Welcome to Japan Week 2014
Contemplating Japan in a Global Perspective

As we set our course for the future in the new millennium, Japan Week 2014 gives us the opportunity to build a bridge between cultures that will enable us to share our knowledge and experiences of Japan through lectures, symposia, workshops, events, and awards. Japan Week 2014 demonstrates SHU’s ongoing commitment towards bringing together people of different races, religions, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds. In addition, Japan Week 2014 provides an atmosphere conducive to a greater understanding of Japan and its people. It is our hope that participants in these events will become leaders in a flourishing dialogue between Japan and the United States who will work towards building a more peaceful global community.

April 2 (Wednesday)
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fahy Hall 236
Pre-Japan Week Movie: Mr. Baseball

Mr. Baseball is a 1992 film directed by Fred Schepisi, starring Tom Selleck and Ken Takakura. It depicts a tumultuous season in the career of fictitious New York Yankees first baseman Jack Elliot, who is traded to the Chunichi Dragons in Nagoya during Spring Training, and forced to contend with overwhelming expectations and cultural differences during the Dragons’ run at the pennant. Hosted by Prof. Gary Andrasko, Asian Studies.

April 4 (Thursday)
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Fahy Hall 236
Understanding Japanese Baseball

April 7 (Monday)
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Fahy Hall 236
Understanding Japanese Baseball

Japan and the United States have shared a common passion for baseball since the late 1800s. Nine players per side, nine innings per game, three outs per inning - same game, right? Maybe, and then again, maybe not. For centuries Japan has assimilated the best of many cultures and made the end result uniquely Japanese. "Understanding Japanese Baseball" takes a look at the shared summer pastime of Japan and the United States from the rules of the game to the fan's experience at the ballpark. Hosted by Prof. Gary Andrasko, Asian Studies.

3:10 p.m. - 3:50 p.m. University Green
The 15th Annual Kite Contest

Bring handmade kite to the University Green to participate in the contest. Hosted by Seton Hall University's Asian Studies Association (Rain date: April 15). Kite Making Workshop: Thursday, April 3 at 5 p.m. (NU 107).

Tuesday, April 8 (Tuesday)
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Beck Room, Library
Express Yourself: Japanese Calligraphy Workshop

The workshop includes PowerPoint presentation of history of Japanese calligraphy, Calligraphy demonstration, participant’s practice (brush, inks, and paper are provided), and some calligraphy souvenirs. Hosted by Prof. Hiroko Ishikawa and Prof. Felicia Penchina, Japanese Program.

5:00-6:30 p.m. Beck Room, Library
Understanding Japanese Tukemono (Pickles)

Workshop on Japanese Tukemono Culture with samples of pickles, rice, and green tea. Anyone interested in Japanese pickles must attend this rare workshop. Hosted by Prof. Fumiko Bacon.

All events are open to the public and free of charge
(The program is subject to change)

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April 9 (Wednesday)
2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Beck Room, Library
Japan Travel Update

Ms. Tomoko Inuishi Director, Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO), New York Office will share the newest travel information and tips for travel to Japan. Hosted by Prof. Clair Diab, Asian Studies Program.

April 10 (Thursday)
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Chancellor’s Suite
SHU-JAPAN Exchange Program

12:30 - 1:45 p.m. Chancellor’s Suite
Digital Storytelling Awards Ceremony
The Japanese Program is happy to announce its best and most motivated learners of Japanese language study. Students also will be recognized for their continued effort through receiving Digital Storytelling Awards. Awards will be presented by Dean Christopher Kaiser, and Prof. Wendy Sue Williams. Hosted by Language Resource Center.

April 11 (Friday)
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Beck Room, Library
The 17th Annual Graduate Student & School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies

Eleven research papers related to Japanese language and civilization will be presented and discussed in this day-long conference. Dr. Thomas Radice (MA in Asian Studies, Seton Hall 2001, Ph.D. UPenn 2006), Associate Professor of History at Southern Connecticut University, will deliver his keynote speech on Taking Performance Seriously: Ritual in East Asian Thought.