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Dear IJS Members and Friends:

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1. Managing U.S. Operations in the Global Automotive Market

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber, with the Japan-America Society of Greater Cincinnati and the European American Chamber of Commerce, present a panel discussion by Cincinnati USA international leaders in the automotive / part manufacturing industries. They will share insights and experiences in managing manufacturing U.S. operations in the global automotive market. This event explores recent key concepts in managing manufacturing operations concurrent to the changing structure of the U.S. automotive industry. Details at [Global Auto market](#).

2. “Chikanobu: Modernity and Nostalgia in Japanese Prints. September 8 – October 28, 2007

Yoshu Chikanobu was an extremely productive and important woodblock-print artist of the Meiji era. Born in 1838, he died in 1912, the last year of the Meiji. Chikanobu is significant because he hasn't been studied much even though he had a significant output of work during this period.

The show runs September 8 through October 28, 2007 at the Denison Museum in Burke Hall, 240 W. Broadway, at Denison University in Granville. Hours are 1-4 pm daily during the academic year and by appointment. Call 740-587-6255 for more information!

3. Japanese language class offered for beginners. – October, 2007

A beginner's level Japanese language class is being offered by JASCO! The class runs 8 weeks from Oct. 10 – Dec. 5, 2007 in Oxley Hall. The class time is 6:30 – 8pm on Wednesday nights with no classes the week of Thanksgiving. Deadline to register is Oct. 3, 2007. Follow the link [Japanese Language class](#), for more details and to register.

4. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test. – December 2, 2007

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is an internationally accredited language examination, offered in four different levels, designed to measure a person's Japanese skills. (con't on next page)

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Last year, JLPT test takers numbered over 437,000 in 46 countries. Those who pass the JLPT receive a Certificate of Proficiency and, as a result, are better able to market their Japanese skills. Registration is required and must be made between August 1 and October 5, 2007. The fee is \$50 for levels 1 & 2, and \$40 for levels 3 & 4. There are various testing sites throughout the country. For more information see the website at www.jflalc.org

5. BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test

The Business Japanese Proficiency Test (BJT) was created to promote the inflow of skilled human resources from overseas. BJT is intended for business-related people whose mother tongue is not Japanese and are learning Japanese as a foreign language or second language. Registration is currently open until Wed. October 10, 2007. The test date is November 18, 2007. Visit [BJT Proficiency Test](#) for more information and to apply.

6. Hiroaki Umeda will perform at the Wexner Center October 4, 2007 – 8:00pm

Hiroaki Umeda is one of Japan's most promising young choreographer / dancers to revitalize the international scene. His ultra-contemporary approach retains traces of butoh and street dance forms even as it explores a radically minimalist aesthetic that flashes between the sublime and the violent, fluid grace and sudden shock waves of movement. (from wexarts.org)
More information, including ticket price, can be found at [Hiroaki Umeda](#)

7. Japan Hatai Calligraphy Exhibit Oct 5, 2pm-6:30 Oct. 6, 10am-6:30pm and Oct. 7, Noon-4pm

Go to www.cincinnatiijas.com for details regarding this free event open to the public.

8. BORIS and Damon & Naomi with Kurihara

Japanese mega-rock trio returns with another special event, joining forces with Michio Kurihara and Damon & Naomi from Boston. Find additional information, including ticket price at [BORIS](#).

9. An Afternoon of Classical Music and Reception with Junichi Hirokami

Please join us for an afternoon of extraordinary music conducted by Japanese maestro Junichi Hirokami with a special reception for members of Japan-America Society of Central Ohio. Please go to [Symphony](#) for all the details.

10. 2007 Boston Career Forum

November 9 – 11, 2007 (Fri-Sun) Hynes Convention Center. For free registration and more information go to www.careerforum.net.

11. Japan Foundation seeks applicants for Performing Arts Japan – Deadline October 29, 2007

The Performing Arts Japan (PAJ) program was started by Japan Foundation to promote Japanese performing arts in the United States. The Japanese Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for fiscal year 2008-2009. The Touring Grant assists the presentation of Japanese performing arts in the U.S. and Canada, emphasizing locations outside major metropolitan areas. The Collaboration Grant allows collaborating artists to create new works with the potential to develop into a touring project. See more details and the grant application at <http://www.jfny.org/applications.html>.

12. 2007-2008 Research Workshop Series Fall Quarter Schedule

Workshops will run Sept. 28, Oct. 12 and Nov. 16. For all the details regarding these workshops go to <http://asianamericanstudies.osu.edu/>

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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 ito.12@osu.edu.

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. The latest installment can be viewed at http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Aug07.pdf.

16. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

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

17. JASCO's year end party

Save the date for JASCO's year end party, Tuesday December 11th, 2007 from 6-8! More details coming soon.