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Our mission is to create and promote Japanese and American friendships. We do this through business, social, educational and cultural activities. We are the only organization in Chicago that touches all of these areas in American and Japanese relationships.

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September 30, 2009

The Japan America Society of Chicago has achieved another banner year as it has brought Japan and Chicago even closer together. With this annual report, we can reflect on the successes of the past year and eagerly look forward to the next year.

Thanks to the leadership and dedication of President Ed Grant, Executive Vice Presidents Sam Cremin and Naomichi Terasaki, Executive Director Mitsukuni Baba, the Board of Directors, the officers, and the many members, the Society continues to be an all-important contributor to our Japan-Midwest friendship.

As Consul General of Japan at Chicago and your Honorary Chairman, I have worked closely with you this past year. I applaud your passion, dedication and hard work, which strengthen our close Japan-Chicago friendship day after day. You have my deepest appreciation.

During the past year, we have held many diverse and unique events. Last December, members of the Society’s Young Professionals Committee and alumni of the JET Program danced the night away for a “Saturday Night Fever”-themed networking party at my Official Residence. In January, I joined you in welcoming new members of the Society at my Residence. At a Society luncheon in February, I presented a speech entitled “Japan and America: Building Upon the Ichiro Effect.” March saw our 23rd annual Japanese Language Speech Contest at which young people amazed the audience with their Japanese language skills. We “kampai”-ed with the best Japanese sake at the sake tasting at the Japan Information Center in May, and we were treated to cutting-edge Japanese design in a lecture by one of Japan’s top designers, Dr. Kazuo Kawasaki, in June. In July the renowned trombonist Megumi Kanda thrilled the audience with her mastery of the traditional Western instrument, while in September we witnessed ancient Japanese culture during the Urasenke Japanese Tea Ceremony and Sweets Demonstration.

Our important work reaches beyond public events. At the Midwest Forum, which we co-hosted in May, Mr. Grant, Mr. Baba, and I met with other leaders of key Japan-Midwest organizations at the Japan Information Center. We explored new strategies and ideas to stabilize and strengthen our Japan-related organizations as we face challenging economic times. Before I came to Chicago one and a half years ago, I heard much about the Midwest Forum and was most eager to participate. The meeting far exceeded my expectations as it promoted closer cooperation and coordination among Japan-related organizations in the Midwest.

Building upon these many achievements, I eagerly anticipate working with the Society next year to bring even more significant and special events to Chicago and the Midwest. I look forward to sharing new ideas with you as we continue to boost our Japan-Chicago partnership.

I am delighted to serve as the Honorary Chairman of such an important and dynamic organization as the Japan America Society of Chicago. As we look to 2010, please know that you have my sincerest gratitude and my strongest support.

Best Regards,

George Hisaeda
Consul General of Japan at Chicago
LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

September 30, 2009

Dear Society members,

First, I would like to say how honored I am to be elected as the Chairman of the Japan America Society of Chicago. I look forward to my service with President Ed Grant and our wonderful team of Officers, Directors, Governors and our staff led by Mitsukuni Baba.

We are all aware that these are not ordinary times. On a daily basis we are reminded of the challenging economic conditions we face. Both the US and the Japanese economies have suffered from the sharpest decline in decades. Nonprofit organizations such as ours are not immune from this economic environment. According to a recent survey by Johns Hopkins University, eighty percent of nonprofit organizations are experiencing fiscal stress, and close to forty percent of them reported that this stress was “severe” or “very severe.”

In such times, we should all be reminded that our Society has a long and rich history. In 2010 we will celebrate our 80th year. Our Society was started in 1930 by a group of professors at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University who had academic interests in Japan. In the 1950s and the 1960s, a new group of Chicago civic and business leaders rejuvenated the Society. Over the next four decades, Chicaganders along with the growing Japanese business community, strengthened and grew the Society. Today, we remain the only bilateral organization in the Chicago area dedicated to creating and promoting friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States.

This past year we continued to provide both members and the public with a wide variety of programs and events. Our financial condition remains sound, and we have undertaken several new initiatives to ensure our continued financial strength. With the committed board, loyal members, and the continuing support of Japan’s Consulate at Chicago, now led by the Honorable George Hisaeda, I can happily report that the Society is looking forward to a successful 80th year with many fine years to follow.

