



The Monthly Newsletter of the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta

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Announcements from the Consulate

Thank you for being a subscriber to the Japan Currents!

The Japan Currents is the official monthly newsletter of the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, bringing you events and information about Japan and its presence in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. If you are on mobile, please rotate your screen for the best viewing experience!

Office Closure:

Monday, October 12th: Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day

*If you would like your Japanese cultural event shown in the Japan Currents,
please contact info@aa.mofa.go.jp with details.*

Upcoming Events



Kokedama Workshop

October 2 & 23

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (Eastern)

PlantHouse

16641 Birkdale Commons Pkwy #210
Huntersville, NC 28078

Join in for a unique and hands-on experience at a Kokedama Workshop! Discover the ancient Japanese art of kokedama as you select from a variety of lush plants and learn to create your

very own botanical masterpiece. With guidance from the knowledgeable PlantHouse crew, you'll plant and shape your soil ball, wrap it in moss, and secure it with twine, resulting in a stunning and eco-friendly display piece.

Get Involved!



NC JAPAN CENTER
ノースカロライナ日本センター

Ongoing Events

[JF Digital Library \(Free\)](#)

Japanese Tea Gathering: Kanna-zuki -2nd seating

October 3

1:45 PM - 3:15 PM (Eastern)

Sarah P. Duke Gardens

420 Anderson St.

Durham, NC 27705



Join tea master Chizuko Sueyoshi and members of the Japanese Tea Practitioners of Durham for a moment of respite in the Duke Gardens teahouse, where you will experience the centering calm of a Japanese tea gathering in the Urasenke tradition. Enjoy the aesthetics, poetry and serenity of this rich tradition over an enticing bowl of whisked green tea and a Japanese confection.

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Video Topic of the Month



Learn more about Japan

KIZUNA Linking Japan and the World



Japanese Study Hall

October 5, 19, 26

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Eastern)

Martin Luther King Jr. Branch Library

409 John Wesley Dobbs Ave.

Atlanta GA 30312

Japanese Study Sessions

Let's Learn Japanese!

Do you want to watch anime without subtitles? Are you a fan of sumo? Do you want to play the new Pokemon game a month early? Then come by MLK library to practice or learn the Japanese language.

Every Monday

6:00-7:30PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Branch
409 John Wesley Dobbs Ave.
404-613-9890

Learn more at fulcolibrary.org/mlk_king

All Skill Levels welcome!!

Have you ever wanted to learn the Japanese language or brush up on your skills and knowledge? You are in for a treat with Mr. Ram as your instructor. Just bring yourself and your enthusiasm!

MACON FILM GUILD PRESENTS THE SAMURAI AND THE PRISONER

October 11

5:00 PM (Eastern)

The Douglass Theatre

355 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

Macon, GA 31201



When Lord Murashige rises up against the tyrannical Oda, he finds himself besieged within the walls of his own castle. Isolated, he is confronted with a series of mysterious crimes that shatter the fragile order of his court, plunging the fortress into fear and suspicion. With Oda's army closing in and a traitor hiding among his ranks, Murashige is forced into an uneasy alliance with Kanbei, a brilliant and dangerous strategist held prisoner in the dungeon, as he must outwit his enemies and uncover the truth before time runs out.



Kayobi-Kai Networking Dinner

October 13

6:30 PM (Eastern)

Sushi Avenue

308 W Ponce de Leon Ave

Decatur, GA 30030

Kayobi-Kai dinners are on-going dinner meetings that meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at different restaurants in the metro Atlanta area. The Kayobi-Kai is intended to be an informal gathering to promote friendship and social networking, and anyone who is interested is welcome. All Kayobi-Kai dinners will begin at 6:30pm and everyone in attendance will be responsible for their own check at the end of the evening.

火曜日は毎月第二火曜日にアトランタの各種のレストランで食事をしながら参加者の親睦を深めるつどいの場を提供いたします。くつろいだ雰囲気の中でどなたでも参加できます。時間は毎回 6 時半からで、支払いは食事の終わりに各自でしていただきます。

The average group attending these Kayobi-Kai dinners is 8-15 people, and depending on the restaurant, we may have to cap attendance. Please sign up if you plan to come, so we know to expect you. Should you have any suggestions and/or requests regarding restaurants for future Kayobi-Kai meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the JASG office and let us know your recommendations. We look forward to seeing you at this and/or other upcoming Kayobi-Kai dinners.

Greenville Area English-Japanese Language Exchange

October 13 & 25

Oct. 13: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (Eastern)

Southernside Brewing Co.

25 Delano Dr Unit D, Greenville, SC 29601

Oct. 25: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (Eastern)

Fireforge Crafted Beer

311 E Washington St, Greenville, SC 29601

If you want to improve your language skills, join us for the JAASC Language Table series.

Practice English or Japanese, whichever you're learning. Stress-free, just fun conversation ストレスフリー. The series is open to all English and Japanese learners who want an excellent opportunity to practice listening and speaking skills while building relationships in a friendly, bilingual environment. Everyone is welcome, but it is best if you have some basic level of English and Japanese.





**JAPANESE
LANGUAGE
CLUB**

Japanese Language Club

October 15

6:30 PM (Central)

Makerspace

1221 Montgomery Highway

Vestavia Hills, AL 35216

Come join the monthly Japanese Language Club meetings led by the Japan

America Society of Alabama! This is not a class, but a self-study “club” for students of Japanese to mingle, exchange study tips, and practice Japanese conversation.

Japanese Storytime

October 24

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM (Eastern)

Sandy Springs Branch Library

395 Mount Vernon Hwy.

Sandy Springs GA 30328

Join in for a fun Japanese storytime featuring picture books, kamishibai (paper theatre), and hand-play songs.



おうちごはん! (Ouchigohan) Onigirazu & Kabocha Nimono Home Cooking

October 24

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM (Eastern)

Virtual

For this month’s Ouchigohan, we’re putting a modern twist on the classic onigiri with two delicious Onigirazu—a sandwich-style version of onigiri that is easy to make, fun to customize, and perfect for lunch or a light meal. Our first Onigirazu combines ham, cucumber, and egg for a colorful mix of savory, fresh, and satisfying flavors. Our second features shiitake mushrooms and spinach, bringing together the rich umami of mushrooms with fresh, earthy greens.

To round out our fall menu, we’ll prepare Kabocha no Nimono, a comforting Japanese home-style dish featuring tender kabocha squash simmered in a savory-sweet soy-based broth. Naturally sweet, beautifully golden, and wonderfully comforting, kabocha is a perfect taste of the season.

SEUS-Japan 48th Annual Joint Meeting

October 25-27

JW Marriott Nashville

201 8th Ave S

Nashville, TN 37203



The 48th annual joint meeting of the Southeast U.S./Japan Association (SEUS - Japan) and the Japan-U.S. Southeast Association will take place in Nashville, Tennessee, from October 25 to 27, 2026. The event brings together senior Japanese business leaders and government officials to network and engage, with plenary sessions dedicated to strengthening the strategic Japan - U.S. economic partnership.



Charleston Area – Drinks & Conversation Meetup

October 27

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (Eastern)

Tideland Brewing

4155 Dorchester Rd

North Charleston, SC 29405

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