

JASCO Pulse eNewsletter – October 19, 2006

Dear JASCO Members and Friends:

It's been a few weeks since our last *JASCO Pulse* eNewsletter - the staff at JASCO/Institute for Japanese Studies has been busy promoting U.S.-Japan relations through the Young Japanese Teacher Program that is currently in full-swing. Eight Japanese teachers sponsored by the Japanese Department of Education have been in Columbus for the last five weeks, learning about American culture and the U.S. educational system while undergoing an intensive English language course. This coming weekend, they start their home stay portion of the program in which they'll live and go to school with teachers throughout Ohio to get some hands-on experience teaching in America. We wish them the best of luck!

In other good news, it seems as though the JASCO calendar is starting to fill in with some upcoming events, including a couple of seminars on some hot issues:

- Tariff Compliance Management seminar co-hosted by JASCO and JETRO on Tuesday, October 31, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Vern Riffe Building, Downtown Columbus.
- OSHA General Industry Safety & Health Training seminar sponsored by Wachovia Insurance Services on November 2 and 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Quest Business Center, Polaris

More information on both of these events is included below – both are free but require advance registration, so make sure you check them out and sign up to attend if they peak your interest. Also, mark you calendars now and save the date for JASCO's Bonenkai social outing, which will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. More details will be available soon.

Finally, some deadlines are approaching for fellowship and study abroad grants, so if you're looking to nab one of those, make sure you check your calendar and get them in on time!

Have a wonderful weekend.

- JASCO Staff

Fast-Approaching Events

1. [JASCO Business Seminar: Tariff Compliance Management – Tuesday, October 21](#) **
PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 **
2. [Training Seminar: OSHA General Industry Safety & Health Training – Thursday and Friday, November 2 - 3](#) ** **PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 ****

Future Events

3. [Local Cultural Event: Dr. Masaru Emoto Lecture – Messages in Water: The Relationship between Music, Water and Hado – Saturday, November 11](#)
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5. [Cultural Event: San Jose Taiko Group Performance at Owens Community College – Tuesday, November 14](#)
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10. [New job opportunities posted on IJS Website](#)

1. JASCO Business Seminar: Tariff Compliance Management, 31st Floor of Vern Riffe Building, 77 S. High Street, Columbus – Tuesday, October 31, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Co-hosted by the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and the Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, this seminar features experts from PricewaterhouseCoopers and JETRO presenting case studies and key information on physical distribution risk management and the practical use of tariff systems in United States, Mexico and Canada. This event would be of particular interest to Japanese manufacturers and suppliers in Central Ohio or Ohio-based companies doing business with Japan. The first two tracks will be in English with Japanese commentary and the third track will be in Japanese only. The seminar is free and open to the public, but an RSVP is required by Friday, October 27. More information about this seminar and its agenda can be found at <http://jasco.osu.edu/events/customs103106.pdf>. To register to attend this event, please call 614-292-4002 or e-mail jasco@osu.edu with your name, title, company, telephone number and fax number. You may also fax this information to 614-292-4273 using the form at the bottom of the invitation.

2. Training Seminar: OSHA General Industry Safety & Health Training Course, Quest Business Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus – Thursday and Friday, November 2 – 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sponsored by Wachovia Insurance Services, this free, two-day course will provide valuable insight on complying with OSHA standards, rules and regulations as to avert violations, citations and costly civil penalties to an organization or individual. Participants will earn a 10-Hour OSHA General Industry Training Completion Card. This event is free, but requires advanced registration. To RSVP for this event, please contact Debi Novak at debi.novak@wachovia.com or visit http://jasco.osu.edu/events/WachoviaOSHA_invite.pdf by Thursday, October 26.

3. Local Cultural Event: Dr. Emoto Lecture – Messages in Water: The Relationship between Music, Water and Hado at Unity Church, 4211 Maize Road – Saturday, November 11, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Masaru Emoto will discuss Hado, seeing water, the effects of playing music to water, an introduction to the device which can measure sound, a discussion of music and healing, and an introduction to the Emoto Project which gives free books to children all over the world. Dr. Emoto is the author of the best-selling books: Messages from Water, The Hidden Messages in Water and The True Power of Water. Tickets are \$30 for pre-registered attendees and \$40 the day of the event. Tickets are available at the Morse Road location of Gentle Wind. Contact 614-471-2281 for more information.

