JAPAN WEEK 2006

Looking Forward in the 21st Century

March 28 - April 4, 2006

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
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Tuesday, March 28
The Sixth Annual Kite Contest
Registration: 11:30 a.m. – Noon, University Green
Contest and Awards Ceremony: Noon - 12:30 p.m.
Contestants should bring a handmade kite to the University Green. Materials for the kite will be available in Fahy Hall Room 208 between March 7 and March 21. Kites are judged on flying height, size and creativity. Hosted by Seton Hall University’s Japanese Language Classes (Rain date: Tuesday, April 11)

Wednesday, March 29
JVC, Leader in Innovation and Industry Trend
1 - 2:15 p.m. Room 238, Fahy Hall
Warren Saito, General Manager, National Accounts Division, JVC Company of America
Hosted by Deborah Brown, Professor of Asian Studies, Seton Hall University

Thursday, March 30
Japanese Flower Arrangement Workshop:
Beauty in a Moment
1 - 2:15 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
The ancient art of Japanese flower arrangement truly comes alive in this demonstration. This workshop will cover the basics of flower arrangement for all to learn. Hosted by Tomoko Takahashi and Yuki Yamanaka, Exchange Students from Sophia University, Tokyo.

Buddhism and Peace: Theory and Practice
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
A lecture by Chanju Mun, Ph.D. from the Korea-sah Temple in Los Angeles, will be followed by a Catholic response and discussion. Recalling the Second Vatican Council's outreach to dialogue with Buddhism (Declaration Nostra Aetate, October 28, 1965), the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies and the Department of Asian Studies invite all to explore this timely topic. Hosted by Reverend Lawrence Frizzell, Professor of Jewish-Christian Studies, Seton Hall University

Friday, March 31
The Ninth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Keynote Speech, “Innovation in Japan and Other Selected Industrialized Countries,” by David M. Flynn, Ph.D. Professor of Management, Hofstra University. This event also includes the presentation of the Japan Week Service Award to Jason Yin, Professor of Strategic Management and International Business, Stillman School of Business, Seton Hall University; Presentation of Japanese/Multicultural Teaching Awards to Karen Bessin, William Annin Middle School and Suzanne Ishii, Ramsey Public Schools as well as Japanese Language Studies Awards for both New Jersey high school and SHU students.

Monday, April 3
6 - 9 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Hayao Miyazaki’s manga fantasy film about ecological disaster and the struggle for survival. The American edition of this popular animated film features U.S. actors dubbing the principal roles. Hosted by Hiroko Ishikawa, Professor of Japanese, Seton Hall University.

Tuesday, April 4
In Japan Workshop: JET Program and SHU-Japan Exchange Program
1 - 2:15 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Participants of the JET Program and the Sophia University Exchange Program will share their experiences in Japan. Students interested in studying in Japan are encouraged to attend. Hosted by Chris Keenan, JET participant 2004-2005, Cori Hallock, Laura Helbing, Vadim Knyazev, and Elisa Balka, Summer 2005 participants.

Haiku Workshop: Express Yourself in 5-7-5
2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
Come and make your Haiku, the shortest form of poem in the world, which will reflect your inner spirit. Your Haiku will be posted on the Japan Week website. Hosted by Chieko Mochizuki, Research Scholar from Taisho University, Tokyo

Japanese Movie: Nobody Knows (Dare mo shiranai) (2005) PG-13, 141 min.
6 - 8:30 p.m. Beck Rooms, Walsh Library
A very young mother smuggles her small children into an apartment only to abandon them in Hirokazu Koreeda’s poignant melodrama of poverty and survival in modern Japan. Based on a true story. Language: Japanese, Subtitles: English. Hosted by Shigeru Osuka, Director of the Japanese Program, Asian Studies, Seton Hall University.

