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Summer Programs a success

Shizuoka Summer English Program (SSEP)

Twelve students from the University of Shizuoka participated this August in a three-week program focusing on English language and American culture. This was the second time the Institute for Japanese Studies has hosted the program.

The goal of the program was to increase English language skills (particularly oral skills) and understanding of American culture among the intermediate and advanced Shizuoka University students. The curriculum included intensive English language classes as well as study of American culture. Also, the students received first-hand cultural experience through involvement in volunteering around the community. The group volunteered at Ronald McDonald House, and conducted an afternoon "Passport to Japan" program for 8-15 year-olds for hands-on experience learning about Japan.

A new component of the program this year is the Summer Language Intern Program. One participant, Keiko Saito, who completed SSEP last year, spent three weeks at the American Language Program at Ohio State.



Students successfully completing the SSEP program were:

Yutaka Ogoda,Hayaka Fujita, Natsuki Yonekawa, Hiroko Fukuda, Reiko Hamamoto, Akiko Tano, Satomi Kimura, Tomoyo Ohashi, Fumie Oishi (pictured here with their teacher, Mary Kay Sato)

Dr. Mineharu Nakayama and Keiko Saito, the 2004 SLIP participant.



A special THANK YOU to all of the host families that participated in the various programs this summer!

The **Ohio-Saitama Internship Program** (OSCI) sends Ohio interns to Japan each summer. In 2004, the following students participated: **Bethany Ross,** Ohio State University, Busyu Gas

Michael Park, Oberlin College, Saitama Co-Operative Society

The **Saitama-Ohio Internship Program** (SOCI) in its forth year hosted three interns from Japan. From left to right:

Masaki KONDAIRA Subaru HIGA Akiko MATSUMOTO



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Japanese Teacher Delegation Visits Ohio for the Seventh Year!



The Institute for Japanese Studies and the Ohio Department of Education are pleased to announce that twelve educators from Japan are visiting the State of Ohio September 21 – December 6, 2004.

The visiting teachers represent various regions of Japan, areas of teaching expertise and grade levels. This program, which is sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Education, began in 1996 after a summit meeting between President Clinton and then Prime Minister Hashimoto to encourage people-to-people exchange among Japanese & Americans and draw the two countries closer, increase trust and help to deepen mutual understanding.

During their stay in Ohio, the Japanese teachers are learning about American culture, daily life in the U.S., social issues and the U.S. education system. The first portion of the program was spent learning about the U.S. through workshop sessions and site visits, including hands-on teaching activities at various schools in the area.

The second portion of the program from October 24—November 28 is being spent in a homestay environment where each teacher lives with an Ohio teacher and spends each school day with their host teacher to gain hands-on experience.



Yae Oba demonstrates the Japanese Tea Ceremony at Southern Hill Academy

The following Ohio teachers and schools hosted a Japanese teacher as part of the 2004 Young Japanese Teacher Program:

William White-Granville Elementary, Centerburg Cecilia M. Schmeltzer-Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Zanesville

Lynette Marr-Oak Street Elementary School, Orrville Robert Bonnici-Mother of Mercy High School, Cincinnati Marlene Henry-Northwood Elementary, Troy Brenda Custodio-Mifflin Welcome Center, Columbus Rob Fetters-Mount Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon Susan Myers-St. Clare Elementary, Cincinnati Joan & Tim Giulivo-Padua Franciscan High School, Brecksville Scott & Cheryl Chamberlain-Benjamin Logan Middle School, Bellefontaine

Sally Stolly-Benjamin Logan High School, Bellefontaine Sarah Folzenlogen-Southern Hills Academy, Chillicothe Elizabeth Russell-Brinkerhoff Elementary, Mansfield Jeanette Kam-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, Groveport

Marilynn Hough-Sanderson Elementary, Stoutsvile Marlene Henry-Northwood Elementary, Sidney Paula Barone-Mount Vernon Middle School, Mt. Vernon Debbie Pierson-Tri County North Local Schools, Eaton Glenn Lewis-Graham South Elementary, Urbana





Young Japanese Teacher 2004 Ohio Delegation

Shinichi Betsui
Toshihiro Chiba
Hisayuki Fukuda
Keiji Hashimoto
Miho Ikawa
Itaru Kikuchi
Hideaki Matsunaga
Mika Nishimura
Yae Oba
Kazue Tanaka
Yosefu Terazawa
Junko Yokota

The Japanese teachers prepare for a program with OSU students.

Whitehall Baptist Passport Program a special event!



