

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – February 15, 2007

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

We hope that you are staying cozy now that winter has hit in full-force. We look forward to a busy March with the Japanese Language Speech Contest and the JASCO Anniversary Party. Soon the warmer months will be upon us and so will the JASCO Golf Outing, our biggest fundraising event of the year! It is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a game of golf while also supporting the ongoing educational and cultural programming initiatives that JASCO offers the Central Ohio community.

Also, we would like to welcome our newest staff members, Noriyuki Ito and Beth Bunn! Noriyuki is the Program Assistant for the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio and Beth is the Program Assistant for the Institute for Japanese Studies.

Please stay bundled and warm and we look forward to seeing you soon!

- JASCO Staff

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1. JASCO 8th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at Hagerty Hall, The Ohio State University – Saturday, March 3, 10:00 A.M.

High school and university students from across Ohio will show off their Japanese-language speaking prowess! They will be competing for their chance to win fabulous prizes and bragging rights as 2007's champions. We are actively seeking volunteers to assist with this year's contest. Please contact Noriyuki Ito at ito.12@osu.edu if you are interested! This event is free and open to the public.

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2. Local Cultural Event: 39th Annual benefit featuring traditional Japanese music and dance.

The Columbus Chapter of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF cordially invites you to attend the 39th annual benefit for UNICEF featuring a program of traditional Japanese music and dance on Sunday, March 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. Dessert will be served. RSVP by response card or by calling 614-488-8860 by Friday, March 2, 2007. Minimum suggested donation is \$10.00. Proceeds from this event will go towards UNICEF's program to aid more than a million people who have been displaced by ethnic and political conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan. Some 1.8 million children have been affected by this conflict. Some of them displaced multiple times through repeated attacks. The impact of violence, disease, malnutrition and dependency is leaving a mark on this generation of children, weakening them and trapping them in a cycle of poverty. Please visit www.unicefusa.org for more information.

3. JASCO's 10th Anniversary Party at the offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, 52 Gay Street – Wednesday, March 14 – 6:00 P.M.

If you have not already sent your RSVP for this celebration of our ten year anniversary in central Ohio, please remember to do so soon and join us for the festivities! This member-only invitation event is sure to be a memorable one, so make sure you have already renewed your membership for 2007, and RSVP early as space is limited. For more details, please see the invitation at http://jasco.osu.edu/events/2007/2007JASCOAnn_flyer.pdf.

4. Local Cultural Event: "Kabuki Sleeping Beauty" Play at Van Fleet Theatre – March 16-18, 23-25

Kabuki Sleeping Beauty combines aspects of the traditional Western fairytale with Theatrical Techniques of Japan. Written by Steven C. Anderson, this award winning play takes a story children know to help illuminate a style of theatre they may not be familiar with. Van Fleet Theatre is located at 549 Franklin Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Cost per ticket is \$3 – \$5. Please visit www.davisprograms.com for more information and to reserve your tickets.

5. Ohio International Office Managing Directors Visit to Ohio – March 2007

The managing directors will travel throughout Ohio to meet with Ohio companies and make presentations on current export opportunities in their markets. Ohio's international offices are located in Canada, Europe, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, South Africa and China. If your company is seeking new sales in a market, or if you would like to learn more about the state's international offices and programs, mark your calendar for March. The various events are listed below. For full details, and to register for these events, please visit <http://www.odod.state.oh.us/itd/2007MD.htm>

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, Dayton, Ohio - Dayton Engineers Club. Managing directors from China, Japan, and Hong Kong will make presentations in the morning and offer one-on-one appointments in the afternoon. There will be two hours of total networking time, as well as a luncheon. Sponsors include the Edison Materials Technology Center (EMTEC), Fifth Third Bank, 889 Global Solutions, Miami Valley International Trade Association (MVITA), Southern Ohio District Export Council (SODEC), U.S. Department of Commerce, and the University of Dayton

Thursday, March 22, 2007 – Annual Reception. This year's annual reception will be held at the Statehouse Atrium in Columbus, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Co-sponsors for the 2007 Annual Reception are the Association of Ohio Commodores, Huntington Bank, and Columbus Regional Airport Authority. Please contact Ms. Tiandera Matthews at tmatthews@odod.state.oh.us to RSVP.

Thursday and Friday, March 22-23, 2007, Columbus – Riffe Center, 77 South High Street. Managing directors from Ohio's 11 international offices will be available for one-on-one meetings with Ohio company executives.

6. JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser at Golf Club of Dublin – Tuesday, May 22, 11:30 A.M.

Mark your calendars now and join us for a day of golf, networking and fun to support JASCO's ongoing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. Proceeds from this event will

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support JASCO's continuing educational and cultural programming for the Central Ohio community. For registration information, please click here: [9th Annual JASCO Golf Outing Fundraiser](#).

7. Local Cultural Event: 27th Ohio Regional Bonsai Show at Dawes Arboretum in Newark – Friday and Saturday, June 9-10

Experience the art of bonsai and view more than 100 bonsai specimens at this annual show. For more information, please visit the Arboretum's site at <http://www.dawesarb.org/events/special-events-public.asp>.

8. JASCO 10th Anniversary Celebration is here!

JASCO has entered its tenth year of existence in Central Ohio. Celebrating our tenth anniversary is a milestone achievement in our mission to bring the Japanese and American communities together in friendship and cooperation. Since our founding in 1997, our membership has grown considerably, now providing more than 70 corporations and 400 members with annual programs that serve their business, cultural, educational and social needs. As we reflect on the successes of the last ten years, we gratefully acknowledge that none of this would have been possible without the continued generosity of our members. Your annual support provides us with the funding to offer a wide-ranging list of events, programs and services each year. We hope that you'll join us in celebrating our tenth anniversary next year by renewing your corporate or individual/family memberships for 2007. If you haven't already done so, please visit our website at <http://jasco.osu.edu/memship.html> to download a membership form. Our office can now accept credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover) to make renewing your membership even easier! Here's to ten successful years!

9. Study: Culture and Self Relevant Predictions. *Daniel R. Strunk, Sheeva Mostoufi*

Sheeva Mostoufi would like to invite you to participate in an exciting study through the Ohio State University Psychology Department. By participating in a brief survey, you will earn the chance to win a \$250 lottery prize. Participants may also be contacted to participate further in the study and gain the opportunity to win additional prizes. This study will be examining culture, depressive symptoms, and judgment and has the potential to advance our understanding of the factors in important ways. Students of **Asian India** and **Japanese** descent are encouraged to participate, however students of European descent are also welcome. You will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire that should take no more than five minutes to complete. To proceed with the questionnaire, please continue with the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=325982647357>. For any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact Sheeva Mostoufi at osupsycresearch@gmail.com.

10. The Columbus Japanese Language School (CJLS) is currently seeking teachers.

The Columbus Japanese Language School invites applicants for part-time teachers. Teachers will teach one of the following subjects of Japanese: mathematics or social studies to Japanese speaking children (kindergarten, grades 1-12) based on the Japanese curriculums. Qualifications include: oral and written fluency in Japanese, a degree from a Japanese college or Japanese university or equivalent ability, and interest in working with children in a school setting. The working period is from 8:20 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. each Saturday (44 Saturdays in a school year.) Salary is \$175 or more per day. Please contact Yashuhiko Hatakeyama, Principal of the Columbus Japanese Language School at (614) 436-0114 for more information, or go to <http://japan.osu.edu/jobs/POSITIONOPENINGS2006.pdf>.

11. 2007 Summer Internship Program – Saitama, Japan – Deadline is February 15, 2007

The Institute for Japanese Studies is pleased to announce a summer internship program with Japanese firms in Saitama, Japan! For application information, please visit our website at <http://japan.osu.edu/applications/saitama.pdf>. A limited number of scholarships are available to assist with the cost of airfare. Please contact Janet Stucky Smith at stucky.7@osu.edu for more details.

12. 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.

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13. The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Newsletter Releases

The Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) has released a newsletter highlighting changing economic fundamentals in Japan. It can be viewed at <http://www.jetro.org/focus>. Also available is the [*JETRO Midwest Newsletter - January/February 2007*](#).

14. Japan Economic Currents – Winter 2007

The Keizai Koho Center has announced a new newsletter, “*Japan Economic Currents*.” It is a newsletter designed to provide readers with information about economic and social developments in Japan and the US-Japan business environment. The winter issue can be viewed at http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/documents/0206_JapanEconomic_Winter.pdf. Back issues of e-JEC newsletter can be found at <http://www.keidanren-usa.org/publications/currents/archive/default.asp>.

15. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at www.columbusworldaffairs.org.