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

For More Information
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Cover art: Distant View of Oyama from Ono in Hoki Province
(Hoki ono oyama embo), from the series “Pictures of Famous Places in the Sixty-odd Provinces (Rokujuoshu meisho zue),” 1853. From the collection of Japanese woodcut reproductions of Marie D. Somers.
Welcome to Japan Week 2006: Looking Forward in the 21st Century. We have now passed the half-way point of the first decade in the new millennium, and the course for the future has now been set. Currently, the Japanese economy is enjoying renewed energy after a decade-long deep recession. Looking at this economic trend, especially in light of the boom following the 1970s and ’80s, it is clear that growth and decline move in a circular pattern. Now, the current situation allows us to look forward toward increasing and stabilizing these gains. Because of the nature of circular trends in human development, we are able to bear in mind the mistakes of the past as we advance toward a brighter future.

Japan Week 2006 gives us the opportunity to build a bridge between cultures, enabling us to share our knowledge and experiences of Japan through lectures, symposia, workshops, events and even awards. Japan Week demonstrates an ongoing commitment to help bring together people of different races, religions, cultures and ethnic backgrounds in one world.

I sincerely hope that Japan Week 2006 grants an excellent opportunity for sharing a greater understanding of Japan and its people. It is also my hope that participants of this week’s events will become leaders in a flourishing dialogue between Japan and the United States for building a more peaceful global community.

I would like to acknowledge the many people who helped make Japan Week 2006 possible: Monsignor Robert Sheeran, Seton Hall University President; Molly Easo Smith, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences; Edwin Pack-wah Leung, Chairperson of Asian Studies Department; Mark Gaulter, Director of International Programs and Asia Center; Hiroshi Sato, Acting Consulate General at Consulate General of Japan in New York; Tsutomu Karino, Executive Director and Secretary at Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York; Keiji Shono, Deputy Director at Japan Foundation in New York; Christopher Sharrett, Director of the Multicultural Program; Kathy Diamantopoulos and the Department of Public Relations and Marketing; the program’s many sponsors; and the entire Seton Hall University community.

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Shigeru Osuka, Ed.D.
Director of the Japanese Program
March 2006

Dear Friends:

The Department of Asian Studies at Seton Hall University, through its Japanese Program, is sponsoring Japan Week again this year. On behalf of the Department, I would like to extend my warmest welcome to you to join us this week.

Included in our program for Japan Week is the Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies. This is an event which enables and encourages interactions of professionals between the secondary education and higher education sectors. It is important for us to recognize the contributions made by our language teachers when the world is becoming more and more globalized. Learning an international language by any global citizen will increase intercultural dialogues and understanding among us in the "Global Village" that we live in.

Japan Week 2006 also includes a variety of activities such as public lectures, cultural performances and demonstrations. I want to thank the hard work of Dr. Shigeru Osuka, director of the Japanese Program, who was instrumental in putting the program together. Also, he is taking an educational tour to Japan in the summer for any student interested in knowing more about Japanese language and culture.

Thank you very much for your participation in Japan Week 2006

Sincerely yours,

Edwin Pak-wah Leung, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair
Department of Asian Studies

April 2006

Dear Japan Week Participants,

Seton Hall is honored to host Japan Week once again, which has become an important part of our academic and social mission. The dialogue and understanding between peoples and nations is a more urgent priority than ever in a world so divided by ideologies and conflict.

We need to be especially engaged with our brothers and sisters in Asia in this regard, so your work here is especially important, for all of us — and for the future of our increasingly globalized society.

I wish you a very warm welcome to South Orange and express my gratitude to Seton Hall’s world-class Asian Studies Department, and to all who have worked so hard in preparation for Japan Week 2006.

Cordially,

Monsignor Robert Sheenan
President
April 2006

Dear Japan Week Participants:

Welcome to Japan Week 2006: Looking Forward in the 21st Century. I am pleased you have chosen to participate in this exciting event, which promises to foster a greater understanding of Japan, its people, and culture. Japan Week 2006 strives to encourage intercultural dialogue between Japan and the United States in hopes of building a more peaceful international community.

