



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter

Message from JSB Staff

As this year speeds on, the Japan Society of Boston is excited to be able to offer some amazing programming in the coming months that will continue to build on our mission of creating meaningful connections between the US and Japan.

With events focused on *Budō*, poetry, Godzilla, and cooking (to name just a few), the bridge building work continues. We are thankful to our wonderful members and audience who always inspire us to do more. Make sure to check our events calendar often, and keep an eye on our digital spaces for all the exciting work yet to come.



Fen Bowen
Programs Associate at the Japan Society of Boston



Thayer Award



JOHN E. THAYER III AWARD

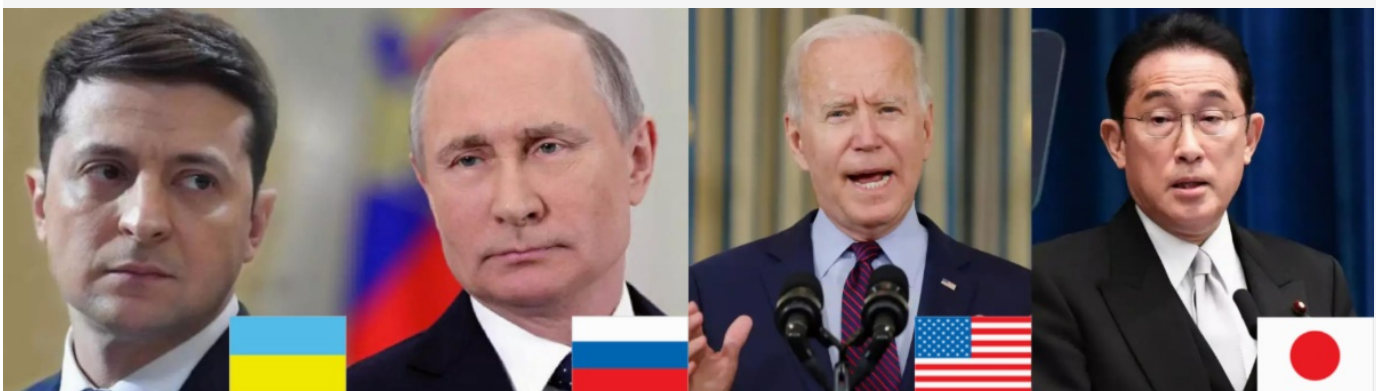
Deadline for 2022 Application is April 13th:

The John E. Thayer, III Award was established to recognize the achievements of individuals, groups of individuals or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the progress of the understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and Japan.

The Society encourages the submission of nominations for exemplary projects, programs and activities in such areas as business, cultural exchange, education, public affairs, and visual and performing arts.

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JSB Programming



The US-Japan Partnership Steps Up

Response to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 7:00 to 8:00 PM EDT (4:00 to 5:00 PM PDT)
co-hosted by the Japan Society of Northern California

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the global response to it is fundamentally reshaping the world as we know it. We are delighted to have our two distinguished speakers for the program: Katherine “Kemy” Monahan, Director of the Office of Japanese Affairs in the Department of State and Hiroyuki Akita, from the Nikkei, who is one of Japan’s top commentators on international security affairs.

[Register Here](#)



**Join the JSB
Language Room**

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange

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JAPAN SOCIETY
OF BOSTON

Friday, April 15th, 2022 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM EDT

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Come practice your Japanese or your English at our next online language room. Registration closes at 12 pm (EDT) on the day of the event.

[Register Here](#)



Ouchigohan

Make Chan Chan Yaki

5 PM EDT on April 16th, 2022



Saturday, April 16th, 2022 - 5:00 PM EDT

Join us for Table for Two's innovative food program,
Wa-Shokuiku: Learn. Cook. Eat Japanese!

Ouchigohan II continues with ChanChan Yaki, steamed salmon and vegetables blanketed in miso butter sauce hailing from the northern region of Ishikari in Hokkaido, Japan.

