



THE JAPAN SOCIETY OF BOSTON
A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES

Monthly Newsletter

Message from JSB Staff

As the Operations Manager at the Japan Society of Boston, I oversee the daily operations and membership as well as online Japanese and English classes. It brings me great joy to be part of our bridge building work between the U.S. and Japan. I really enjoy interacting with our members and clients, especially at our events such as the Book Club and the Language Room. I am quite impressed by your passion for Japan!

In just two years, our Japanese group lessons have grown from 2 to 10 classes, and our private lessons have flourished. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime at info@japansocietyboston.org. I look forward to seeing you at our future events.



Naoko Takayanagi
Operations Manager at the Japan Society of Boston



JSB Programming



JAPAN SOCIETY
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Join the JSB Language Room

A Japanese and English
Virtual Language Exchange

JSB Language Room
Theme: Valentine's Day

Friday, February 18, 2022
6:00 to 8:00 P.M. EST

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

[Register Here](#)



**BOSTON
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM**

Hiroshima - Explore the Diverse Regional Cultures of Japan Series

Sunday, February 20, 2022 10:00 A.M. EST

Join **Boston Children's Museum** and the **Japan Society of Boston** for a series of fun, interactive, hands-on workshops that highlight different regions of Japan and celebrate their beauty.

This program is part of the Japanese Cultural Collaborative: A Boston Children's Museum & Japan Society of Boston Partnership - Funded by Sue and Bernie Pucker.

[Register Here](#)

Seeing Poetry

Waka and Haiku as Visual-Tactile Art

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6PM (EST)



Tuesday, March 8, 2022

6:00 PM EST

Hosted online via Zoom

When we think of Japanese poems, we often think in terms of the pleasing rhythms of Haiku and Waka when recited aloud. Two other artistic angles of Japanese poetry are the visual and tactile qualities of poems that have been integrated into objects such as scrolls, poem slips, desktops, and teapots.

Join us as we explore ways to read and see poetic art objects from a number of different time periods.

[Register Here](#)

Ouchigohan

Learn to Make Chirashizushi

5 PM EDT on March 19, 2022



Saturday, March 19th, 2022, 5:00 P.M. EDT

Ouchigohan 2022 Part 1: Chirashizushi

\$10 JSB/JASH/JASG Members / \$15 Non-members

(ingredient list will be provided a few days before the event)

Join us in this family friendly event hosted by The Japan Society of Boston, The Japan-America Society of Georgia and Japan-America Society of Houston as we cook along with Table for Two's innovative food

program, Wa-Shokuiku: Learn. Cook. Eat Japanese! Make simple, healthy homestyle Japanese food to enjoy with your friends and family.

[Register Here](#)

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, March 15, 2022, 6:00 P.M. EDT

Hosted online via Zoom

Join us to discuss the Tale of Genji by Murasaki Shikibu. We will be discussing the first five chapters at the first session. 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](#)

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Kitchen

Banana Yoshimoto

A book club for JSB members

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 from 6:00 P.M. EDT

Do you love Japanese literature? The JSB Book Club will be meeting to discuss *Kitchen* by Banana Yoshimoto. 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 Upcoming Programs



Announcing: Budō

The Japan Society of Boston is proud to present Budō, an event and video series focused on the Japanese Martial Arts of Kendo, Kyūdō, and Aikido.

Starting in **March**, we will have an event focused on the philosophy of Budō itself, and then in April, May, and June we will take a deep dive into each of these martial arts.

Keep an eye out for more information in the next newsletter!

Japanese Online Group Lessons

Come learn with the Japan Society of Boston

Registration Opens March 1st

Classes begin April 4th



Announcing: Spring Japanese Online Group Lessons

Registration for the Spring term of Japanese Language Courses opens up **March 1st**. Classes begin on April 4th and run for 10 weeks, skipping the Memorial Day Holiday.

Catch up on our Podcast and Blogs



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:

Jody Dixon in Yamanashi Prefecture!

[Read the Blog](#)

Podcast Announcement:

Watch out for the new episode of our Podcast featuring Glen Fukushima, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress.

Glen's Episode will be released on February 28th.



Watch your email inbox for Roland's next Letter from Tokyo on February 25th.

Programming from Other Japan Societies



Japanese Pop Culture: Connecting the World through Manga and Anime
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7-8 P.M. EST
Japan Society, New York

Japanese pop culture, symbolized by manga and anime, has become an increasingly significant part of the cultural conversation across the globe. **Julia Mechler**, manga creator and Content Production Group Manager at mixi, inc., and **Roland Kelts**, author of *Japanamerica: How Japanese Pop Culture Has Invaded the U.S.*, provide their insights into the current state of the industry, from pen to paper to screen, unpacking some of the latest trends and emerging technologies in Japanese pop culture.

Event Details

Each month, Roland Kelts authors his **Letter from Tokyo** for **The Japan Society of Boston**.
 To read more about Roland, and view his past letters [click here](#).

Other Japan Related Programming

KONBINI:
Views from Both Sides of the Counter
Thursday, February 17th
7-8 P.M. EST

In Japan konbini is more than a convenience store. It is a fabric of everyday life, where consumers can find a dizzying array of products.

EngageAsia's webinar will explore Japanese convenience stores from two sides of the counter—consumers and management.

KONBINI
 VIEWS FROM BOTH SIDES
 OF THE COUNTER
 February 17 • 7-8 PM EST

Dr. Gavin H. Whitelaw
Executive Director,
 Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies, Harvard University

Michael Markey & Matthew Savas
Co-Hosts, "Konbini Boys" Podcast

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ASIA **WEBINAR SERIES**
UNDERCURRENT

6TH SESSION:

Kishida's "New Form of Capitalism"
How can Japan's PM meet the economic challenges home and abroad?

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

D.C.	8:00AM	SINGAPORE	9:00PM
LONDON	1:00PM	TOKYO	10:00PM

**Asia Undercurrent:
Kishida's "New Form of Capitalism"
Wednesday, February 16th
8 A.M. EST**

Upon taking office, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida unveiled to Japan and the world a “New Form of Capitalism” under which wage increases and renewed growth will benefit all.

In order to understand what this new policy means for Japan, the Indo-Pacific and the wider world, we are joined by a team of distinguished experts with deep experience in Japanese and global economics and politics.

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**Global Cooperation on Medical Advancements
February 17th 4 P.M. - 8 P.M. EST**

Using the booming biotech industries in Boston and Japan as case studies, this virtual conference will address the obstacles and opportunities in global collaboration.

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