Events of particular interest include the Ninth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies and the Japanese Study Awards for High School Students. The goal of the symposium is to cultivate a stronger relationship between secondary education and higher education. The Japanese Language Awards recognize student excellence in Japanese language studies, as well as encourage high school students to strengthen their language skills and enhance their understanding of Japanese culture. Japan Week 2006 will also feature a number of cultural events such as the screening of Japanese films and the annual kite contest.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. Shigeru Osuka whose leadership and dedication are instrumental in making Japan Week 2006 a great success. It is my hope that this will be a memorable week for all who participate.

Sincerely,

Molly Easo Smith, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

March 27, 2006

Dear Japan Week Participant:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to celebrate Japan Week 2006: Looking Forward in the 21st Century.

At Seton Hall, we are proud to celebrate our relationship with Japan, which has involved an annual Japan Week celebration and an exchange program with Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan that is over twenty years old. Sophia University, a fellow Catholic university, sends students annually to study here. In return, Seton Hall sends a large group of students to take Japanese language and culture classes in Tokyo, led by the Director of the Japanese Program, and organizer of this conference, Dr. Shigeru Osuka.

This is a special year for us at Seton Hall as we celebrate our 150th anniversary by looking to the future. We are especially delighted to welcome our future scholars and business executives — high school students from across the State of New Jersey who have excelled in Japanese study. It is my strong hope that the Ninth Annual Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies will help increase opportunities for High School students to learn Japanese language and culture in New Jersey. The eventual aim should be better cross-cultural understanding between citizens of the two largest economies in the world.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Gaulter, Ph.D.
Director, Office of International Programs
March 2006

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to wish you all a wonderful Japan Week 2006: Looking Forward in the 21st Century.

Once again, Seton Hall University brings us this exciting and unique intercultural dialogue. The diverse week-long program includes cultural demonstrations, hands-on workshops and films. It is a great way to learn more about Japan and to celebrate the close ties that unite the people of Japan and America.

Japan Week 2006 also features the Graduate Student/School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies, which promotes ties between secondary and higher education, and the Japanese Language Awards, which recognize the hard work of outstanding students of Japanese.

I extend my sincerest appreciation to the all the organizers who make Japan Week possible, especially Dr. Shigeru Osuka, Director of Seton Hall’s Japanese Program. Their efforts build mutual understanding and prepare young people with the international knowledge and global outlook they will need to succeed in the 21st century.

Sincerely yours,

Hiroshi Sato
Acting Consul General
Consulate General of Japan in New York

2006 Future Events Announcement

Saturday, April 8, 2006
Joyous Spring: A Chinese Musical Concert Celebrating Seton Hall University’s Sesquicentennial, performed by Music from China
8 p.m. at Jubilee Hall Auditorium
For more information, please visit artscl.shu.edu/asiannews/MusicFromChina.htm

June 1 - 5, 2006
June in China: Beijing, China with trips to Shanghai and Xi’an
For more information, please contact Edwin Leung, Ph.D, Department of Asian Studies, Fahy Hall 251B.

July 23 - August 17, 2006
Seton Hall University - Japan Exchange Program at Sophia University, Tokyo
For more information, please contact Shigeru Osuka, Ed.D., Department of Asian Studies, Fahy Hall 211.

Sunday, September 10, 2006
Japanese Traditional Music: Cross Cultural Showcase, performed by Tomofuji-Kai Japanese Dance and Music Ensemble
Afternoon at Jubilee Hall Auditorium. For more information, please contact Shigeru Osuka, Ed.D., Department of Asian Studies.

Friday, October 27, 2006
Teaching Asia Workshop, Sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies
Beck Rooms, University Library. For more information, please visit www.mar.org.

Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29, 2006
35th Annual Conference of Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies
Jubilee Hall, Shigeru Osuka, 2006 Conference Manager
Call for papers, due by May 1, 2006
For further information, please visit www.aasianst.org/regional.htm#Mid-Atlantic
New Jersey High School

2006 Japanese Language Study Awards

With the growing interaction and understanding of Asian and Western cultures, many high schools now offer Asian language courses, one of which is Japanese. These students are models for future generations. They strive to succeed in their language studies to become future “diplomats” between Japan and the United States. The following students are saluted for their academic endeavors and achievements in their high schools. Seton Hall’s Japanese Program appreciates the high school teachers, principals and the community, as well as the many sponsors, for providing a wonderful opportunity for recognition.

### Student School Teacher Principal

#### First Year
- Michelle Chung, William Annin Middle School
- Andrew Hogan, Ramsey High School
- Sandra Korn, William Annin Middle School
- Alexander Thompson, Ramsey High School
- Karen Besin
- Suzanne Ishii
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- Suzanne Ishii
- Frank Howlett
- Thomas Melville
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#### Second Year
- Zamaniya Bankole, Columbia High School
- Alexis Boyko, Cranford High School
- Terrace Dwight James Jr., Rutgers Preparatory School
- Molly McNulty, Columbia High School
- Sara Winters, Cranford High School
- Debra E. Gomer, Valerie Minakawa
- Catherine Fisco
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- Catherine Fisco
- Renee Pollack
- Stephen Duffy
- Carol Grossi
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#### Third Year
- Seiji Anderson, Northern Valley Regional High School
- Christina Cheung, Kearny High School
- Anthony Chin, High Tech High School
- Lauren M. Ello, Southern Regional High School
- Yeon Sun Lee, Northern Valley Regional High School
- Troy Mullane, New Providence High School
- Heejin Seo, Northern Valley Old Tappan High School
- Drew J. Shives, Southern Regional High School
- Scott Tai, Northern Valley Old Tappan High School
- Xiaoying Jenny Zhang, High Tech High School
- Kei Sakayama, Seth Davis
- Akemi Dobkin
- Thomas Garneau, Eric Wilhelm
- Kei Sakayama
- Michael Mitchell
- Yoko Fukuda
- Thomas Garneau
- Akemi Dobkin
- Bruce Sabatini
- Seth Davis
- Karol Brancato
- Bruce Sabatini
- Deborah Feinberg
- Fred Hessler
- Fred Hessler
- Karol Brancato

#### Fourth Year
- Carl Erickson, New Providence High School
- Ji hea Park, Tenafly High School
- Hector Perez, Kearny High School
- Woo Chool Shin, Tenafly High School
- Michael Mitchell, Fumiko M. Bacon
- Seth Davis
- Fumiko M. Bacon
- Deborah Feinberg
- Fumiko M. Bacon
- Tenafly High School
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- Dora P. Kontogiannis
- Frank Digesse
- Dora P. Kontogiannis

Past Awards Recipients (2001-05)

- 2005
  - Yoko Fukuda, Northern Valley Old Tappan High School (Japanese Language)
  - Akemi Dobkin, High Tech High School, Hudson County School of Technology (Japanese Language)
- 2004
  - Kei Sakayama, Northern Valley Regional High School (Japanese Language)
  - Robert Hayzer, Kearny High School (Japanese Language)

2006 Japanese Language Study Awards

Friday, March 31, 11:45 a.m. - Noon
Beck Room, Walsh Library

Master of Ceremonies:
Hiroko Ishikawa, Professor of Japanese, Seton Hall University

Awards Presenters:
- Jiro Okuyama, Director of Japan Information Center, Consulate General of Japan in New York
- Shigeru Osuka, Director of Japanese Program, Seton Hall University

Seton Hall University has been offering Japanese language since the 1950s. This year, the program exceeded an enrollment of 70 students in each semester in Japanese language studies. In recognition of our students’ hard work, dedication and commitment to their role in our global community, we announce the following list of 2006 Japanese language awardees:

### First Year
- Christopher A. Arroyo, Sophomore
- Michael E. Doyel, Jr., Freshman
- Franz Sabetpour, Freshman
- Brittany C. Weatherhead, Freshman

