



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON  
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

# Monthly Newsletter



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## Mark Lev President & CEO [Boston Common Golf](#)

Photo [Mark Lev with Hideki Matsuyama sporting matching Boston Common Golf jackets]



### How long have you been working in Boston?

I've been lucky enough to work in Boston my entire professional career. After college, I got a job with the Boston Celtics and spent 14 years in various roles in that organization. For the past 20 years, I have had the honor of working for Fenway Sports Group (FSG) where I currently serve as the President and CEO of Boston Common Golf – the most recent addition to FSG's portfolio of sports properties.

### What does your organization (Boston Common Golf) do?

Boston Common Golf, featuring Rory McIlroy, Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott, and Hideki Matsuyama, is one of the six inaugural teams in TGL. TGL is a new golf league offering a fresh approach to the sport with a focus on technology, innovation, and fan engagement. Showcasing

the world's top players, TGL's team golf competition merges physical and virtual golf in a state-of-the-art stadium with two-hour prime time matches.

Boston Common Golf's inaugural season begins Monday, Jan. 27 in prime time on ESPN and ESPN+ in the U.S., U-NEXT in Japan, and other prominent media partners around the globe. The first-ever league match will be taking place in just under a month, on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Click [here](#) to read the full interview!

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## Announcements from JSB

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### Happy Holidays and □□□□□□□□□□ (Happy New Year)!

From everyone at the Japan Society of Boston, we would like to say *arigatō gozaimasu* to our members, partners, sponsors, and community! Thanks to your support, we were able to offer 44 online events and 37 in-person events in 2024.

If you enjoyed our programming, please consider donating to support the future of JSB and U.S.-Japan relations. As we conclude celebrations for our 120th anniversary this year, we would greatly appreciate any amount that you are able to give so that JSB can continue to offer programs for another 120 years!

We also have a new [Venmo charity account](#) as another way to donate.

Donate

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# FUNDRAISING GOODS

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## Fundraising Goods

Support JSB by purchasing a Kyoto-Boston [sister cities](#)-themed tote bag designed by Randall Imai or a Boston-Japan T-shirt/sweatshirt designed by Marie Romano!

Click to see all our goods and to place orders. All proceeds go towards fundraising for the Japan Society of Boston.

Shop

## Japan - Massachusetts Sister Cities Page

In addition to Boston and Kyoto, did you know the state of Massachusetts has 13 [sister city relationships](#) with Japan, as well as one sister state/prefecture relationship with Hokkaido?

Check out our new webpage below to learn more!

Website

## Japan-Massachusetts Sister Cities





# College Hub

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## The JSB College Hub

The JSB College Hub is our webpage for Japan-related college events, opportunities, and resources for young adults pursuing Japanese studies!

Check out the hub below for more information, to view our current listings, or to submit an event or opportunity!

Website

## JSB Programming

Matcha Mochi Cupcakes!

Bonus Activity: Let's Make an Origami Masu Box

Ouchi Gohan

Japanese Home Cooking Class

Saturday, December 21, 2024  
5pm ET / 4pm CT / 3pm MT

Register at [www.bit.ly/Ouchi-Gohan](http://www.bit.ly/Ouchi-Gohan)

with Matcha Latte

TABLE FOR TWO

Logos for various Japanese organizations and sponsors are displayed at the bottom.

## □□□□□□ Ouchigohan

### Matcha Mochi Cupcakes & Matcha Latte

Saturday, December 21st, 2024 - 5:00PM EST

Online

Join us for the December Holiday edition of the family-friendly online Japanese home cooking class series and cook along or just watch from your own kitchen! On the menu this month is MATCHA MOCHI CUPCAKES & MATCHA LATTE!

MATCHA MOCHI CUPCAKES are delightfully bouncy, slightly sticky, and just the right amount of sweet. Made with rice flour and infused with the earthy, vibrant flavor

of matcha, these chewy, sweet treats are the perfect mash-up of Japanese mochi and cupcakes! Each bite is a cozy hug with a hint of green tea magic!

MATCHA LATTE blends the rich, earthy flavor of finely ground green tea powder with silky milk for a smooth, slightly sweet pick-me-up. It's like sipping on a treat from your favorite café, only greener and packed with antioxidants!

