

IJS Beat eNewsletter – December 03, 2007

Dear IJS Members and Friends:

Don't miss out on upcoming events in the community and around the world in this issue of the *IJS Beat!*

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1. JASCO's year end party December 11, 2007

The JASCO year end party is December 11, 2007 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Franklin Park Conservatory. Join JASCO in honoring our past and celebrating our future. There will be many special guests and entertainment provided. Please see [GALA Flyer](#) for all the details. **Please make your reservations by December 3, 2007.**

2. Japanese language class offered for beginners, January 9- February 27, 2008. Deadline to register is Friday December 19, 2007.

A beginner's level Japanese language class is being offered by JASCO. You do not need to be a member of JASCO to join the class. This class is designed for beginners with no Japanese language skills and those wanting to brush up on their basic skills. The class will meet on Wednesdays for 8 weeks from 6:30-8pm at 109 Oxley Hall on the OSU campus (1712 Neil Ave. at 12th). Please see all the details at the follow the link [Japanese Language class](#). Please call Noriyuki Ito at 292-4002 with any questions you may have.

3. 9th Annual JASCO Japanese Language Speech Contest

Wild about the Japanese Language or just enjoy a good challenge? The Japanese Language Speech Contest is the place for you to be! Meet others who are learning Japanese and who are interested in Japan! Win great prizes! Categories for both high school and college students. See [FLYER](#) for all the details and an application **Deadline is January 30, 2008**

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4. The Hand of Toshiko Takaezu

This exhibition features the work of one of America's greatest living artist's and is made possible by her remarkable generosity. In 2006, Toshiko Takaezu (1922-) donated 14 ceramics from her personal collection to the Zanesville Art Center. The Art Center had purchased three works from the artist in 1963. while she was still head of the Ceramics Department at the Cleveland institute of Art. The exhibition will also include a fine selection of pieces from the collection of Ron Wetherell.

6. Interdisciplinary East Asian Studies M.A. Program

Interdisciplinary East Asian Studies M.A. Program, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA
The Ohio State University invites applications for the Interdisciplinary M.A. Program in East Asian Studies. All the details are at [M.A. Program](#). The important deadlines are as follows:

The **deadlines** for applications, if applying for funding, are:

Domestic students: January 5, 2008

International students: November 25, 2007

7. The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program, sponsored by the Government of Japan

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) Teacher Program, sponsored by the Government of Japan, provides teachers and administrators with **fully-funded** three-week study tours of Japan. The program is designed to increase understanding between the people of Japan and the United States by inviting U.S. elementary and secondary educators to visit Japan and share their experiences with fellow Americans upon their return. JFMF participants travel to Japan, learn about Japanese culture and education, and return to implement a self-designed plan to share their knowledge and experience with their students, colleagues, and community. In 2008, up to 400 educators from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will be selected to participate. Participants travel in one of two cycles: Spring cycle: Sunday, June 8 – Thursday, June 26, 2008; Fall cycle: Sunday, October 12 – Thursday, October 30, 2008. The 2008 online application is currently available on our website at www.iie.org/jfmf with a **deadline of December 10, 2007**. Contact: Institute of International Education. Tel 888-527-2636 (toll free); Fax 202-326-7672; Email jfmf@iie.org; Web www.iie.org/jfmf

8. 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 [application](#) for additional information and an application.

9. 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 [Donald Keene](#) for more details and an application form. **Deadline for submission is February 28, 2008**

10. The Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program

During this two-year program, Fellows spend a year working in Japanese government or industry offices, proceeded by a year in Japanese language and area studies training in Washington, D.C. Fellows may bring their families to Japan. Please go to [Mike Mansfield Fellowship](#) for additional information. **Deadline is April 1, 2008**

11. Shakuhachi lessons at Chinese Martial Arts Institute in Columbus

Michael Chikuzen Gould will teach Shakuhachi lessons on Saturdays and / or Sundays. Follow link for more details. [Shakuhachi lessons](#)

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12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 [JETRO October, 2007](#) or go to the homepage at [JETRO](#).

15. Columbus Council on World Affairs (CCWA) eNews

Checkout the Columbus Council on World Affairs upcoming events and information at [CCWA](#).