



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
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Monthly Newsletter



JSB Programming



January 9th to March 20th, 2023 - 7:00 to 8:30 PM ET
Online Program

Registration for our Winter Japanese Group Lessons (10 weeks) is now open. Please visit the link below to learn more.

[Register Here](#)



BUDŌ PART 4
Kendo

Dec 14th 6 PM EST | Free Virtual Event

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EST
Online Program

Join the Japan Society of Boston, Boston Shufukai Kendo, and Boston Kendo Kyokai for an introduction to Kendo, the way of the sword. This is the fourth and last installment in our BUDŌ Series, featuring traditional Japanese martial arts.

At the event, Toshimi Yoshida, Kendo *Kyoshi* (elite teacher) 7th dan and David Harrison, Kendo 5th dan, will introduce us to Kendo, highlighting its history as well as how the practice and matches are performed. They will talk about how Kendo has enabled them to focus on humility and self-development over the course of their lifetime. This is a great opportunity to learn how budō can help us change and grow throughout our lives. We hope you will join us!

[Register Here](#)

**YEAR-END HOLIDAYS IN JAPAN:
ONLINE EXPERIENCE WITH
ARIGATO TRAVEL**

December 20th at 6pm EST
December 21st at 8am JST



Tuesday, December 20th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EST
Online

Have you heard about “Oshogatsu”? Meet us for this online interactive experience to celebrate the winter season and learn about some of Japan's most important holidays! Lauren, our expert host, will join us virtually from Tokyo to share about the Japanese Christmas and New Year’s season. Learn about the history and culture of year-end events in Japan through a variety of games and activities, and get to know why this time of the year is significant and unique. We hope you’ll join us!

This program is made possible in collaboration with [Arigato Travel](#).

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**Thursday, January 26th, 2022 - 6:00 PM EST
Online**

JSB is proud to announce the new season of our **My Japan Journey podcast** which will be available in early 2023! To celebrate, we will be joined on January 26th by Season 1 podcast guest Kasia Lynch. Hear Kasia's own Japan Journey and how she established ***Ikigai Connections***, an online hub for Japanese-related jobs in the US. Join us and share how your own Japan Journey started as we reflect on the value of the connection between Japan and the other place(s) we call home.

[Register Here](#)

Due to unforeseen logistical challenges, our Fundraising Week has been cancelled. We will bring you individual programs from the Fundraising Week in 2023. Look out for more details in the January newsletter!

Programs for JSB Members



Between the Lines

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

**Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST
Online**

Join us to discuss *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing

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Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange



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Friday, January 20th, 2023 - 6:00 PM EST

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Online

Practice your Japanese (or your English) at our next online Japanese / English language exchange. Our theme for this session is: Pets□□□□□

Our monthly language room is sponsored by **Temple University, Japan Campus (TUJ)**. TUJ is the oldest and largest foreign university in Japan. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tuj.ac.jp/ug>

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More Content from JSB

JAPAN VIEWED FROM THE INSIDE

In Collaboration with Kokoro Media

INTERVIEW



We are teaming up with [Kokoro Media](#) in Japan to bring you "Japan Viewed from the Inside." This month we are featuring an interview with Momoko Miyoshi titled "Momoka Miyoshi's Modern Take on Buddhist Statues"

[Read the Interview](#)



JSB Blog

Famous in Japan: Celebrities from Around the World

This week we featured [Matthew Perry](#), a U.S. naval officer best known for forcefully reopening Japanese borders to international relations in 1854 after the Tokugawa Shogunate's 250 year isolationist foreign policy.

[Learn about Matthew Perry](#)



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 [Ciara Jacques](#), Minamisanriku of Miyagi Prefecture from 2021-2022.



[Read the Blog](#)



My Japan Journey Podcast

We will be launching Season 2 of JSB's *My Japan Journey* podcast in early 2023. If you haven't listed to Season 1 yet, we invite you to do so!

We will be releasing short sound clip for each of our Season 1 episodes on all of our social media over the coming weeks, so make sure to follow us!

Listen to the Podcast

Announcement

Homestay Families Wanted!

From August 20-25, 2023, there will be high school students from Shizuoka who will be looking for homestays in the Boston area. We will be updating our homestay family volunteer lists in the coming days. Please let us know if you are interested by emailing us at info@japansocietyboston.org.

Other Japan Related Programming

December 12th 10:00 PM EST: The Japan Foundation Los Angeles, [Exploring Mindfulness & Wellness Through Japanese Food Culture](#)

December 13, 8:00 AM EST: The Japan Foundation London, [Preserving Cultural Legacy for the Future](#)



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