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Welcome to Japan Week 2009
Eclipse and Transformation: Rebuilding Global Society with a New Paradigm

As we set our course for the future in the new millennium, Japan Week 2009 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 2009 demonstrates SHU’s ongoing commitment to bringing together people of different races, religions, cultures, and ethnic backgrounds. In addition, Japan Week 2009 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 and work towards building a more peaceful global community.

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March 30 (Monday)
The Tenth Annual Kite Contest
Registration: 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Contest and Awards Ceremony, 2:30 – 3 p.m.
Contestants should bring their handmade kites to the University Green. Hosted by SHU-Japan Exchange Program Summer 2008 Participants, Matthew Pana and Ruby Kake, share their experiences of Japan as students in SHU’s Japan Exchange Program. Devon Cahill will also provide information on the Japanese government’s Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). Hosted by Maria Suares, Director, Office of International Programs, Seton Hall University.

March 31 (Tuesday)
1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Beck Room, Walsh Library
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6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Japanese Movie: Hanging Garden
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Ghosts, dark rooms, and computers are key elements in this fantasy story about the internet, communication breakdown, and the loneliness of people in modern society. Directed by Kiyoshi Kurosawa. Hosted by Shigeru Osuka, Director of Japanese Program, Seton Hall University. (118 min.).

April 2 (Thursday)
10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
Beck Room, Walsh Library
Japanese Flower Arrangement
Kaoru Ejiri, from Meeker's Florist in Westfield, New Jersey, will teach Ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arrangement by introducing theory and providing a demonstration. Participants will enjoy the experience of the simplicity and serenity of Japanese culture. Hosted by Hiroko Ogino, Japanese Program, Seton Hall University.

1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Beck Room, Walsh Library
Haiku Workshop 2009: Express Yourself in 5-7-5
Come and create your Haiku, the shortest form of poem in the world, and reflect your inner spirit. Your Haiku will be posted on the Japan Week website. Hosted by Shigeru Osuka, Japanese Program, Seton Hall University.

April 3 (Friday)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Beck Rooms, Walsh Library)
The Twelfth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies
Keynote Speech, “Japan’s Declining Population: Its Causes and Japan’s Future” by Nandor Forgach, Graduate Student in the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations/Asian Studies, Seton Hall University. Presentation of Japanese Teaching Awards to Michael Cibenko, Pope John XXIII High School, and Yoko Sugimura, New Brunswick High School as well as Japanese Language Studies Awards to both New Jersey high school and SHU students.

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

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