I thank all of you for your support of the Society. The Society’s future is bright, and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Moskow
Chairman

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

September 30, 2009

Dear Society members,

I am pleased to once again report to you on the progress of your Society and to thank you and others for your exceptional support of the Society during this past year. The purpose of the Japan America Society of Chicago is to create and promote friendship and understanding between Japan and the United States. We do this through business, social, educational and cultural programming. All of your support of the Society furthers this high and important purpose.

I have to begin with thanking you, the Society’s members, who provide the broad interest and energy toward achieving our purpose. Participating in our events, giving us your views on improving the Society and providing your important financial support enables us to deliver the programs that we hope fit your interests and expectations. We thank you deeply for your participation and support.

There are many others to thank as well. We have great Directors and Governors and a superb staff. I am also most grateful to The Honorable Michael Moskow, serving as our Chairman; The Honorable George Hisaeda, Consul General of Japan in Chicago, for serving as our Honorary Chairman, and to Senator Adlai Stevenson, for his continuing service as our Chairman Emeritus. I thank all of their efforts and results in advancing our purpose.

Numerous companies and individuals also have provided direct financial support to our events as program sponsors or contributors. We thank each of you. In the back of this annual report, you will find a listing of our programs during the past year and the sponsors for many of those programs and also a list of donors. I invite you to please look at those programs and sponsors and donors that have supported our programs. Their support is so vital to our Society.

We once again had a year of wonderful programs, events and classes. They are the primary vehicle by which we pursue our mission. I will briefly cite some of the speakers that are representative of the full year’s slate: Nicole Plasecki, President, Boeing Japan; The Honorable Heizo Takenaka, Cabinet Minister under Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi; Dennis Cuney, Executive Advisor & General Counsel, Toyota Boshoku America; Consul General George Hisaeda; and Dr. Kazuo Kawasaki, Design Director, Doctor of Medical Science, Professor of Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University. These are just some examples of our great presenters from this past year. Please take a look at them all in the program listing in the back of this annual report.

Some of the other notable items to report from this past year include:

• The Board elected The Honorable Michael Moskow our Chairman. Dr. Moskow has a highly distinguished career in business, academics and public service. We are fortunate and delighted with Dr. Moskow’s willingness to serve. We benefit daily from his wisdom and guidance.

• The Programming Committee and Membership Committee continued their yeoman’s work, achieving excellent results under some very trying circumstances. And the Development Committee has been reinvigorated. These Committees form the cornerstone of our Society and each has excellent leadership.

• The Society reinstated our Annual Golf Outing on a beautiful day this past May after several years’ hiatus, through the exceptional leadership of Sam Cremer, our Executive Vice President.

• The Board of Governors has undertaken a highly important initiative for this fall, the Annual Governors Dinner. The Governors plan to make this their signature event going forward and we are thrilled with their energy and their excitement.

I also wish to recognize and thank some of the organizations that we routinely work with in developing, publicizing and delivering our programming and other services to our members. The Consulate General of Japan, JETRO, the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Chicago and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs are organizations that have been great partners in serving our members and delivering our programming. We wish to be mutually supportive and cooperative with these key groups and assist them wherever we can, as they assist and support us.

We are very excited as we approach our 80th anniversary year. Your Society continues to make important progress. However, we have many challenges facing us. To maintain our stable financial footing and continue robust programming, we have much hard work ahead of us. The condition of the broad domestic and world economies affects us, our members and their businesses, and challenges us all. In order to continue on this good path that we are on, we will have to continue to deliver excellent programs and great member support, in a financially careful fashion. We intend to do that. At the same time, we ask for your continuing participation and support. With that, we look forward to a highly productive year, providing great value to you, our members.

Thank you again to all that have supported us so well. We very much look forward to working with you and serving you going forward.

Sincerely,

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AFTER THE GREAT RECESSION:
Japan and America in Shifting Global Order

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Mr. Trey Hillman, Manager, Kansas City Royals

Ms. Nicole Piasecki, Vice President, Boeing International and President, Boeing Japan

Chanoyu Japanese Tea Ceremony & Japanese Sweets demonstration at the Japan Information Center

EVENTS 2008 - 2009
Building Global Brands in Japan: Lessons Learned from Kellogg's and McDonald's
日本におけるグローバルブランドの成功の秘訣：ケロッグとマクドナルドの教訓から
Date: 7/10/08
Speaker: Ken G. Kabira, Former Chief Marketing Officer, McDonald's Japan
Co-Sponsor: Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Komatsu America Corp.

