Suga administration in Japan, and his goals for U.S.-Japan relations.

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



[Online Event] Godzilla's Enduring Popularity

Wednesday, December 2
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm CST
Tickets: FREE

Godzilla is a cinema icon of monster movies throughout



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the world, but the character is marketed quite differently in Japan compared to America and other nations. In this engaging discussion, **Steve Ryfle**, film journalist and co-author of "Ishiro Honda: A Life in Film from Godzilla to Kurosawa" and "Godzilla vs. The World," and **Bill Tsutsui**, Edwin O. Reischauer Distinguished Professor of Japanese Studies at Harvard University and author of "Godzilla on My Mind," will discuss how Godzilla addresses deeper themes like environmental challenges, natural disasters, and politics.

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

GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday
Tuesday, December 1

On this Giving Tuesday, the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth is asking you to kindly consider a generous donation to help support one of our signature community outreach offerings: Japan-in-a-Suitcase. This is an educational program that gives elementary school students a chance to experience Japanese culture, customs, and contemporary life. Japan-in-a-Suitcase ignites students' curiosity and opens their minds and hearts to deeper global understanding.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our presenters are currently not able to visit schools. We are developing online presentations so that we can continue offering these popular programs to students. Your support will help to cover the cost of online program creation and help educate the youngest members of our community about Japan. Additional information will be shared in mid-November.

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



SAVE THE DATE - [Online Event] Bonenkai Forget-the-Year Party

Thursday, December 17

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CST

Tickets: FREE

Bid farewell 2020 with a virtual presentation of our popular Bonenkai celebration. Festivities and activities will include an interactive trivia contest, a raffle drawing for prizes, Zoom breakout rooms to interact with your friends, and reflections on the positive moments of the past year. We are also confirming details of a food offering in partnership with a local Japanese restaurant. Registration will open soon and is limited to 100 participants.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RESOURCES

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[Online Event] UTD Center for Asian Studies: Japanese Culture and Society Revealed through the Work of Animator/Filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki

Saturday, November 7

4:00 - 5:30 pm CST

Tickets: FREE

Join Nami Kroska, Visiting Assistant Professor in Literature and Languages at the University of Texas at Dallas, for a discussion on modern Japanese pop culture. She will focus on the work of Hayao Miyazaki, a Japanese animator, author, director, manga artist, and screen writer. Miyazaki is a co-founder of the renowned Studio Ghibli and he is widely regarded as one of the world's most accomplished filmmakers in the animation genre.

[You can learn more and RSVP by clicking here.](#)



Fort Worth Japanese Society: Japanese Fall Festival

Saturday, November 7 - Sunday, November 8
9:00 am - 5:00 pm CST

Tickets: Free for FWJS members | Free for children 0-5 | \$6 for children 6-15 | \$12 for adults 16-64 | \$10 for seniors 65+

The annual Fall Festival is back again with traditional Japanese dance, music, martial arts, demonstrations, and more at the beautiful Japanese Garden, located at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Activities this year will be modified to adhere to social distancing and other public health measures. **All tickets must be purchased online. No tickets will be available for purchase in person.**

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



[Online Event] SMU Tower Center – China and the Japanese Multinational: Politics and the Risks of Doing Business

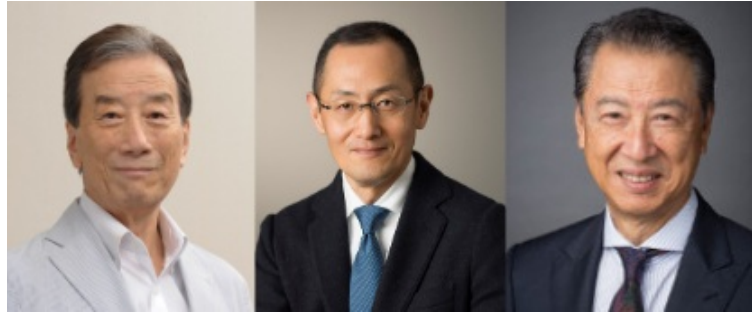
Thursday, November 12
6:30 - 7:30 pm CST
Tickets: FREE

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 Public Policy and International Studies.

Japan and China share a high level of economic interdependence, but Japanese multinational companies are wary of potential damage and intellectual property theft overseas. Featuring Kristin Vekasi, associate professor in the Department of Political Science and School of Policy and International Affairs at the University

of Maine, this talk will examine the risk management and private sector diplomacy firms use to navigate doing business in China.

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**[Online Event] Japan Society of Boston -
The Race to End the COVID-19 Pandemic**

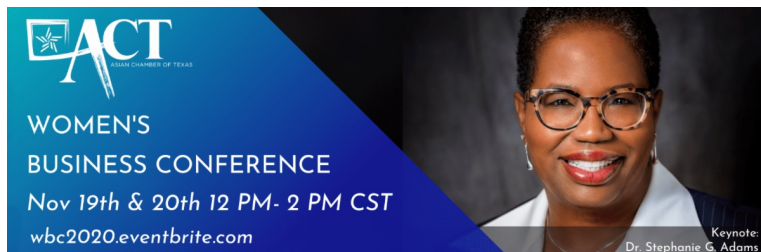
Monday, November 16

6:00 pm CST

Tickets: FREE

Join friends from our sister society in Boston as they host Dr. Shinya Yamanaka and Dr. Kiyoshi Kurokawa, two premier Japanese scientists. They will discuss the Japanese response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the greater global fight with Professor Hiroataka Takeuchi of Harvard Business School.

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



**[Online Event]
Asian Chamber of Texas:
Women's Business Conference 2020**

Thursday, November 19 - Friday, November 20

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm CST

Tickets: FREE

Stephanie G. Adams, Dean of the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Texas at Dallas, will be the keynote speaker for this year's Women's Business Conference presented by the Asian Chamber of Texas. This conference will also feature panel discussions on leadership in the non-profit sector, public service, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics).

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [November 5 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan-America Society of Southern California – 7th Annual Women’s Leadership Counts Conference: Activating Your Kaizen Mindset](#)
- [November 7 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] UTD Center for Asian Studies – Asian Culture Forum: Japanese Culture and Society Revealed through the Work of Animator/Filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki](#)
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ONGOING EVENTS:

- [October 9 - December 5 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan Society – Japanese History through the Lenses of Arts, Design & Pop Culture](#)

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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