

# JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF INDIANA

## 2006 PROGRAMS



The Japan-America Society of Indiana is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization of businesses, communities, educational institutions, individuals, and students. Its mission is to serve as a bridge of friendship and cooperation between the people of Indiana and Japan. The Society is dedicated to providing a public forum for cultural and educational exchange, strengthening ties, and fostering mutual understanding among Japanese and Hoosiers.

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## January - October

### *2006 Midwest-Japan Conference Planning*

The Japan-America Society of Indiana Board of Directors and Staff, in cooperation with the directors of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, dedicated over a year of planning for the 2006 Midwest-Japan Conference, and hosted several visits of the Japanese Secretariat officers from Kikkoman Corp., Tokyo.

## January 21

### *Indiana Japan Chamber Nenjisoukai*

Annual Meeting of the IJC with musical entertainment from Indiana University coordinated by the Japan-America Society of Indiana.

## February 8th

### *Leadership Johnson County Economic Development Day*

Tamayo Fukumoto, Japanese Community Coordinator of the Japan-America Society of Indiana, served as one of the key personnel for Johnson County's annual "Economic Development Day," where local community leaders learn how to present strategic information in order to attract Japanese investment.

## February 10th

### *"Japanese Customs in the Workplace"*

The presentation by JASI corporate representative Akio Uemura of Eli Lilly and Company at Brownsburg High School served to educate American high school students about Japanese business customs in the workplace.

## April

### *"Case's Wish"*



JASI was proud to support the fundraising campaign to give Lutheran High School student Case Calvert a chance to travel to Japan with his family and high school principal Gary St. Clair. Case suffers from muscular dystrophy and the trip to Japan helped fulfill his biggest dream. Through the support of JASI members, Case and Lutheran High School were able to raise funds to underwrite the travel of the group in Japan for two weeks.

## May 4th

### *JASI Annual Gala 2006*

The Society's gala is the largest and most prestigious event for Japanese and American community and business leaders in Indiana. The 2006 event featured Jim Wiseman, Vice President of Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America as Keynote Speaker; and the Honorable Yutaka Yoshizawa, Consul General of Japan, and Mickey Maurer, Secretary of Commerce for the State of Indiana, as Guests of Honor. Entertainment was provided by the Indiana-Okinawa Kenjin Kai - Children's Eisa Dance Group. With support



from Presenting Sponsor Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, the gala was attended by over 500 guests, making it one of JASI's most successful annual dinners. The event featured the theme of Japanese *koinobori* – the carp fish kites which are flown in Japan in May. Subaru of Indiana Automotive loaned to the gala the 130 giant carp kites which flew at its ground breaking in 1987.



The Society's "Bridge of Friendship Award" recognizes individuals, companies and communities which have demonstrated distinguished leadership in the Indiana-Japan-US relationship. The 2006 Bridge of Friendship Awards were presented to Seizo Okamoto, Chairman, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, and Robert H. Reynolds, Honorary Consul General of Japan at Indianapolis, former President of the Japan-America Society of Indiana, and Attorney Of Counsel, Barnes & Thornburg.

"Honorary Indiana Ambassador Awards" for dedicated service were presented to JASI Members Keiko and Sosuke Sese, President, Keihin Indiana Precision Technology, and Mami and Kazuaki Shoji, Senior Marketing Director for KYB Manufacturing North America.

## June 6

### *"Travel to Japan Japanese Protocol & Business Etiquette" Seminar*

JASI Executive Director Theresa Kulczak presented the protocol orientation program for participants selected to accompany Indiana Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. on the 2006 State of Indiana Asia Mission.

## June 17-28

### *State of Indiana Asia Mission*



Following the remarkable history of partnership and economic cooperation between Indiana and Japan, Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. led over sixty Indiana business leaders and state and local officials to Japan and Korea in June. The JASI office provided consultation, translation and support to many of the participating businesses and communities. Several JASI Board members





and the Society's executive director, Theresa Kulczak, participated in the mission.



**July 20th**

### ***Business Protocol Training***

JASI Executive Director provided a training seminar for the directors of Ivy Tech College in preparation for the college's meeting with Honda officials.

**July 29th**

### ***Columbus "Natsu Matsuri" Summer Festival***



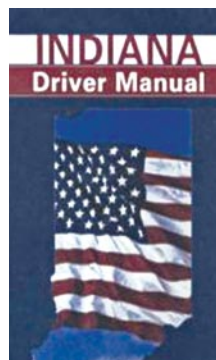
The Columbus Japanese Business Association and the Japan-America Society of Indiana coordinated cultural, promotional and volunteer support for the Japanese Summer Festival at the Kidscommons children's museum in Columbus, Indiana. The festival included three floors of traditional Japanese games and activities as well as a scary

Japanese style haunted house. Japanese festival food, *bon-odori* dancing, an *omikosh* miniature shrine, and families in summer *yukata*, made for an authentic cultural experience for over one thousand attendees.

