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Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

The Bon Odori Festival this past Sunday was a rocking, good time as about 70 participants celebrated good food, new friends and fun dancing! If you missed out on this event, be sure to sign up for the next social outing, JASCO Night at the Columbus Crew on Wednesday, August 16, to join in on the fun. Ticket prices are reduced for JASCO members and friends – this will be one of the last opportunities for you to meet the Saitama interns and Shizuoka students who will return to Japan on the 19th. More information is below.

We're still in need of children to attend the Passport to Japan Program at OSU on Friday, August 11. This is a special passport program taught by the Shizuoka students, so your kids can learn about Japan and Japanese culture without leaving Central Ohio! Program fees have been waived and the program has been extended to children ages six and up, so please call Jennifer ASAP to register your kids! Help the Shizuoka students fulfill their program requirements!

We hope to see you at future events!

- JASCO Staff

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1. [JASCO Workshop: Passport to Japan Workshop for Kids – Friday, August 11](#) **** RSVP DEADLINE TODAY ****
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1. JASCO Workshop: Passport to Japan for Kids at OSU Campus – Friday, August 11, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Come and experience Japan without leaving Ohio! Our annual Passport to Japan program with the University of Shizuoka students is back again, giving children six and up a chance to learn all about Japan and Japanese culture in a hands-on workshop. Fun activities include crafts, food and games that are indigenous to Japan and taught by native Japanese university students who are here for a summer program. **THIS PROGRAM IS FREE.** Please RSVP to Jennifer at 614-292-4002 or jasco@osu.edu. Kids' names and ages are required for registration.

2. JASCO Social Outing: JASCO Night at the Columbus Crew – Wednesday, August 16, 7:30 p.m.

Join JASCO members, interns from Saitama, Japan and students from Shizuoka University in Japan as we cheer on the Columbus Crew in a victory over Salt Lake City. Sit in the North end, enjoy \$1 brats at the game and mingle with everyone for just \$10 a ticket. To order your tickets, please contact Rusty Comeaux at The Columbus Crew via phone at 614-447-4189 and don't forget to tell him you're with JASCO!

3. Cultural Event: Lima Sisters Cities Presents Authentic Japanese Dinner and Japanese Kimono Show at Lima Senior High School, 1 Spartan Way, Lima – Sunday, August 20, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Lima Sister Cities, an civic organization formed in 1995 to establish sister city relationships with foreign cities and to promote greater understanding and appreciation for diverse cultures, will host a delegation of 19 youths and adults from Harima-cho, Japan from August 18-22. During their stay, the delegates will present an authentic Japanese dinner (obento-style) followed by a kimono show titled "Traditional Beauty of Japan" to the public. The dinner is limited to 100 people. Tickets are \$30 for both the dinner and the show, or \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under for just the show. To reserve your place and order tickets, please call Barry Berlin at 419-991-4305. For more information, please visit <http://www.lima-allencvb.com/events.asp?month=August#top>.

4. 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/>.

5. 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.

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6. 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>.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.)

10. 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 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>.

11. New website dedicated to information on Japan is launched

A new website, <http://www.cooljapan.com>, was launched earlier this month by a team of Japanese natives living in Houston, Texas, to share information about Japan. According to its creators, the site "is a place where people can exchange the information they want or need [about Japan], and people can discuss the topics they are interested in, such as Japanese language, culture, food, etc." If you're

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interested, please visit the website and give the creators your opinions, good or bad, so they can improve it. Anyone who registers as a free member can post forum messages and photos on the site.

12. New website dedicated to the gardens of Tokyo is launched

Tim Porter, a photographer and filmmaker living in Tokyo, has recently launched a website featuring his photographs of gardens in Tokyo. If you're a fan of Japanese gardening or enjoy beautiful photos, please visit his website at <http://www.tokyo-gardens.com/>.

13. 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>