### Second Year
- Kevin Bruno II, Sophomore
- Alexis Boyko, Sophomore
- Zamaniya Bankole, Sophomore
- Hallie Boyko, Sophomore
- Molly McNulty, Sophomore

### Third Year
- Kevin Bruno II, Sophomore
- Katherine Coless, Junior
- Laura Ann Pecoraro, Junior
- Bryan Walsh, Sophomore
- Rebeccah C. Newman, Graduate

### Fourth Year
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The Ninth Annual Graduate Student and School Teacher Symposium on Japanese Studies

Friday, March 31, 2006, Beck Room, Walsh Library
Master of Ceremonies: Lawrence Driscoll, Independent Scholar and Seton Hall University Alumnus

9:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. Panel 1: Japanese Buddhist Culture
Rebecca Newman, Seton Hall University
"Mysticism in Heart Sutra in Japanese Culture"
Discussant: Shiyou Osuka, Director of the Japanese Program, Seton Hall University

Noon - 1:20 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 - 2:20 p.m. Panel 2: Japanese Domestic Policy and Politics
Fumiko Bacon (Tenafly High School)
"Japanese Emperor"
Discussant: Wesley Tak Matsui, Seton Hall University

2:25 - 3:15 p.m. Panel 4: Great Thinkers in Modern Japan
Masako Nakagawa, Villanova University
"An Unhappy Father, by Kasai Zenzo (1887-1928), a Shi-Shosetsu writer"
Discussant: Catherine Fisco, Cranford High School/ Seton Hall University

3:20 p.m. Closing Remarks

Recipients of Awards for Excellence in Teaching Japanese and Multicultural Education

Karen Bessin graduated magna cum laude from William's College with a B.A. in Asian studies and highest honors in Philosophy. Upon graduating, she went to Japan, where she taught for 3 years on the JET program in Oketo, a small town in Hokkaido. When she finished her time in Oketo, Bessin accepted a position at Hokusei Gakuen Girls' Junior/Senior High School in Sapporo, where she taught for 11 years. During that time she studied at Hokkaido University so that she could get her Japanese teaching license as an English teacher. After 14 years in Japan, she returned to New Jersey in June 2003 and is currently teaching Japanese at William Annin Middle School and Ridge High School in Bernards Township in New Jersey. Suzanne Ishii is a Spanish and Japanese language teacher at Ramsey High School. Ishii has worked for more than 30 years as a language educator in Japanese, Spanish and French. She earned her B.A. in Spanish with a minor in French from SUNY, and later completed her M.A. in Spanish at Middlebury College. During her extensive education, she has taught Japanese, Spanish and French at many schools in New York and New Jersey. Ishii effectively uses elements of traditional Japanese art in the classroom, such as ikebana, calligraphy and tea ceremony, to deepen her Japanese languages to students so they can have a better understanding of the material and Japanese culture. In addition, she has led many Ramsey High School students on several trips to their sister school in Fukui, Japan over the past decade. Her honors include a teaching scholarship for French studies in Nancy, France as well as certification to teach Spanish, French and Japanese.

Recipient of the Japan Week Service Award

Jason Z. Yin is professor of Strategic Management and International Business and chair of the Management Department at Stillman School of Business. He has been serving on the Japan Week advisory committee since 1997. He received his Ph.D. in Strategic Management and International Business, M.B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy from New York University. Yin primarily teaches Business Policy and Strategy, the capstone course of the MBA program. He also serves as the president of the Chinese Economists Society (CES). Yin's publications include Technology Management: R&D and Trade (1995) and Pricing of International Technology Transfer (1993). He has edited a 12-volume book series Modern Business Management (1995) which has sold more than half a million copies and won the Top Ten Economic and Management Readings of 1995, the highest award in economic and business publications in China.