**August**

### ***Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Driver's Manual & Test in Japanese***

As a service for the Japanese community, the JASI office has for many years monitored, translated and published key updates on BMV policy and procedures for the Japanese community. In 2006, JASI was pleased to serve as the primary advisor and translator for the BMV in making available the Indiana Drivers Manual translated into Japanese and published on the BMV website. JASI also facilitated and translated the Japanese versions of the Indiana Driver's License Written Test in Japanese, now available at BMV branches throughout the State of Indiana.



**August 6th**

### ***Bon-Odori Japanese Dance Festival***

The Japan-America Society of Indiana annually supports the Bon-Odori Festival sponsored by Ocean World Japanese restaurant in Indianapolis. The festival, held for many years, provides a great occasion for Japanese and Americans to celebrate the summer spirit of Japan.

**August 31st**

### ***Indianapolis Museum of Art "Japanese Wedding Customs" Lecture Program***

In conjunction with the IMA's exhibition "I Do", featuring wedding attire from different eras and countries around the world, JASI community outreach volunteer Mikiko Obara spoke on the customs and attire of traditional and contemporary Japanese weddings.

**September 8th-12th**

### ***Tochigi Prefecture Sister State Delegation***

On Sept. 8th, the Governor of Tochigi Prefecture, the Honorable Tomikazu Fukuda, led a group of 30 delegates from Indiana's sister Prefecture of Tochigi to Indianapolis. The Tochigi delegation hosted a Tochigi Tourism & Industry Seminar on Sept. 9th at the Marriott Downtown Indianapolis



with attendance by JASI members. On Sept. 11th, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels hosted the delegation at his residence with invitations to JASI members. The Japan-America Society of Indiana arranged for a special VIP experience for the Tochigi group at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

**October 25th**

### ***"Japan and the Japanese People: What You Won't Find In the Travel Guides"***

The Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication, World Languages & Cultures Department at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) & the Japan-America Society of Indiana presented an insightful lecture by Kenichi Namai, Visiting Professor of Linguistics from Waseda University.

**November 1st**

### ***Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) Asian Galleries Grand Opening***

JASI corporate members received invitations to the grand opening ceremony and black-tie dinner for the spectacular Asian Galleries, featuring Guest of Honor Kenji Shinoda, Consul General of Japan.

**November 2nd**

### ***Welcome Dinner for The Honorable Kenji Shinoda, Consul General of Japan at Chicago***

The Board of Directors of the Japan-America Society of Indiana and Honorary Consul General of Japan at Indianapolis, Robert H. Reynolds, were honored to welcome Consul General at Chicago Kenji Shinoda and Consul Hiroko Matsuo at a dinner in their honor at the Skyline Club, Indianapolis.

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**November 2nd- 5th**

## ***2006 Indianapolis International Festival***



The Japan-America Society of Indiana was pleased to collaborate with the Consulate of Japan at Chicago and The Japan Foundation in supporting the performance of the San Jose Taiko at the 2006 International Festival in Indianapolis. The San Jose Taiko's dynamic

performance of Japanese drums was the featured entertainment for the 4-day event. JASI also organized a youth-focused, interactive Japan cultural booth, one of the largest exhibit areas at the festival. The 2006 Festival boasted a record attendance of almost 20,000 people, thanks to the popularity of the San Jose Taiko.

**November 7th**

## ***"Found in Translation: A Western Journalist Sees His World through Asian Eyes"***

Lecture by John North, former NHK correspondent in Tokyo. The Japan-America Society of Indiana was pleased to co-sponsor the program by the senior journalist who lived and worked extensively in Asia. The lecture was part of the Global Studies Speaker Series at Marian College in Indianapolis.



**November 29th**

## ***KPMG Tax Seminar***

The Japan-America Society of Indiana supported KPMG's seminar in Japanese for Japanese transplant companies in Indiana.

**December 7th**

## ***Corbett Duncan & Hubly Basic Accounting Seminar***

The Japan-America Society of Indiana co-presented the seminar in Japanese for Japanese managers in Indiana.

**December 12th**

## ***JASI Volunteer Appreciation Party***

The informal luncheon party was held to thank the volunteers who worked so hard and dedicated valuable time to make JASI's participation in the International Festival such a success.

