

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – February 13, 2008

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

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1. 9th Annual JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest. March 1, 2008 at OSU.

Wild about the Japanese Language or just enjoy watching a good challenge? The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be! Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan! Finalists have been chosen so come and watch the great competition. See [FLYER](#) for all the details.

2. Japanese language class offered for beginners. April 2-May 21, 2008. Deadline to apply is March 12, 2008

A beginner's level Japanese language class is being offered by JASCO. You do not need be a member of JASCO to join the class. This class is designed for beginners with no Japanese language skills and those wanting to brush up on their basic skills. The class will meet on Wednesdays for 8 weeks from 6:30-8pm at 122 Oxley Hall on the OSU campus (1712 Neil Ave. at 12th). Please see all the details at the following link [Japanese Language class](#). Please call Noriyuki Ito at 292-4002 with any questions you may have.

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3. Sumi brush painting workshop

Sumi brush painting will be taught at the Upper Arlington Senior Center on Wednesdays from 7pm – 9pm starting January 30 to March 5, 2008. Sumi is a form of painting in which black ink is applied with a brush to absorbent white paper. The brushwork is straightforward as only four basic brush strokes and simple techniques are used. By varying the pressure on the brush and the intensity of the ink, a monochromatic tonality is achieved that expresses emotion as well as captures forms. Students gain greater control of the brush and come to appreciate the beauty of sumi and its simplicity. Weekly lessons include practice for basic brush strokes, handling of white space and practice painting of flowers and animals. A supply list is mailed one week prior to the first class. The cost is \$70 for residents of UA and \$77 for non-residents. Call Lifelong Learning to register at 614-583-5333.

4. Working Effectively with Japanese Colleagues; One-Day Seminar in Columbus, OH – February 19, 2008 9am to 4pm in Dublin Ohio.

Americans who work with Japanese usually have many questions, but no good place to get the answers. This seminar is a golden opportunity to get your questions answered by a native of Japan who is highly skilled in explaining the intricacies of Japanese business and society.

The seminar will also feature explanations of proper Japanese etiquette for meals and social activities. Please follow [LINK](#) for registration

5. Art on a String exhibit at Capital University Schumacher Gallery, March 3, 2008 – April 11, 2008.

Kites were invented and popularized in Asia more than 3,000 years ago. Although many designs remain traditional, Asian kites feature a variety of imaginative shapes and are associated with festivals, holidays, and special events. **Opening Reception: Friday, March 7, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
(Please Note: The gallery is closed March 20 - 24 for Easter.) M-Sat 1pm-5pm

6. Volunteers needed for the Columbus Asian Festival, May 24 and 25, 2008 at Franklin Park Conservatory.

Come and join all the fun at the Columbus Asian Festival as a volunteer! We need help setting up booths of Japanese exhibitions and hosting visitors at the exhibits. For questions about becoming a volunteer please contact Ms. Sakaoka at 614-253-7741 or yasuesakaoka@wmconnect.com. If you would like information regarding the festival please go to the website <http://asian-festival.org/index.do> for all the details.

7. TARGET: Getting to Global, February 29, 2008

The international expansion of Ohio companies is key to the future of the state. We invite you to use the Fisher College's network of global experts and international students to grow your business. Fisher's Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER) invites you to attend TARGET: Getting to Global -- an opportunity to learn about practical tools to assess your readiness to expand your business in the global marketplace. Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Department of Development. See [FLYER](#) for all the details.

8. LingoXtreme–2008 Aloha Challenge. July 19-August 14, 2008. **Deadline February 17, 2008.**

The LingoXtreme: Aloha Challenge is a 4-week competition to produce 5-minute videos about the most interesting aspects of Japanese history in Hawai'i. Eight American and 8 Japanese high school students, competing on 4-member teams led by university team leaders, are challenged to build personal relationships with teammates, exchange ideas to research and plan productions, and work together to produce the best videos. [Follow this](#) for more details, Follow [Application](#) to apply.

9. Saitama Internship Program, **Deadline: February. 14. See details at [LINK](#)**

Term: late June—August (5 weeks)

- ◆ Undergraduate or Graduate from an Ohio College or University
- ◆ Must hold U.S. passport and be native speaker of English

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- ◆ Studied or currently studying Japanese (third year or above)
 - ◆ Interest in Japanese business and culture
 - ◆ Coordinated through The Ohio State University
- Details at [Saitama](#)

10. Keizai Koho Fellowships – **Deadline: February 15, 2008. See details at [LINK](#)**

- ◆ Open to: High school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies, and History. Supervisors, specialist, and school administrators at the district and state levels. Faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly concerned with the training of K-12 teachers.
 - ◆ 10 day program allowing teachers to learn about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.
- More information available at: <http://www.us-japan.org>

11. Shakuhachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus

Michael Chikuzen Gould will teach Shakuhachi lessons on Saturdays and / or Sundays. Follow link for more details. [Shakuhachi lessons](#)

12. New Program, Family Support Program, started at Asian American Community Services (AACCS)

Asian American Community Services (AACCS) is excited to announce our new program called Family Support Program (FSP). This program helps Asian immigrant families who have experienced any types of violence. FSP assists Asian people in understanding and appropriately utilizing the American social system such as legal/court system, medical system, system of child protective services, and the educational system. For more detailed information, please visit our website at <http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>. We are also looking for volunteers who directly work with the people who are suffering the violence. For more information, please visit <http://aacsohio.org/Servicesen/YouthFamily/FamilySupportProgram>.

13. Volunteers needed to share Japanese culture!

Are you looking to share your knowledge of Japanese culture with others? If so, this is the opportunity for you! We are currently looking for volunteers with knowledge of Japanese culture such as tea ceremonies, Japanese dance and drumming to name a few. JASCO receives many requests for individuals with these talents. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Nori Ito at (614) 292-4002 or by email at jasco@osu.edu. Please join our volunteer meeting to meet other volunteers and JASCO staff.

14. ConsuLink Newsletter now available from the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit!

The Consulate General of Japan is now offering the ConsuLink Newsletter! Check it out at www.cgjdetroit.org.

15. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Midwest Newsletter.

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. Go to the link [JETRO](#) to see the following newsletters:

- Focus Newsletter – Ongoing snapshot of Japan's macroeconomy.
- Going Mobile Japan – Mobile industry topics and highlights from Japan.
- JETRO Spotlight USA – JETRO USA's national e-newsletter.
- Midwest Newsletter – News and updates from JETRO Midwest.
- Show Biz Japan – Japan's entertainment industry.

16. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [CCWA](#).