

The History of the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles



JAPANFOUNDATION
LOS ANGELES

30th Anniversary of JFLA

1983

Opening the office at Los Angeles



The first office of JFLA was located in the building of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.

1984

Butoh Group “Sankai Juku” performance at the
“Olympic Arts Festival in Los Angeles”

1985

Noh Performance at University of California, Berkeley

1986

The Japan Foundation Award recipients
The Japan Society of Northern California
American Karate Team Tour

1987

Exhibition “Japanese Western Style Painters” in
NY, LA and St. Louis

1987

Seminar on Japanese Language Teaching Methods in collaboration with the Southern California Federation of Japanese Language Teachers

1991

CGP (Center for Global Partnership) established.
Abe Fellowship Program started.

1992

Japanese Language Center and Nihongo Library established in Santa Monica JFLA starts carrying out all the Japanese Language related programs in the U.S.



BREEZE

First issue of the JFLA newsletter “Breeze”

1993

First JLPT (Japanese Language Proficiency Test) in the U.S.

1994

PAJ (Performing Arts Japan) grant program starts

1995

Film Screening of “Japan Today in Santa Monica”

1996

Grant for the establishment of the Association of Teachers of Japanese (Six new associations established)

1998

Support given to the establishment of the AATJ (Alliance of Association of Teachers of Japanese)

1999

The Japan Foundation Award recipients
Mr. Robert Anthony Scalapino, Robson
Research Professor of Government Emeritus,
University of California at Berkeley



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Shamisen Group “Kaze” Concert in JANM

Survey on the current state of Japanese language education in the U.S.

Exhibition “Kusama Yayoi” at LACMA

Japanese American National Museum (The Japan Foundation Special Prize)



The Japan Foundation Award recipients
Mr. Frank B. Gibney, President,
The Pacific Basin Institute at Pomona College



2001

USA Sumo Open at UCLA

2002

“Japan Ountreach Initiative (JOI)” Program Established to dispatch grassroots exchange coordinators to the U.S.



2003

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles office moved from Santa Monica to Downtown



Kyogen Performance toured 25 cities in the United States



2004

Development of the Japanese AP test (Advanced Placement Test)

2006

**The Japan Foundation Award recipients
Mr. Joe Price & Ms. Etsuko Price, Directors,
The Shin'enKan Foundation**



2007

“Aomori Nebuta” at the Nisei Week Japanese Festival in Little Tokyo



2008

“Invitation Group-Tour Program for U.S. Educators” started



2009

**The Japan Foundation Award recipients
Alliance of Associations of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ, current
American Association of Teachers of Japanese)**



Kabuki Lecture and Demonstration in five-cities



2010

The Conference of AAC (American Advisory Committee)

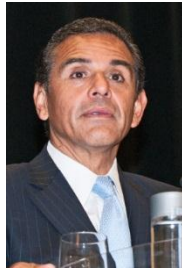


2010

CSR seminar with Mr. Rick Wartzman, Director of the Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University



JBA (Japan Business Association) 50th Anniversary



Mar 11, 2011

The Great East Japan Earthquake



July, 2011

JET-MIP: Japan Exchange and Teaching program- Memorial Invitation Program



The 2012 JET-MIP program will provide 32 high school students with the opportunity to go to Japan for two weeks as a group to meet Japanese students, experience Japanese culture, and study the language.

August, 2011

J-LEAP: Japanese Language Education Assistants Program



This program brings 15 Japanese Language teaching assistants to the U.S. K-12 educational institutions to strengthen their Japanese language programs as well as creating opportunities to nurture a new generation of qualified teachers of Japanese language.

Sep 7, 2011

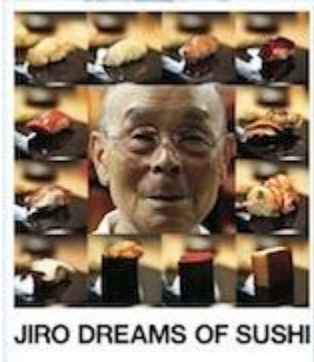
Arigato



The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles, other Japanese governmental organizations and the Japanese Community organized the Japan Relief Appreciation Event "ARIGATO" In Little Tokyo.

Nov, 2011

AFI Fest : American Film Institute Film Festival



The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles supported “JIRO Dreams of Sushi” Screening by Mini grant program.



Nov, 2011

United States Martial Arts Festival 2011



The Shin Koyamada Foundation and the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles produced this event together. JFLA provided A symposium of Japanese Martial Arts spirits. Hollywood action stars and mayor of Redondo Beach joined.



Nov, 2011

ACTFL 2011: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages



JFLA joined ACTFL and had a booth for promoting Japanese Language. At the same time, JFLA organized the Leaders Seminar for Japanese Teachers.



Dec, 2011

JLPT: Japanese Language Proficiency Test



Every year, the Japan Foundation provides Japanese Language Test in all over the world. Over 3,000 people took JLPT in 11 cities in the US.

Jan, 2012

JF Nihongo (Japanese Language Courses) starts



JFLA starts the Japanese Language courses in the building of Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Little Tokyo.



Mar, 2012

Arigato from Japan



The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles, and the Japan Foundation produced “Arigato from Japan” concert. This concert was a kick-off event for the world tour.

Mar, 2012

Tea Time: Conversation Café from Beginners to Experienced



This event is designed for Japanese Language Classes promotion. People who are interested in Japanese cultures and language gathered and have some conversation with Japanese.

April, 2012

“Abeya” Tsugaru-Shamisen US Tour

Celebrating the Japan-US Cherry Blossom Centennial



This concert tour from Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Denver and Honolulu was designed to celebrate the Japan-US Cherry Blossom Centennial.



July, 2012

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Summer Camp for Teens: Discover Little Tokyo Japanese Language class



This class is designed for exploring Little Tokyo, learning basic Japanese and Japanese culture with fun activities.

Aug, 2012

Japanese for Fun: Making Sushi with Mom/Dad Japanese Language class



This class is designed for having fun to make sushi with professional sushi Chef and learning basic Japanese.

OPEN HOUSE

August 30th, 2012