Over 50 volunteers created hundreds of handcrafted Japanese items in the weeks leading up to the festival, as well as volunteered at the JASI exhibit area during the four-day event.



**Spring & Fall**

## ***Japanese Language Program***

For the past sixteen years JASI has offered one of the largest programs of Japanese language classes for the central Indiana area. JASI's Japanese classes are designed to meet community interest and focus on speaking, listening and various aspects of Japanese culture. Taught by Instructor Fumiko Sato, the classes are held in the Spring and the Fall.

## **Information Services**

The Society's office serves as an information clearinghouse for Japan-related resources in Indiana. The office fields questions regarding Japan and Japanese culture from Americans and provides resources for additional inquiry. JASI's bilingual staff provides personal support to Japanese individuals, family members, and executives, and responds to requests for assistance, practical living information, and educational information.

## **Member consultation**

The JASI staff and directors of the Board provide customized briefings and group presentations on Japanese protocol, etiquette, travel to Japan and guidance for doing business with the Japanese.

## **Japanese Language Program**

For the past fifteen years JASI has offered one of the largest programs of Japanese language classes for the central Indiana area. The classes are designed to meet community interest and focus on the students' speaking, listening, reading and writing abilities. Various aspects of contemporary Japanese culture supplement the courses taught by Mrs. Fumiko Sato.

## **Bureau of Motor Vehicles interpreter recruitment and Japanese policy bulletins**

JASI monitors changes in BMV policies that may affect the Japanese community in Indiana and issues Bulletins to its members informing them of the latest developments. JASI also maintains a database of authorized BMV interpreters who are qualified to assist individuals in taking the written test for an Indiana Driver's license.

## **Employment Referrals, translation and interpreting referrals.**

Corporate benefits include the availability of in-house translation and interpretation services, and referral to independent vendors. The JASI office accepts calls from the public and from member companies for translators and interpreters on a per-project basis.

The Japan-America Society of Indiana is not an employment agency; however, through our network of members, JASI occasionally facilitates employment connections.

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# 2006 MIDWEST U.S.-JAPAN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE INDIANAPOLIS

MIDWEST U.S. AND JAPAN: RACING TO THE FUTURE TOGETHER

SEPTEMBER 10TH–12TH, 2006



## 2006 Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference, Indianapolis



The 38th Annual Joint Meeting of the Midwest U.S.-Japan and Japan-Midwest U.S. Associations was organized and co-hosted by the **State of Indiana** and the **Japan-America Society of Indiana**. Thanks to the generous support of Presenting Sponsors **Eli Lilly and Company** and **Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana**, as well as a host of other corporate sponsors, the 2006 Midwest U.S.-Japan Association Conference was a great success by all measures. The Indianapolis conference presented a tremendous speaker lineup, a timely program agenda, and with almost six hundred registrants, a new record was set for attendance. In the conference closing remarks, U.S. Conference Chairman and former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson stated that “Indiana has raised the bar for the other states.”

The Japanese delegation, led by Yuzaburo Mogi, Chairman and CEO of Kikkoman Corporation, included His Excellency Ryozo Kato, Ambassador of Japan to the United States, Consul General of Chicago Kenji Shinoda, Acting Consul General of Detroit Kenji Miura, Governor Tomikazu Fukuda of Tochigi Prefecture, Governor Kiyoshi Ueda of Saitama Prefecture, Mr. Taizo Nishimuro, Advisor to the Board of Toshiba Corporation, Mr. Osamu Watanabe, Chairman and CEO of the Japan External

Trade Organization, Mr. Kichisaburo Nomura, Executive Advisor, All Nippon Airways Co., Mr. Yukitoshi Funo, Chairman & CEO of Toyota Motor North America, and Mr. Kyoji Takenaka, Director of the Board & Senior Corporate Advisor, Fuji Heavy Industries, Ltd.

The Midwest U.S. region was represented by Governor Mitch Daniels of Indiana and the Governors of Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio and Wisconsin. Keynote speakers included former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, Richard Armitage, and former US Secretary of Commerce, William Daley. Speakers representing the private sector included Frederick W. Smith, Founder, Chairman and CEO of FedEx Corporation, John Lechleiter, President and COO of Eli Lilly and Company, Ruth Shaw, President of Duke Nuclear, Douglas Steenland, President and CEO, Northwest Airlines Corporation, David Cole, Chairman, Center for Automotive Research, Jeffery Owens, President of Delphi Electronics & Safety, Douglas Delgrosso, President and COO of Lear Corporation, Martin Jischke, President of Purdue University, Neal Fearnot, President, MED Institute, and Edward Lincoln, Professor, New York University. The Conference Dinner featured the Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr., former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and former United States Senator.

