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#### **1. Managing U.S. Operations in the Global Automotive Market – Thursday October 11, 2007**

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.

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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 10, 2007, Deadline October 5, 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. 5, 2007. Follow the link [Japanese Language class](#), for more details and to register.

### **4. Japanese-Language Proficiency Test. – Application deadline is October 5, 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)  
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](http://www.jflalc.org)

### **5. BJT Business Japanese Proficiency Test – Application deadline is October 10, 2007**

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-6:30pm) Oct. 6, (10am-6:30pm) and Oct. 7, (Noon-4pm)**

Go to [www.cincinnatiias.com](http://www.cincinnatiias.com) for details regarding this free event open to the public.

### **8. BORIS and Damon & Naomi with Kurihara at the Wexner Center Friday, October 5, 2007 at 9:00pm**

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

### **9. An Afternoon of Classical Music with Junichi Hirokami. Concert is Sunday October 14, 2007**

Please join us on October 14th for an afternoon of extraordinary music conducted by Japanese maestro Junichi Hirokami. Please go to <http://www.columbussymphony.com/> for details regarding the concert. There is also a link to see Junichi Hirokami. <http://www.youtube.com/columbussymphony>

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### **10. Signs, Ciphers, and Seals: Literacy in Early Tokugawa Villages, Richard Rubinger, Indiana University. Friday, October 19, 2007**

Friday, October 19, 2007 (2:30-4:30pm), Mendenhall Lab, Room 185, 125 South Oval Mall. Dr. Richard Rubinger will be exploring the rise of universal literacy in Japan from the Tokugawa period to the beginning of the twentieth century. Literacy spread thanks to village leaders who were drawn in by the popular culture of Kyoto, Osaka, and Edo (Tokyo). Still, there are people who are illiterate in modern day Japan, which might be caused by geographical factors and local traditions of learning and culture. Go to [Rubinger](#) for more details.

### **11. 2008/2009 call for Proposals – U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Fellowships.**

**Deadline October 23, 2007** for the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program. The office of International Affairs is the University administrator for the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Grants. Grants are awarded for the purpose of contributing to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the U.S. Go to <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsfra/index.html> for more information and application form.

### **12. 2008/2009 call for Proposals – U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Fellowships.**

**Deadline October 29, 2007** for the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program. These grants provide support for advanced graduate students studying modern foreign languages and area studies. All doctoral degree candidates proposing full-time dissertation research abroad on topics that develop research knowledge and capabilities in world areas not commonly taught in U.S. institutions are encouraged to apply. Eligibility is restricted to students who possess the requisite language skills for the dissertation project and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applications are available at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>.

### **13. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Ikenobo Ikebana Flower Arrangement Exhibition**

Come and experience the traditional Ikenobo-Style Japanese Ikebana arrangement. Special attractions include workshops, demonstrations, miniature displays as well as café corners. The event is at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Metro Place North, Dublin, Ohio 43017. For additional details go to <http://www.columbusarts.com/eventdetail.php?EventId=52091>, e-mail [Ikebana\\_Room101@yahoo.com](mailto:Ikebana_Room101@yahoo.com) or call the society at 614-717-0259.

### **14. 2007 Boston Career Forum**

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

### **15. JASCO's year end party December 11, 2007**

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

### **16. School of Cultural and Social Studies at the International Research Center for Japanese Studies in Kyoto Japan. Deadline for submission is October 25, 2007**

The Department of Japanese Studies, The School of Cultural and Social Studies, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan, is now calling for applications to its PH.D. course to begin on April 1 and October 1, 2008. Deadline for submission is October 25, 2007. Please go to [www.nichibun.ac.jp](http://www.nichibun.ac.jp) or [www.nichibun.ac.jp/research/do\\_program\\_e.html](http://www.nichibun.ac.jp/research/do_program_e.html) for additional information and application form.

### **17. 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

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collaborating artists to create new works with the potential to develop into a touring project. See more details and the grant application at [Performing Arts application](#).

### **18. 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/>

### **19. Harvard University Program on U.S. – Japan Relations**

Applications are being accepted for an Advanced Research Fellowship at Harvard University. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2008. Please go to [http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/us-japan/application/postdoc\\_application.htm](http://www.wcfia.harvard.edu/us-japan/application/postdoc_application.htm) for additional information and an application.

### **20. The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prize for the Translation of Japanese Literature.**

The Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture at Columbia University annually awards \$6000 in Japan – U.S. Friendship Commission Prizes for the Translation of Japanese Literature. A prize is given for the best translation of a modern or classical work, or the prize is divided between equally distinguished translations. Please go to <http://www.donaldkeenecenter.org/content/view/58/76/> for more details and an application form.

### **21. The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program**

During this two-year program, Fellows spend a year working in Japanese government or industry offices, preceded by a year in Japanese language and area studies training in Washington, D.C. Fellows may bring their families to Japan. Please go to <http://www.mansfielddn.org/fellow/fellow.htm> for additional information.

### **22. 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](mailto:ito.12@osu.edu).

### **23. 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](http://www.cgjdetroit.org).

### **24. 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](http://www.jetro.org/documents/JETRO_Midwest_Aug07.pdf).

### **25. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews**

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php](http://www.columbusworldaffairs.org/upcomingevents.php).