The History of the Japan Foundation, Los Angeles

30th Anniversary of JFLA
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<td>1983</td>
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<td>The first office of JFLA was located in the building of the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center in Los Angeles.</td>
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<td>Butoh Group “Sankai Juku” performance at the “Olympic Arts Festival in Los Angeles”</td>
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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.

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

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 grassroot 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)
The Japan Foundation Award recipients
Mr. Joe Price & Ms. Etsuko Price, Directors,
The Shin’enKan Foundation

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

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

The Conference of AAC  (American Advisory Committee)
CSR seminar with Mr. Rick Wartzman, Director of the Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University

JBA (Japan Business Association) 50th Anniversary
The Great East Japan Earthquake
**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.

**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 qualifies teachers of Japanese language.

**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


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

The Japan Foundation, Los Angeles office moved from Downtown to Mid-Wilshire
July, 2012

**JET-MIP 2012: Japan Exchange and Teaching program- Memorial Invitation Program**

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Aug, 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.
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