Keynote Speaker

David M. Flynn is a professor in the Department of Management, Entrepreneurship and General Business at Hofstra University. He received his M.B.A. in Marketing Research and Ph.D. in International Business from University of Massachusetts in Amherst. Flynn teaches as a visiting Lingnan Professor at Lingnan University College, Sun Yat-sen in Guangzhou, China. Previously, he taught at the State University of New York at Albany and Bernard M. Baruch College of The City University of New York. His research has included the effects of federal, state and local initiatives on new business development.

While at the State University of New York at Albany, Flynn received a grant from the Commerce Department of the State of New York and developed a strategic plan for the capitol district. He has published papers on science policy and innovation in Japan and the United States, the strategic use of Chapter XI for organizational survival, regional economic development and entrepreneurship in China and other Asian countries, training cultures in Asian organizations, effective information processing in strategic planning, the critical relationship between venture capitalists and entrepreneurs, sponsorship and its effects on new business survival, comparative corporate governance in Asia, U.S. and Europe, and the importance of networks, i.e. guanxi, for entrepreneurs in China and crisis management.

At Seton Hall University, Flynn received a grant from the National Science Foundation and developed a strategic plan for the university's Innovation in Japan and Other Selected Industrialized Countries. Flynn currently teaches Business Policy and Strategy, the capstone course of the MBA program. He also serves as the president of the Chinese Economists Society (CES). Yin's publications include Technology Management: R&D and Trade (1995) and Pricing of International Technology Transfer (1993). He has edited a 12-volume book series Modern Business Management (1995) which has sold more than half a million copies and won the Top Ten Economic and Management Readings of 1995, the highest award in economic and business publications in China.

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Seton Hall’s Department of Asian Studies

The Institute of Far Eastern Studies was founded in the midst of the Korean War (1950-53), when the United States began to realize the growing need to know more about Asia. On October 29, 1951, Monsignor John L. McNulty, then president of Seton Hall University, hosted a historic luncheon; the guests included prominent representatives of several Asian nations, including the People’s Republic of China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. He took the occasion to announce the University’s establishment of an Institute of Far Eastern Studies that would seek to promote better understanding and relationships between people in Asia and America.

Monsignor McNulty initially entrusted the institute to Reverend John J. Cain, a University faculty member, and to the founding advisory board that included Reverend Paul Yu Pin, Archbishop of Nanking, China, and Cardinal and president of the Republic of China’s Fu Jen Catholic University; John Chang Myun, prime minister of the Republic of Korea; Kotaro Tanaka, chief justice of Japan, who later became president of Tokyo University; Ngo Dinh Diem, former prime minister of Vietnam and later president of the Republic of Vietnam; and John C.H. Wu, a distinguished Chinese jurist and minister of China to the Holy See who, months earlier, had been appointed professor of law at Seton Hall’s newly founded School of Law.

The institute began to offer courses on Asian languages, history and culture to Seton Hall University students in 1952. In 1961, its instructional activities were transferred to the newly established Department of Asian Studies. The institute was replaced by The Asia Center. The department was initially a graduate program. In 1968, the department added an undergraduate major. The Department of Asian Studies offers programs of study leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts. The department also cooperates with the Stillman School of Business in offering a Certificate in International Business and a five-year Bachelor of Arts/Master of Business Administration. In addition, the department offers a dual master’s degree program with the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations. The department provides students with training in the languages and cultures of Asia, leading to careers in government, international services, research, teaching or business, as well as advanced graduate study.

The Japanese Program

The Japanese Program is one of the divisions of the Asian Studies department. The program offers classes both at the undergraduate and graduate level in Japanese language, history and culture studies. Japan Week, which began in 1997, is an annual event under the Japanese program. In the summer, the program (in cooperation with the International Programs) offers a study abroad program at Sophia University in Tokyo. Through classroom lectures and annual events the Japanese Program extends to the local, national and international community and broadens the knowledge and appreciation of all aspects of Japan.

Japan-Related Courses in the Department of Asian Studies

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