As a bonus activity, we will also learn now to make an ORIGAMI MASU BOX while waiting for the cupcakes to bake. Join us as this event will be a perfect way to prepare for the holidays through fun, food, and crafts!



## **Kamishibai Storytime at Boston Children's Museum**

**Sunday, January 26th, 2025 - 1:30 & 2:30PM EST**

**Boston Children's Museum**

308 Congress St, Boston, MA 02210

The Japan Society of Boston will be performing a traditional kamishibai, or paper theater storytelling, of the classic Japanese children's story "Buying Mittens" or 手ぶくろをかいに (tebukuro wo kai ni) at the Boston Children's Museum.

We will be doing readings at 1:30 and 2:30 pm on Sunday, January 26th. All museum guests please gather at the Floor 3 Bridge in front of the Machiya Japanese House for bilingual storytime in English and Japanese, followed by a tour of the machiya to check out their new year's decorations!

Registration is not required for this event, but tickets to the museum must be purchased for entry to the museum. However, tickets are just \$1 on Sundays after 1pm. See more information about the discount on their website.

[Info](#)

# Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English  
Virtual Language Exchange



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Sponsored by:



Temple  
University  
Japan Campus

## JSB Language Room

Friday, January 17th, 2024 - 6:00 PM EST

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Online

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our monthly language room is sponsored by Temple University, Japan Campus (TUU). TUU is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan.

Theme: □□ Zodiac

Register

## Signature Content from JSB



## #MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Japan Society of Boston

[japansocietyboston.org/](https://japansocietyboston.org/)

### Member Highlight

The Japan Society of Boston is pleased to introduce you to the wonderful members of our community through this blog series. Each month we feature a JSB member and ask them to share with us their Japan Story.





"There have been some fantastic events JSB has produced over the years, but of course I have to choose Between the Lines (as my favorite program)! Meeting every month to discuss classic literature with passionate, intelligent, and like-minded people is truly one of the greatest highlights of my work here!"

This month:

[Christopher Ellars](#)

Chris's senior thesis [hybrid performance](#) of Noh and Opera is free to the public on Tuesday, December 17th if you would like to check it out!

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## JSB Meets JET Alumni

As part of our partnership with the [United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association](#) (USJETAA), the Japan Society of Boston features a new JET Alumni in our monthly blog!

This month's JET Alum is [Lillian Hanako Rowlett](#) (Niigata 2003-2005).

"Niigata is famously known for its rice and its snow. As someone who was born and raised in Canada, even I was surprised by the amount of snow! Thankfully this meant many weekend getaways to experience some incredible snowboarding conditions (and of course the essential post-snowboarding onsens!)."



Lillian is also the co-founder and CEO of [Kokoro Care](#). They conscientiously curate artisanal Japanese food made by local farmers and producers and deliver them straight from Japan to your door.

Check out some of their [gift packages](#) for your friends and family this holiday season, or anytime during the year!

JSB members always get 10% off site-wide with code from the [member-only portal](#).



## Famous in Japan

Studying individuals from around the world who are famous in Japan, both past and present.

This month we are featuring William Adams, often referred to as the "Blue-Eyed Samurai" and the inspiration for the drama *Shogun*, based on the novel by James Clavell. His legacy as a skilled navigator, diplomat, and bridge between Eastern and Western cultures continues to be remembered and celebrated in both England and Japan to this day.

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## Other Japan-Related Events





**PRAISE  
SHADOWS**  
ART GALLERY

# Mirrors

## Yuri Shimojo

On view Nov. 16 - Dec. 21, 2024



**Mirrors by Yuri Shimojo**  
**On view November 9th - December 21, 2024**  
**Praise Shadows Art Gallery**  
313A Harvard St, Brookline, MA 02446

Praise Shadows is deeply honored to share the newest body of work by Yuri Shimojo in the upcoming exhibition, [Mirrors](#), her second solo at the gallery. This collection of ink paintings were made in the aftermath of her cancer treatment and diagnosis, the passing of her beloved dog and companion Rudy, and a long-delayed visit to Japan to parse through the archives of her deceased family and her samurai ancestors.