[Register Here](#)



日本全国の書店員が選んだ
いちばん！
売りたい本

2022年本屋大賞
Celebrating Japan's most
treasured literary prize.
2022 Japan Booksellers' Award

**Brookline Booksmith — Japan Booksellers Award
Kickoff Event — Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 1:00 PM EDT**

Join the Japan Society of Boston on April 23rd at Brookline Booksmith to celebrate the release of Japanese Language Literature at the Booksmith and the 2022 *Honya Taisho*, Japanese Booksellers Award.

[More Information](#)

GODZILLA

OVER THE YEARS – THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF GODZILLA MOVIES

BILL TSUTSUI AND ALEXANDER ZAHLTEN **APRIL 28TH**

Thursday, April 28th, 2022 - 7:00 PM EDT

Join scholar and Godzilla fanatic Bill Tsutsui, president and CEO of Ottawa University, in conversation with Japanese Film expert and Harvard Professor, Alexander Zahlten, as they explore the cross cultural histories of the Godzilla Franchise.

[Register Here](#)

Seeing Poetry

Waka and Haiku as Visual-Tactile Art Part 2

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 6PM (EDT)

Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Join us as we explore ways to read and see poetic art objects from a number of different time periods. Feel free to bring a poetic object to share, whether it's your own creation or work from an artist you admire. All linguistic and artistic backgrounds are welcome!

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JSB Member Programming

Between the Lines

A Monthly Discussion of **the Tale of Genji** for JSB members held on the third Tuesday of the Month



Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

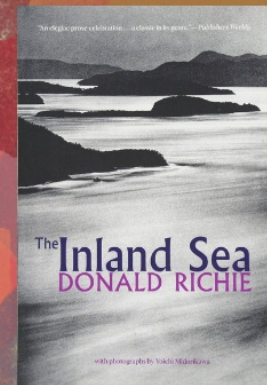
Join us to discuss the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing **chapters six through ten**. This event will be held on the third Tuesday except for April (it will be held on April 12th) every month through September.

[Register Here](#)

JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON MEMBER

BOOK CLUB

THE INLAND SEA BY DONALD RICHIE



Wednesday, May 25, 2022 - 6:00 PM EDT

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss **The Inland Sea** by **Donald Richie**. The purpose of the JSB Book Club is to strengthen the Boston community of Japan enthusiasts by coming together to discuss Japanese literature.

[Register Here](#)

JSB Blog Updates

JSB Meets JET Alumni:



As part of our partnership with the United States Japan Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association (USJETAA), we will be sharing excerpts of interviews with JET alums in our newsletter!

This month:

Meryl Jordan in Gifu Prefecture!

[Read the Blog](#)