Energy and Natural Resources
How Does a Price Hike in Energy Affect the Global Economy?
エネルギーと資源:価格高騰はどう世界経済に影響を与えるか?
Date: 7/31/08
Speaker: Yoshihiko Kawamura, SVP & General Manager, Mitsubishi International Corp.
Co-Sponsor: Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Komatsu America Corp.

Boeing & Japan: A Global Benchmark for Strategic Industrial Collaboration
ボーイングと日本50年の協調関係
グローバル事業戦略の推進力
Date: 8/14/08
Speaker: Nicole Piazza, Vice President, Boeing International and President, Boeing Japan
Co-Sponsor: All Nippon Airways Co., Ltd.
Corporate Sponsor: Astellas US LLC; Barnes & Thornburg LLP; Daido Steel (America) Inc.; Flying Food Group; Kaplan, Massamillio & Andrews, LLC; Komatsu America Corp.; Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd.; Mitsubishi Electric Automation, Inc.; Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd.; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation, Inc.; Mitsubishi Electric Corporation; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.; PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP; and Tokio Marine Management

One More Time: Japan's Next Wave of Building Global Businesses
世界市場で日本が再びリーダーになるには
Date: 9/17/08
Speaker: Pat Canavan, Former SVP of Global Governance, Motorola, Inc.
Corporate Sponsor: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

U.S. China Japan Automotive Conference
The Future of the Global Automotive Industry
米中日国際自動車産業の将来
Date: 10/28/08
Co-Sponsors: U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce and Japan America Society of Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd.

Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism
グローバル化時代における中西部
Date: 2/26/09
Speaker: Richard Longworth, Senior Fellow, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Co-Sponsor: RSM McGladrey

The U.S. Economic Outlook and Policy Responses
Similarities and Differences with Japan's Recessions in the 90's
米国経済の予測と通商政策の景気対策
日本の90年代の「失われた10年」を含む経済の比較
Date: 3/26/09
Speaker: Dr. Heona Genay, Senior Professional, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
Co-Sponsor: The Chicago Council on Global Affairs
Corporate Sponsor: Fifth Third Bank

Trends in Japanese Corporate Governance
コーポレート ガバナンス 日本の傾向
Date: 5/4/09
Speakers: Prof. Douglas Skinner, University of Chicago Booth School of Business; Kouji Yamada, JCA Partners; Drew Edwards, Advisory Research Inc.; Michael Levin, Chicago-based Activist Investor; and Robert M. Hayward, Kirkland & Ellis LLP
Co-Sponsors: Chicago Asia-Pacific Group and JETRO Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Kirkland & Ellis LLP

79th Annual Dinner
Japanese Designs: From Eyeglasses to Artificial Organ Technology
日本設計:眼鏡から人工ドープまで
Date: 6/4/09
Speaker: Dr. Kazuo Kawasaki, Design Director, Doctor of Medical Science, Professor of Graduate School of Engineering, Osaka University and Professor Emeritus at Nagoya City University
Corporate Sponsor: Fifth Third Bank; Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd.; Mayer Brown LLP; and Molex, Inc.

YPC Financial Panel Series
The Financial Crisis, Part I
The 7 Financial Habits of Healthy & Happy People
金融恐慌終焉後に向け:世界秩序を築く日本とアメリカ
Date: 8/6/09
Speakers: Yuji Hama, Senior Vice President, JPMorgan Chase Bank; Robb Rosen, Financial Representative, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network; and Mika Oasa, Branch Manager, Citibank
Corporate Sponsor: JETRO Chicago

What's Happening to Japanese Workers:
What You Won't Read in the Wall Street Journal or Business Week
あなたの知らない日本の雇用事情
Date: 10/23/09
Speaker: Mitch Fulscher, Chairman, Futures Industry Association
Corporate Sponsor: CME Group

* "Survival of Japan's Financial Market”
日本金融市場の将来
Date: 10/9/09
Speaker: Mitch Fulscher, Chairman, Futures Industry Association of Japan
Corporate Sponsor: CME Group

