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News, Notes & Upcoming Events お知らせとイベント情報

JAPANESE DIPLOMATS IN THE NEWS (150th Anniversary)

日本使節団、訪米 150 周年記念特集



American depiction of Embassy reception at the White House, 1860 (from [White House History](#))

N.Y. Times Headlines, 1860:
THE JAPANESE IN AMERICA; Arrival of the United States Steam Frigate off this Port. First experience of Railway Traveling (May 10, 1860)

THE JAPANESE IN PHILADELPHIA: Where they Went and What they Saw Yesterday (June 12, 1860)

RECEPTION OF THE JAPANESE; Preparations for Their Arrival in New-York.
GRAND MILITARY ESCORT (June 16, 1860)

Would you stare if you saw a crowd of Japanese samurai walking down the street, dressed in traditional flowing brocade trousers (*hakama*), their hair in elaborate top-knots, carrying 2 swords each? Try to imagine the reaction of crowds in 1860, when the first ever Japanese diplomatic mission arrived in the United States. Until Commodore Perry went to Japan in 1853 & 1854, the U.S. had only heard stories about Japan from mistreated shipwrecked sailors or Dutch traders from Dejima (Nagasaki). But with Perry's *Treaty of Kanagawa* (1854), the US's engagement with Japan was begun.

Six years later, Japan reciprocated by sending a diplomatic mission to the US to ratify a *Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation*. The ambassadors (and entourage, 77 total) sailed on the *USS Powhatan*, accompanied by a Japanese warship, the *Kanrin Maru*, to demonstrate Japanese mastery of Western navigation. After a month in San Francisco, the delegation crossed the isthmus of Panama by train, and boarded the *USS Roanoke* to Washington DC. Congress adjourned for their arrival at the Navy Yard; a crowd of 5,000 waited at the docks, and over 20,000 Washingtonians (out of a total population of 75,000) lined the streets on the way to the visitors' hotel. President James Buchanan received them at the White House, and the newspapers were full of reports of gifts exchanged, receptions, shopping trips, and concerts.

The delegation traveled on to Philadelphia and New York. In New York, merchants were requested to close their stores at 2 PM "to enable their clerks to witness the reception," and the entire police command were ordered on duty, in full uniform. You can read actual [New York Times](#) archived articles and learn how the hotels were redecored; how the Japanese pushed aside the new furniture so they could sit on the floor; what they bought where; and how the interpreter wrote love letters to ladies he met!

From New York, the delegation circumnavigated the globe on the *USS Niagara*, returning to Tokyo on Nov. 8, a voyage of 10 months, 20 days. This historic occasion was prophetically described in the June 11, 1860 N.Y. Times as "...an event which, if it has any significance at all involves consequences the most momentous to the civilization and the commerce of the world for ages to come"

(N.Y. Times archive: <http://www.nytimes.com/1860/05/10/news/japanese-america-arrival-united-states-steam-frigate-off-this-port-ambassadors.html?scp=370&sq=japanese&st=p&pagewanted=1>)



18th Annual JASGC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: JULY 17, 2010 "In the Spirit of Friendship"



Registration extended to July 9, 2010; go to www.jasgc.org
Spaces are still available for players and sponsorship! What an opportunity to support the Japanese Language School of Greater Cincinnati as well as the JASGC, play golf, have fun, and win prizes all in one great package!

Set on 200 acres and featuring six lakes, **Legendary Run Golf Course's** front nine was inspired by the Great Scottish Links and features holes named Troon, St. Andrews, and Turnberry. The back nine winds through the woods with holes influenced by such Classic American Championship Courses as Augusta, Winged Foot, and Shinnecock.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, register players, and monitor holes for prizes. Half-day shifts also available; meals provided. Call our office (513-579-3114), or e-mail us (jasgc@gccc.com) to sign up!

第18回日米ゴルフ大会、華麗なフォームで授賞式のスクリーンに映りましょう!
オンラインのお申し込みまたはフライヤーのダウンロードをwww.jasgc.orgで

Invitation from the GIFU SISTER CITY COMMITTEE:

岐阜姉妹都市プログラムからのお知らせ



Please join us for Ceremony and Dinner the Cincinnati-Gifu Peace Day

CELEBRATION FOR PEACE!