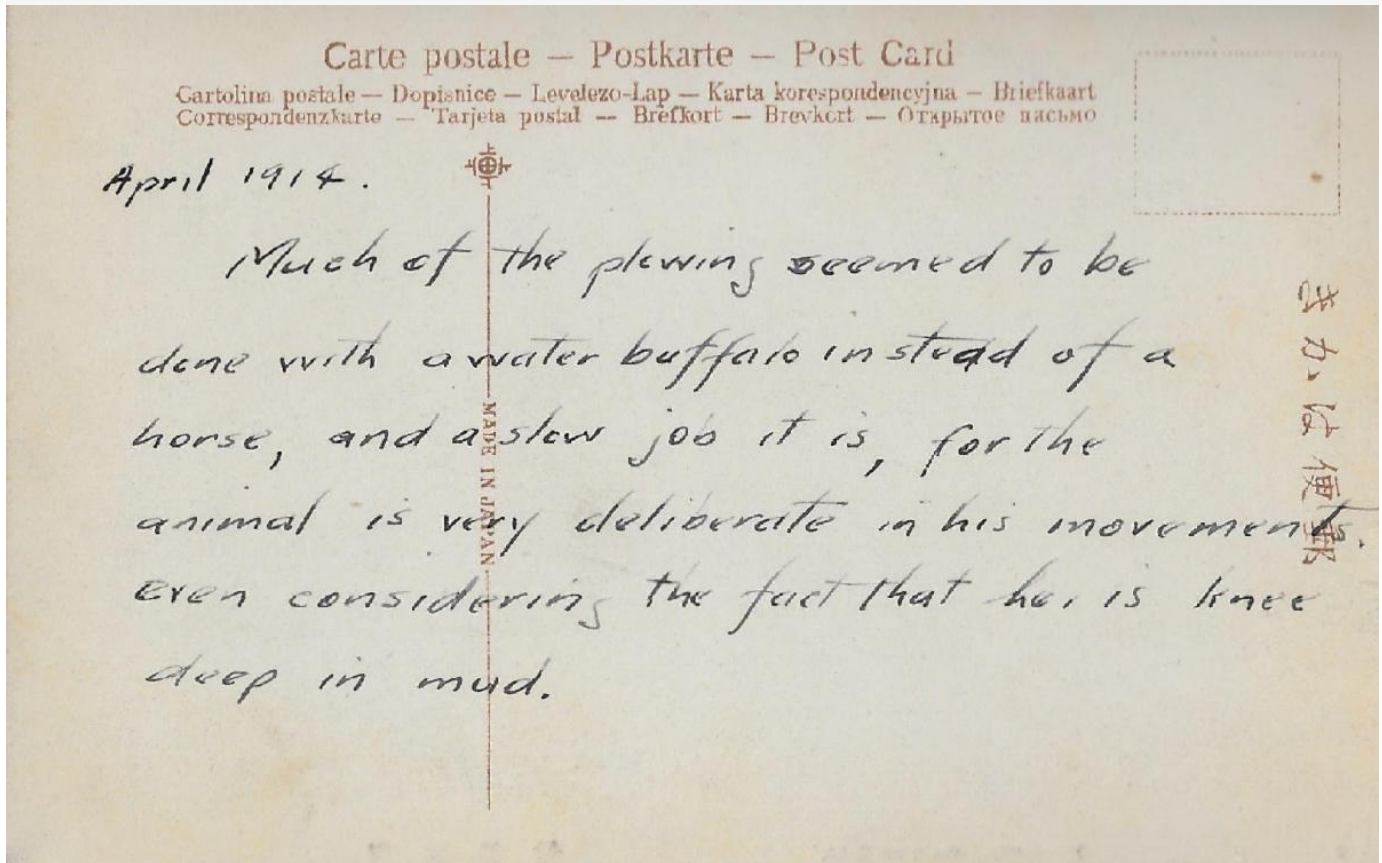
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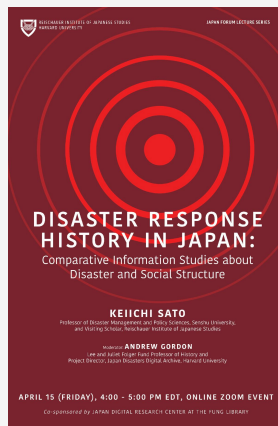
Every newsletter, the Japan Society of Boston will pull an image from our archive. This postcard was sent back to Boston from Japan in April of 1914 and depicts the plowing of the field.

The back reads, "Much of the Plowing seemed to be done with a water buffalo

instead of a horse, and a slow job it is, for the animal is very deliberate in his movements, even considering the fact that he is knee deep in mud."



Other Japan Programming



April 15th 4:00 pm EDT
Harvard Reischauer Institute

Disaster Response History in Japan:
Comparative Information Studies
about Disaster and Social Structure

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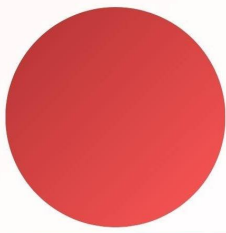


REISCHAUER INSTITUTE
OF JAPANESE STUDIES

April 22nd 4:00 pm EDT
Harvard Reischauer Institute

The Immersive Enclosure: Japanese
Virtual Reality and the Privatization
of Presence

[Register Here](#)



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**CONSULATE GENERAL OF
JAPAN^{IN}BOSTON**

April 8th Deadline

Webpage Management
and Public Relations
Position with the
Consulate General of
Japan in Boston

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 **Columbia Business School**
AT THE VERY CENTER OF BUSINESS™

April 12th 7:00 pm EDT
Columbia Business School

The New Era of Shareholder Activism in Japan

Seth Fischer

Founder and Chief Investment
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Company Ltd.

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