4. Local Cultural Event: 10th Annual Ikebono Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition at Dublin Clarion Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin – Sunday, November 12, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presented by Ikebono Ikebana Room 101, this exhibit features workshops, demonstrations and miniature displays of traditional Ikebono-style Japanese Ikebana flower arrangement. Two workshops will be offered during the day (12:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.) and the cost to participate is \$6.00 for supplies. For more information, please visit <http://www.columbusarts.com/eventdetail.asp?EventId=39783>.

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5. Cultural Event: San Jose Taiko Group Performance at Owens Community College's Center for Fine and Performing Arts in Toledo – Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

For 30 years, San Jose Taiko has been mesmerizing audiences with the powerful, spellbinding and propulsive sounds of the taiko drums. Inspired by traditional Japanese drumming, San Jose Taiko performers express the beauty and harmony of the human spirit through the voice of the taiko as they strive to create new dimensions in Asian American movement and music. Tickets for this performance are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$13 for seniors. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit <https://www.owens.edu/arts/>.

6. JASCO Social Outing: Bonenkai – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now as preparations are underway for JASCO's Bonenkai. This traditional, Japanese salute to the end of the year will take place on Thursday, December 7, at a location to be determined. Join your fellow JASCO members for food, fun and drinks to celebrate the end of the year. More details will be available soon, so save the date!

7. Application Available for Reischauer Scholars Program through Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education; deadline October 27, 2006

The Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education (SPICE) invites all interested high school juniors and seniors to apply to the Reischauer Scholars Program (RSP). Named after the former U.S. ambassador to Japan, Edwin Reischauer, the RSP will select approximately 25 exceptional high school juniors and seniors from throughout the United States to engage in an intensive Internet-mediated course on Japan from February to June 2007. This course provides students with a broad overview of Japanese history, literature, religion, art, politics, and economics, with a special focus on the U.S.-Japan relationship. Ambassadors, top scholars, and experts throughout the United States and Japan provide lectures via the Internet as well as engage students in online dialogue. Concurrent with the Internet-mediated course, students will develop individual research projects. Final research projects will be printed in journal format and students will be required to lead two presentations on Japan at their schools or in their communities. Students who successfully complete the course will earn Stanford Continuing Studies Program (CSP) credit and a Certificate of Completion from SPICE, Stanford University. Completed applications must be postmarked by October 27, 2006. For more information and to download the application, please visit www.reischauerscholars.org.

8. Application Available for Suzuka English Fellow Program (SEF); deadline December 4, 2006

The Suzuka English Fellow Program (SEF) aims to enhance English language education in Suzuka, Mie-ken, Japan, and to promote international exchange at the local level primarily through the fostering of ties between Japanese junior high school students and SEF program participants. The SEF participants serve as Assistant English Teachers in a local government organization (the Suzuka Board of Education) as well as local kindergartens, elementary and junior high schools. Applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student at the time of application (or recently graduated) and expect to have a B.A./B.S. by July 2007. Applicants must also hold U.S. citizenship, be native speakers of English, have the ability to acclimate to living and office conditions different from those in the U.S. and demonstrate a sincere interest in Japan and Japanese culture (e.g. studies or are currently studying the Japanese culture and/or language.) For more detailed information on the program, eligibility and responsibilities and to download the application, please visit <http://japan.osu.edu/fellowships.php/suzuka> or contact JJ Nakayama at (614) 292-5816 or nakayama.1@osu.edu.

9. Application available for Youth For Understanding USA (YFA USA) scholarships to Japan through Japan-US Mutual Understanding Program (JUMP); deadline February 13, 2007

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

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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. The deadline to apply is February 13, 2007. For more information about this program or to download the application booklet, please visit <http://www.yfu-usa.org>.

10. 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>