Friday, July 9th Starting 4:30 P.M. at General James Taylor Park, 307 Isabella St., Newport KY
Optional Dinner to follow at Aoi Japanese Cuisine (Newport on the Levee, Casual Attire)
Ceremony & Dinner RSVP to secretary@cincinnati-gifu.org.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT CINCINNATI'S DOWNTOWN?

Downtown Cincinnati Inc. is interested in minority community participation, and wants to know what you think about downtown. Please take their Annual Perceptions Survey. As a thank you, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Downtown Gift Card. The survey closes July 14.

<http://64.203.191.205/surveys/20105485/20105485login.html>

シンシナティダウンタウン活性化へのアンケートにご協力下さい。

Upcoming Events Calendar イベントカレンダー

Every Wednesday	<p>Partner/Member Event: Meditation Class</p> <p>The Ohio Buddhist Vihara has begun meditation classes in English on Wednesday evenings from 7pm~8pm at their facility, 1831 Miles Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231. For information, call 513-825-4961 or go to flyer: Thursday classes in Japanese will be on vacation 7/30~9/18. 日本語による瞑想教室は、講師帰国予定につき、7月30日から9月18日まで休みます。</p>
Aug. 6~22	<p>Indiana State Fair “Bridges to Japan Exhibition”</p> <p>The “Bridges to Japan Exhibition” will introduce and engage Fair visitors in Japanese culture and economy. The exhibition will feature Japanese cultural activities, performances, exhibits on daily life, and Japanese food. Check the Japan America Society of Indiana web site: http://www.japanindiana.org/english/program/statefair/index.html インディアナ日米協会頑張っています！今年は、日本をテーマにしたインディアナのステート・フェア、お友達、ご家族でいかがですか？</p>
Sept.11, Sat.	<p>Fuzjko Hemming Piano Concert</p> <p><i>4-time Japan Gold Disc Award winner comes to Greater Cincinnati!</i> Concert at NKY’s Greaves Concert Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm, Concert at 6:00pm Tickets go on sale July 15 at 10:00am. FIRST COME GET BEST SEATS! 魂のピアニスト、フジコ・ヘミングさんの待望のピアノコンサートです。オンラインのご購入が、7月15日午前10時からオープンとなります。 For more information / 詳細はこちら： http://jasgc.org/civcrm/event/info?reset=1&id=28</p>
Oct. 15, Fri.	<p>Celebrate Cincinnati, JASGC Gala and Dinner</p> <p>Speakers: TEMA President Agata, Consulate General Ishikawa: MC, Martha Lane Collins VIP Reception, Dinner at Cincinnati Hilton’s Hall of Mirrors. PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR! Sponsor: All Nippon Airways 多彩なゲストとスピーカーが、素敵な夕食会をさらに盛り上げます。ご予定のご準備をお願いします！</p>

Community Outreach Opportunities コミュニティ活動に参加されませんか？

Weekend Homestay Host Opportunity

The Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council needs weekend homestay host families for several Japanese high school students during an intensive English study program at Ohio University. They will be in the Cincinnati area **July 30-Aug. 1**. If you could host a student that weekend, contact Emily Wullenweber at 513-621-5222 or at EWullenweber@cincyworldaffairs.org.

JASGC Ambassadors



JASGC member Rev. Daiun Iba and other volunteers talked about Japan and shared Tanabata songs and crafts with pre-school through 2nd grade children at the Su Casa Summer Camp in Hartwell, on June 30th.

JASGC hopes to develop a core group of **volunteers to talk about Japan** to children at schools or libraries in the area. If you are interested in participating, please call (513-579-3114) or e-mail us (jasgc@gccc.com).

学校や図書館等の教育機関から日本や文化紹介の依頼が増えています。次世代の子供達に日本の良いイメージや興味を持ってもらうため、コミュニティー活動チームメンバーを募集しています。文化紹介の経験の有無にかかわらず、ご興味のある方、余暇を有意義に過ごされたい方、友人の輪を広げたい方、あるいは、日本大好き人(国籍問わず)の方も含め、お問い合わせ大歓迎です。電話(513-579-3114)かメール(jasgc@gccc.com)でお気軽にどうぞ！