

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – August 23, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

On Saturday, we said goodbye to our University of Shizuoka students and our Saitama interns who left Ohio after studying/working here for several weeks. We had a wonderful time getting to know them, and we hope those of you who had a chance to meet them enjoyed them as well!

As the summer draws to a close and you send your children off to school, don't forget about our Passport to Japan and Japan Artifact Box Programs that are free to Central Ohio schools. If your children's teachers are unfamiliar with these programs, please tell them to visit the teachers' resources section of the Institute for Japanese Studies' website at <http://japan.osu.edu/index.php/teachers> to learn more.

Finally, with the changes occurring as a result of the new Sarbanes-Oxley Act and its pending implementation in Japan in 2008, you may want to consider attending the business seminar next month in Dublin. See below and make sure to RSVP by the deadline.

Hope you have a wonderful end to August and a relaxing Labor Day weekend!

- JASCO Staff

This Week / Next Week

1. Cultural Event: Dayton Asian Cultural Festival 2006 at Miamisburg Library Park – Saturday, August 26

Future Events

2. Business Seminar: Japanese Sarbanes Oxley at Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin – Wednesday, September 13 ** RSVP DEADLINE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 **
3. Local Cultural Event: The Columbus Symphony Orchestra Presents Midori at The Ohio Theater – Thursday, September 21
4. Local Cultural Event: "Tampopo" Film Presentation at Old Worthington Library – Saturday, September 30
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1. Cultural Event: Dayton Asian Cultural Festival 2006 at Miamisburg Library Park, 35 South Fifth Street, Miamisburg – Saturday, August 26, 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Seven of the largest Asian ethnic organizations in the Dayton area (representing China, India, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, and Vietnam) will present or sponsor food, music and dance entertainment, arts and crafts workshops, instruction/demonstration workshops, cultural exhibits, a martial arts demonstration, children's games, children's stories, a top-spinning contest, craft markets, and free health screenings and health information at this annual event in Miamisburg. For more information, please visit <http://iis.stat.wright.edu/DaytonAsianCulturalFestival/>.

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2. Business Seminar: Japanese Sarbanes-Oxley at Embassy Suites Hotel, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin – Wednesday, September 13, 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Learn about the new Sarbanes-Oxley Act that is expected to be enacted in Japan in 2008 and how it will affect Japanese transplant businesses. Mr. Yusuke Kuramochi of Plante & Moran and Mr. Toshikata Amino of The Ohio State University will present an overview on how Japanese companies in Central Ohio can prepare for the impending Sarbanes-Oxley requirements and the corporate social responsibilities in the United States. Both presentations will be presented in Japanese. This event is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required by Friday, September 8. For more information about this event, please see http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2006/JSOX_Conference_091306.pdf. To RSVP for this event, please call Jennifer at 614-292-4002 or e-mail jasco@osu.edu. Your name, title, company, e-mail and telephone and fax numbers are required for registration.

3. Local Cultural Event: The Columbus Symphony Orchestra Presents Midori at The Ohio Theater – Thursday, September 21, 8:00 p.m.

Internationally acclaimed violinist Midori will join Junichi Hirokami and the Columbus Symphony Orchestra for a thrilling collaboration in Mozart's and Beethoven's music. For more information about this event, or to purchase tickets, please visit <http://www.columbusymphony.com/calendar/september.html#midori>.

4. Local Cultural Event: "Tampopo" Film Presentation at Old Worthington Library, Kilbourne Auditorium, 820 High Street, Worthington – Saturday, September 30, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

A tongue-in-cheek play on spaghetti westerns, this paean to the joys of food follows the quest of Tampopo (which means "dandelion") as she tries to set up the perfect fast-food noodle restaurant. Full of film parodies and hilarious tangents, this Japanese hit is a crash course in "noodleology." Please see http://www.worthington.org/Calendar/CC_Search_Results_Detail.cfm?EventID=18898&Month=9&Year=2006 for more information.

5. Cultural Event: Jump to Japan! at the Toledo COSI Museum – Opening in Late September

Discover Japanese culture at COSI through the popular art forms of animation, *manga* (comics) woodblock prints and traditional scrolls. Step into the magical Cat Bus from Hayao Miyazaki's film *My Neighbor Totoro*; visit a *manga* shop; dress in a *kimono* and serve tea in a traditional Japanese house; or create your own animation and *manga*. For more information about this upcoming exhibit, please visit Toledo's COSI website at http://www.cositoledo.org/calendar/Jump_to_Japan.htm.

6. JASCO Social Outing: Fall Foliage at Dawes Arboretum – Sunday, October 8, 12:00 p.m.

The autumn is a beautiful time in Central Ohio and what better way to celebrate it than to view it with your family and friends at Dawes Arboretum in Newark? Walk around the grounds, hitch a ride on a wagon or just enjoy a serene moment by yourself under the trees – all after enjoying the potluck feast! The event is free for JASCO members and their families and \$5 for non-members (per family.)

7. Applications available for Youth For Understanding USA (YFA USA) scholarships to Japan through Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program (JUMP)

YFU USA is currently accepting applications for full-year scholarships to Japan. The Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program for the 21st Century (JUMP) offers 25 high school students the opportunity to spend an academic year in Japan. Sponsored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, JUMP commemorates the 50th anniversary of the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty. The government of Japan hopes to create a mutual understanding between the U.S. and Japan through youth exchanges like JUMP. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, sophomores or juniors at the time of application and must have birthdates between 12/1/88 and 1/15/92. Applicants must also have academic grade point averages of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale. Prior language skills in Japanese are not required; however, applicants

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must have strong interests in Japanese culture and language. JUMP recipients are required to depart for Japan in early March 2007 and return to the U.S. in January 2008. JUMP recipients must pay a \$600 tuition contribution; the rest of the tuition is covered by the JUMP scholarship. Personal expenses for passports, visas and spending money are not included. For more information about this program or to download the application booklet, please visit <http://www.yfu-usa.org>.

8. New job opportunities posted on IJS website

New jobs have been added to the website, so check them out if you're looking for a new opportunity!
<http://japan.osu.edu/jobs.php>