Shimojo's fluid, intuitive painting style is an expression of these recent years of upheaval, loss, and healing. In the simplest sense, Shimojo paints to tell us that she is grateful to be alive.

[Info](#)

## Yoko Miwa Jazz Trio

See Yoko Miwa in Cambridge  
and Boston!



### Yoko Miwa Jazz Trio

Yoko Miwa, acclaimed jazz pianist and longtime faculty at Berklee College of Music, will be playing a number of shows at Cambridge's The Mad Monkfish restaurant before the year ends. She is often accompanied by Scott Goulding on drums and various bassists including Brad Barrett and Matt Stavraka

[Tickets](#)

## High School Summer Program

**JULY 30 - AUGUST 7, 2025**

**JAPAN**



Japanese language and an elective course modeled after our undergraduate courses

- 310,000 JPY (+20,000 JPY Registration Fee applies)
- First 20 students to be accepted and complete the program fee by March 1 are eligible for a 20,000 JPY discount
- Cost includes all accommodation, meals, and program-related events
- Does not include airfare and travel insurance



Temple University, Japan Campus (TUU)  
Admissions Counseling Office  
Email: [ac@tj.temple.edu](mailto:ac@tj.temple.edu)  
[www.tj.ac.jp/his-summer-program](http://www.tj.ac.jp/his-summer-program)



## Temple University Japan Campus High School Summer Program 2025

TUJ invites high school students to a summer of language and cultural experiences in Tokyo. The 8-night program includes a unique mix of Japanese language and elective classes.

With adventures in Tokyo, an overnight excursion to Kyoto and TUJ KYOTO, and a trip to DisneySea, this will be your summer to remember!

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### EMPOWER ENGAGE EXPLORE

GPI US is looking for passionate college students for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. As a Group Leader, you will empower Japanese high school students to develop self-confidence, leadership, and critical thinking skills at various educational institutions throughout Japan.

Questions?  
[globalstudies@gpius.net](mailto:globalstudies@gpius.net)

### COVERED EXPENSES

- ✓ Airfare
- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ Meals (except weekend lunch)
- ✓ Transportation in Japan

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Student or recent graduate
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Letter of Interest
- ✓ 2 Professional References
- ✓ 2 Short Answer Prompts

**APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Learn more & apply: [gpius.net/japan-based](http://gpius.net/japan-based)

**GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM SUMMER 2025**

## GPI US Global Studies Program - Fully Funded Volunteer Opportunity

This upcoming summer 2025, GPI US will be hosting their Global Studies Program in Japan where university students will get the opportunity to become discussion leaders for Japanese high school students.

The Global Studies Program is a 3-week, fully-funded (flight included) volunteer opportunity for students and recent graduates to immerse themselves in Japanese culture while assisting Japanese high school students to develop critical thinking and global leadership skills. In addition, participants will be required to lead discussions on topics that vary from global issues and leadership. All of this will be conducted in English, no Japanese is required. This is a great opportunity for participants to enhance leadership skills and provide educational opportunities for others.

The early application deadline is December 30, 2024, and the regular deadline is January 31, 2025.

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# MFA Boston

Opens May 11

## Arts of Japan



### Arts of Japan Starting May 11, 2024 [Museum of Fine Arts Boston](#)

The MFA has one of the most comprehensive collections of Japanese art anywhere in the world. Reimagined galleries explore Japan's art and visual culture from the 7th century to today, including painting, sculpture, decorative arts, and selections from the Museum's vast collection of ukiyo-e prints. Evocative spaces include the renovated Japanese Buddhist Temple Room, which opened in 1909, and an adaptation of a traditional tea room, with tatami mats and an alcove. Multimedia displays illuminate performative art forms, such as Nō theater, bringing their drama to life.

The new space for the Museum's unparalleled Japanese collection—which was the first of its kind in America when established in 1890, and now holds about 100,000 objects—will change regularly, giving visitors the opportunity to see even more works in a setting that honors and celebrates Japan's rich history and cultural legacy.

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Please send information about Japan-related events in Boston to [info@japansocietyboston.org](mailto:info@japansocietyboston.org) to help us feature select events.



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