The Consulate General of Japan at Chicago
Takashi Fine Dining
Date: 8/19/08
Playing Long Ball: Baseball Between Japanese Universities and the University of Chicago
Date: 9/24/08
Beyond Pearl Harbor: The Untold Stories of Japan's Naval Airmen
Date: 10/22/08
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Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Japanese Print Collection at the Art Institute of Chicago
Date: 11/20/08
Playing Long Ball: Baseball Between Japanese universities and
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Date: 8/19/08
Japanese Drum Performance at the Chicago Symphony Center
Date: 9/10/09
One Person Can Make a Difference: Celebrating the Life of Chiune Sugihara
An Overview of Chiune Sugihara and tour of the permanent exhibit at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center
Date: 9/4/09

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

 Midwest Buddhist Temple Service and Q&A
 Date: 7/27/08
 Speaker: Howard Romanek, Assistant Professor, Illinois State University

History Tour of Chicago
Date: 9/13/08
Tour of Wrigley Field
Date: 9/13/08

YPC Exploring Italian Wine Tasting
Date: 4/17/09
Speaker: Genea Tafesse, Wines for Humanity

Japanese Language Tour of the Art Institute of Chicago
Date: 4/19/09
Speaker: Hinoko Saito, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

American Etiquette (in Japanese language only)
Date: 8/22/09
Corporate Sponsor: Barnes & Thornburg LLP

Art Institute of Chicago
Beyond Golden Clouds: Curator Overview of Japanese Screen Exhibition
Date: 9/3/09
Speaker: Dr. Janice Katz, Roger L. Weston Associate Curator of Japanese Art, Art Institute of Chicago
Corporation Sponsor: Art Institute of Chicago

History Tour of Chicago
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Speaker: Howard Romanek, Assistant Professor, Illinois State University

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Japanese Calligraphy Workshop
Calligraphy on Japanese Fan in Celebration of the Tanabata (Star) Festival
Date: 7/7/09
Speaker: Yoshimi Tanaka, Certified Calligraphy Instructor

Japanese Girl Stuff: Trends and Innovations in Popular Culture
Date: 7/16/09
Speaker: Dr. Laura Miller, Professor of Anthropology, Loyola University Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Loyola University Chicago

YPC Let's Play GO
Date: 7/26/09
Co-Sponsors: The Lakeview GO Club, Japanese Culture Center, The Lakeview GO Club

Introduction to Taiko (Japanese Drum)
Date: 8/22/09
Speaker: Rev. Bryan Siebuhr

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The Viewpoints Stage Performance Training
by The Geopolis Theater Company

Cultural Events

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Date: 9/24/08
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Corporate Sponsor: The University of Chicago

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The Mann Collection of Ukiyo-e
Date: 9/26/09
Speaker: Rick Salomon, Board of Directors, Museum Executive Committee, Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center

Japanese Holiday Card Workshop
Date: 11/13/09
Speaker: Yoshimi Tanaka, Certified Calligraphy Instructor

American Etiquette (in Japanese language only)
Date: 4/25/09
Speaker: Hinoko Furo, Associate Professor of Japanese Studies and Coordinator of Japanese Studies Program, Illinois Wesleyan University
Co-Sponsor: Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Chicago
Corporate Sponsor: Holiday Inn Express Arlington Heights

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Shinbashi Haiku Museum
Date: 10/5/09

Matsuda Violin Studio Visit
Date: 10/4/09

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Welcome Reception for The Honorable and Mrs. George Hisaeda
Consort General of Japan at Chicago
Date: 8/20/08
YPJ Suburban Meishi Business Card Exchange
Date: 8/28/08
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Date: 9/11/08
Afternoon Classic Music Concert
Date: 11/2/08
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Date: 11/22/08
2nd Annual Holiday Fundraiser & Bonenkai
Date: 12/11/08
YPJ Shinnenkai New Year’s Party
Date: 1/21/09
Chinese Hot Pot Dinner Social at Lao Szechuan
Date: 2/12/09
YPJ A Chocolate Tasting at Ethel M. Chocolate Lounge
Date: 3/15/09
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Japan and the U.S. Elections: Concerns of a Key Ally
日本から見る米大統領選挙
Date: 5/21/08
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Japan’s Structural Reform: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
グローバル経済と改革の行方
Date: 10/6/08
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日本社会の構造変化
Date: 2/25/09
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