This summer the Whitehall Baptist Church was host to the largest Passport to Japan program of the summer. Over 300 children participated in the program. Activities included trying on kimono, learning how to use chopsticks, folding origami, playing with some traditional Japanese toys, and writing names in Japanese. Thanks to everyone involved, including our 2004 SOCI participants.





JASCO's Sixth Annual Golf Outing— Links on the Links!



Although unexpected showers interrupted the golf a bit early, the Sixth Annual Golf Outing was still a funfilled day for all who participated.

Third Place:

Combined team of Geoff Eagleson of Bank One, and Iwao (B.B.) Hatanaka and Stan Stanfield of Marsh USA.

Second place:

Tom McCormick, Tom Fusonie, Craig Leis, and Ryan Dolan of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease LLP, but only after a shoot-out between members of the first and second place teams.

Thanks to the generosity of various sponsors, everyone who attended received a door prize.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated.

First Place:

Congratulations to Lynn Dennison, Ed Miller, Masa Yoshida, and Yuki Kanai who were able to take First Place.
Congratulations also to Lynn Dennison of Honda of America Mfg., and Kurt Stuckenbrock of HFI, Inc. who won the prizes for Longest Drive.

This year's winning foursome includes Ed Miller, Lynn Dennison, Masa Yoshida, and Yuki Kanai. Congratulations!



A Sincere Thank You to 2004 Golf Outing Sponsors!

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- Otani Restaurant and Sushi Bar
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- ♦ Midwest Express
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- Restaurant Hama

A special thank-you to our host: The Golf Club of Dublin



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Save the date!

2005 JASCO Golf Outing Tuesday, May 24, 2005

The Golf Club of Dublin

Join us for this networking event that raises money for JASCO programming. Many opportunities for participation are available.

Details will soon be at: http://japan.osu.edu



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Ohio-Saitama Summer Internship Program (OSCI)

New Deadline: Feb. 28, 2005

- Term: July—August (5 weeks)
- Undergraduate or Graduate from an Ohio College or University
- Must hold U.S. passport and be native speaker of English
- Studied or currently studying Japanese (third year or above)
- Interest in Japanese business and culture
- Coordinated through The Ohio State University

Details at: http://ijs.osu.edu

New—a limited number of scholarships to help with the cost of airfare are available. Please contact the IJS office.

Japan Bowl in Ohio

2005 will be the first year that Ohio will participate as one of eighteen regional Japan Bowl contests being held around the country. The 2005 Ohio Regional Japan Bowl will be held at the University of Findlay on February 19th, with March 5th set as a possible make-up date. Students participate in a variety of quiz-show type events, testing knowledge of Japanese language including kanji, grammar, idioms, and listening comprehension. Cultural activities and contests are also held. Winners of regional Japan Bowl contests become eligible to compete at the national level in Washington D.C. The Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C. established the Japan Bowl to help standardize Japanese language instruction by exposing teams to competition, provide students with an opportunity to get together to reinforce their interest and determination in learning Japanese, and to expose teachers and students to a day of cultural activities directly related to Japan. For more information about the Japan Bowl, please visit the website of The Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C.: http://www.us-japan.org/dc/education/jbowl.html



Keizai Koho Teacher Fellowship 2005

Application deadline: Feb. 28, 2005

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies sponsors a two-week fellowship to Japan this summer for 15 educators in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and Australia to learn first hand about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

The two week itinerary in Japan includes time in Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Nagoya; meetings with government officials, educators, and business people; visits to elementary and secondary schools; discussions with educational authorities, teachers, and students; tours of major industrial and corporate facilities; meetings with key business leaders; and a home stay with a Japanese family.

This fellowship is only open to those who have never lived in Japan and have not visited Japan on a similar study tour. The demands of the itinerary are such that only individuals physically able to travel without special assistance should consider this fellowship. Special diets cannot be provided and a smoke-free environment cannot be assured. Due to the nature of the program and logistical requirements, there will be no provisions for spouses to accompany fellows. Applicants must have skills and experience in developing curriculum. The fellowship is open to:

- ♦ K-12 classroom teachers of social studies, history, and business;
- ♦ K-12 teachers of disciplines with a Japan component in their curriculum (limited availability);
- Supervisors, specialists, and school administrators at the district and state levels; and
- ♦ Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 grade level

For more information please visit: http://www.us-japan.org/programs/current/kkc2005/

2004 Japanese Language Speech Contest

We would like to extend our congratulations to the winners of the Sixth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest as listed below. The Speech Contest was sponsored by the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio (JASCO), the Central Ohio Japanese Association of Commerce (COJAC), the Consulate General of Japan at Detroit, The Ohio State University, the Dublin Arts Council and Ms. Yasue Sakaoka. Prize patrons included the above and also Northwest Airlines, which provided a round-trip airline ticket to Japan and is the official airline of JASCO's Japanese Language Speech Contest.

