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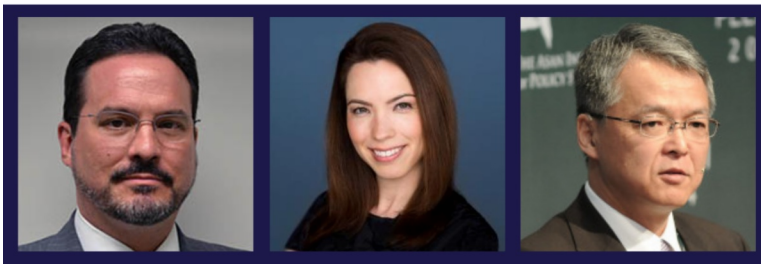


February Newsletter

JASDFW NEWS

CORPORATE MEMBERS

PLATINUM | \$5,000



[Online Event]

Japan Currents Symposium

Wednesday, Feb. 10

6:00 - 7:15 p.m. CST

Tickets: Members \$10 | General Public \$15

As we enter 2021, there are many questions about how Prime Minister Suga's government in Japan and the Biden administration in the United States will work together. Among the agenda items, major points include securing peace and stability in Asia, managing global trade networks, and ensuring the health of millions of Americans and Japanese amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Join us for a conversation with three experts from Japan and the United States on what 2021 will hold for relations between these Transpacific partners. Panelists include **Dr. Michael Green** (Center for Strategic and International Studies, Georgetown University), **Aiko Lane** (U.S.-Japan Business Council), and **Dr. Yoshihide Soeya** (Keio University).

The Japan Currents Symposium is sponsored by the Embassy of Japan and the National Association of Japan-America Societies, and is presented in collaboration with the Sun & Star Program on Japan and East Asia at SMU's John G. Tower Center for Public Policy and International Affairs.

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[To learn more about the Japan Currents Symposium, click here.](#)



[Online Event] JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series: A Mission of Kataribe – The Memory of the Earthquake Should Not Be Forgotten

**Wednesday, Feb. 17
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. CST
Tickets: FREE**

Please join us for a special conversation with Seietsu Sato, a survivor of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. During the tragedy, Sato was an assistant fire chief of Kesenuma (県庁), a town in Miyagi Prefecture. He will talk about his mission as a "kataribe," or storyteller in Japanese, and "Saving Lives" with his message about the value of human life. Sato will speak in Japanese with a consecutive English interpretation.

The JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series is generously supported by the Consulate-General of Japan in Houston.

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[To learn more about the JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series, please click here.](#)



[Online Event] JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series: "Voices in the Wind (県庁)" Film Screening
Thursday, Feb. 18 - Sunday, Feb. 28

Tickets: FREE

As part of the 3/11 Resiliency Series, JASDFW will stream "Voices in the Wind," which follows 17-year-old Haru as she sets out on a journey across Japan to the town where the disaster swept away her brother and parents. Throughout her journey, she encounters inspiring and tragic stories of lives saved and lives lost...and then finds a garden with a mysterious telephone box. Please note this screening is limited to 600 total views and only available for users with a U.S. IP address.

The JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series is generously supported by the Consulate-General of Japan in Houston.

[Register Here](#)

[To learn more about "Voices in the Wind," click here.](#)



SAVE-THE-DATE - March 2021 Programs

Tuesday, March 16 and Thursday, March 18

Tickets: FREE

Join us in March for two special events. On **March 16**, we will host the third program of our three-part JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series. Representatives from Fukushima, Iwate, and Miyagi Prefectures will discuss the progress made since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in **A Resurgent Region - Tohoku's Recovery since 2011**. We will discuss attracting economic activity to the region, debunking myths about disaster-afflicted areas, and ensuring a prosperous future for Tohoku through community building and grassroots organizations.

On **March 18**, we will convene a conversation on **Japanese Pop Culture's Response to COVID-19**. The program will focus on how cultural ambassadors are helping Japan in this challenging time and how entertainment trends during the pandemic might change the Japanese pop culture industry forever. Registration will open soon for both programs.

The JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series is generously supported by the Consulate-General of Japan in Houston. The March 18 event is part of the Japanese government's

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GOLD | \$2,500

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BE THE MATCH

Paul Goodman is a cancer fighter and is one of many relying on a match for a bone marrow transplant.



Special Event for Paul Goodman

Saturday, Feb. 6

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST

Mitsuwa Marketplace

Please support a good cause and help save a life! Be the Match Texas continues its search to find a donor for **Paul Goodman**, who is 29 and of Japanese and Jewish (Ashkenazi) descent. This makes it even more difficult to find a bone marrow donor and the ideal match would someone who is 50% Japanese, 50% Caucasian, and between the ages of 18-44 years old. Because this is an urgent situation, we are encouraging everyone to please attend the drive thru event listed below. The event is in compliance with the CDC's COVID safety protocols. If you are interested, please access the link at the www.ganbattepaul.com website.

There will be a second event on Saturday, February 20, at a to-be-determined location. If you are unable to come, you can request a kit by mail (Live Drive is preferred due to potential delays in the mail service). Text TX4PAUL to 61474 or online at <https://join.bethematch.org/>.

Mitsuwa Marketplace

Saturday, February 6, 2021 - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Central
100 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75023





[Online Event] Japan Society: Japanese Soufflé Pancakes: A Valentine's Treat

Tuesday, Feb. 9

5:30 pm CST

Tickets: Seniors & Students \$20 | General Public \$25

Join our sister society in Oregon for a special online celebration, organized by their culture committee. Special guest speakers from Japan and the United States will join the festivities. Locally produced sake and bento boxes are available for pre-order for residents of Portland.

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



JAPAN AMERICA SOCIETY
OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

[Online Event] Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia: February Film Watch Parties

Wednesdays in February

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. CST

Tickets: FREE

As we approach the 80th anniversary of the American entry into World War II, we examine four Japanese films about the devastating consequences of that war. With themes that range from pathos to brave sacrifice, these four films span a half century of reactions to its tragedy. These films will be presented as watch parties with an introduction and concluding with a brief discussion session. The discussion is led by Dr. Frank Chance, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Languages and Civilizations at the University of Pennsylvania.

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



[Online Event] ACCJ/NAJAS Business Leaders Series: A Conversation with Aflac

Wednesday, Feb. 24

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. CST

Tickets: ACCJ & Japan-America Members \$10 | General Public \$15

For those who joined our program with Boeing Japan in

January, we invite you to attend the next event in the series. This program will focus on Aflac and its operations in Japan, a market where Aflac is the leading provider of medical and cancer insurance, and where the company insures one in four Japanese households. The guest speaker will be **Andrew Conrad**, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Compliance Officer of Aflac Life Insurance Japan.

This program is part of the ACCJ/NAJAS Business Leader Series, a collaboration with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the National Association of Japan-America Societies. The series highlights the Japan-based businesses of global corporations, focusing on business strategies in Japan, successes and challenges, and current perspectives from Japan. The first two programs were hosted by the Japan-America Society of Indiana, with Eli Lilly, in October 2020 and the Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth, with Boeing Japan, in January 2021.

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

Events Calendar

NEW MEMBERS

Individual/Family

Martha Barrios
Narihiro Kim

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- [February 6 | Special Event for Paul Goodman](#)
- [February 9 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan Society: Japanese Soufflé Pancakes: A Valentine's Treat](#)
- [February 10 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] 2021 Japan Currents Symposium - Day One](#)
- [February 17 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series: A Mission of Kataribe – The Memory of the Earthquake Should Not Be Forgotten](#)
- [February 18 - February 28 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series: "Voices in the Wind \(□□□□\)" Film Screening](#)
- [February 19 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Friday Night Live: Masayo Ishigure](#)
- [February 24 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] ACCJ/NAJAS Business Leaders Series: A Conversation with Alfac](#)
- [March 16 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Save-the-Date -JASDFW 3/11 Resilience Series: A Resurgent Region - Tohoku's Recovery since 2011](#)
- [March 18 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Save-the-Date - Japanese Pop Culture's Response to COVID-19](#)

ONGOING:

- [Now - February 24 | \[ONLINE EVENT\] Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia: February Film Watch Parties](#)

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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