Winners are as follows:



High School level:

First Prize Winner: Paul Szuter of Dublin Scioto High School Second Place Winner: Benny Ho of Dublin Scioto High School

Third Place Winner: Chelsea Gaeta of Dublin Scioto High School

University Level:

First Place Winner: Alex Baker of Ohio University Second Place Winner: Molly Butcher of Ohio University Third Place Winner: Woon Min Kim of the University of Findlay

Pronunciation and Intonation Winner:

Andrea Nadel of Sycamore High School in Cincinnati

2005 Japanese Language Speech Contest

Saturday, March 5, 2005

Finalists are being selected and will compete in the high school and college categories next month.



Paul Szuter (left) and Alex Baker (right) first prize winners of the High School and University levels of the 2004 Japanese Language Speech Contest



In addition to the High School and University contests, Elementary School children who are studying the Japanese language also had a chance to display their skills. Children of all ages from around Ohio participated with their own Japanese speeches.

Faces from the Past, Voices of the Present



Japanese American Internment in Art and History

The Asian American Studies Program at The Ohio State University, Columbus is pleased to present a month-long series of events in February and March to commemorate the Japanese American Internment Camps of World War II.

On February 19, 1942 President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 that authorized the incarceration of approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans. They were forced to leave their homes, possessions, and friends behind and report to internment camps.

The public is invited to learn about the history of the camps and to gain a greater appreciation of the pain that they caused and the lessons that can be learned. IJS and JASCO are pleased to be co-sponsors of this series.

Dr. Arthur Hansen, "Barbed Voices: Oral History, Resistance, and the World War II Japanese American Internment"

Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Ohio Historical Society (I-71 and 17th Ave., Columbus, Ohio) Parking costs \$4/car.

O&A and light refreshments served.

Denise Uyehara, Big Head: Performance/Lecture/Book signing:

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m., OSU Mount Hall Studio Theatre
1050 Carmack Rd., Columbus

Masumi Hayashi, "Portraits: Heroes, Icons, and Family Album Snapshots"

Thursday, February 24, 9:30 –11:00 a.m., Journalism Building 371

242 W. 18th Ave. on the OSU campus

"Faces from the Past, Voices of the Present"

Thursday, March 10, 4:00—6:00 p.m., Frank Hale Cultural Center Reception to follow presentations. 153 W. 12th Ave. on the OSU campus

Student created documentaries and performance art based on their interviews with former internees, who currently live in Ohio. In attendance will be the individuals that they interviewed.

All events are free and open to the public. http://ijs.osu.edu/remember.html

For more information contact Prof. Judy Wu, Coordinator for Asian American Studies, wu.287@osu.edu or (614) 292-9331

For a complete list of sponsors, details of each event and directions, please visit the website: http://ijs.osu.edu/remember.html or call the JASCO office at 614-292-4002.

JASCO Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to the Seventh Year Anniversary Celebration of the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio

Wednesday, March 9
6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
At the offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP
52 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio

Come join us on this festive occasion as we celebrate the accomplishments of JASCO.

Members and special guests are welcome to attend free of charge. An RSVP is requested.

Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Dress is business attire.

Please RSVP by March 1 to JASCO at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu.

Come meet our new JASCO individual members, corporate members and our Board of Trustees!

Thank you Rick, congratulations on the promotion!

Rick Schostek, one of the founding members of the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, is moving to Atlanta, Georgia to take part in opening of a new 250,000 square foot plant being built by the American Honda Motor Company. Rick has served on the Board of Trustees as Vice President of JASCO since 1997. We would like to wish Rick good luck and all the best in Georgia.

Toshio Amino presents Rick Schostek with a plaque commemorating more than seven years as Vice President of the Japan America Society of Central Ohio.



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JASCO MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS!

It is time to renew your membership in JASCO and we hope that you will take this time to review the enclosed materials. If you have not already joined, please consider becoming a part of this very active organization in Central Ohio. We can only continue to be active if our membership actually joins and pays dues annually. Please feel free to contact our office at 614-292-4002 or by e-mail at jasco@osu.edu with any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued support.

Renewal applications available on-line at http://japan.osu.edu/apply.html

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