

JASC Journal

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66th JASC Kicks Off!

By Skye Bork, ISC Intern

The 66th JASC kicks off on August 2nd in Des Moines, IA! American Orientation will begin at the end of this month, where the new JASCers will begin their month-long journey of friendship and understanding. Hosted by Grinnell College, JASCers will explore the special and long-standing relationship between Iowa and Japan, specifically, how agriculture has influenced this relationship. The delegation will also spend an entire day with the Meskwaki Settlement, a local Native American tribe. There, they will learn about the settlement's food sovereignty, tour their farms and gardens, and have a traditional lunch with tribe members. JASCers will also host a forum on agriculture with speakers from local universities that specialize in agriculture and agricultural law, Iowan farmers, and experts from the World Food Prize. JASCers will also have the opportunity to tour the World Food Prize Foundation.



65th JASC American delegates

JASC travels next to San Francisco, CA, to be hosted by the University of California at Berkeley. JASC will call on alumni and experts from the university to speak on a panel about equality and the new civil rights movement in the U.S.. Following this, the delegates will have the opportunity to take part in the annual talent show! JASCers will also be participating in a homestay with families living in the Bay Area for two nights. Upon returning from their homestay, delegates will attend an alumni event hosted at the Sir



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Francis Drake Hotel. There, they will have Alumni-Delegate RT Time, giving delegates an opportunity to interact with and learn from their JASC family. To close their visit in San Francisco, the delegates have the unique and exciting opportunity to spend the day at Google. They will participate in a shortened version of the training course that all new Google employees must complete, as well as take an in-depth tour of Google. Lastly, while in Silicone Valley, delegates will visit the Hakone gardens for a Japanese culture night.

JASC moves next to New York, NY. The trip starts off with a tour of the 9/11 memorial museum followed by the first ever JASC Career Fair! The event, hosted by CitiBank, will feature two keynote speakers, two panel discussions with speakers from Prudential, Toyota, MUFG, CitiBank, and Rakuten, and a networking reception with a special welcome to the delegation from the Consulate General of Japan in New York, Ambassador Sumio Kusaka. Delegates will also attend a lecture entitled, "Hiroshima to Fukushima: Hibakusha Stories," hosted by the Japan ICU foundation. JASCers will have time to explore the city, including the exciting opportunity to visit Ellis Island for a tour of the remarkable landmark. The trip will come to a close with a visit to the MM LaFleur storefront. MM LaFleur is new fashion line designed with the goal of creating stylish work wear for today's professional woman. The line was created by JASC alumna Sarah LaFleur who left the financial world to start her own business. She will talk

to delegates about her entrepreneurial experiences.

The final stop on the JASC tour is the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., where delegates will be hosted at the National 4H Conference Center. The trip begins with a welcome reception at the home of Timothy and Shigeko Bork in Georgetown. As this is the final destination of JASC, delegates will participate in their culminating Final Forum at the Japanese Information and Culture Center. There, they will present their findings from their month of discussions to the public. Admiral Dennis Blair (Ret.) will provide a keynote speech to the delegates. JASCers will continue programming after their Final Forum, attending a lecture and lunch with Terry Shima and Mary Murakami. Terry Shima is a WW2 veteran, the former executive director of the Japanese American Veterans association, as well as the recipient of the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second highest civilian award, and Mary Murakami was held in an internment camp during WW2. The speeches of these two remarkable individuals will undoubtedly prove for an invaluable experience for the delegates. JASCers will then have the opportunity to host a panel discussion about US-Japan relations. As it is Washington, D.C., the trip will conclude with a visit to the National Mall!

Though the month long journey will go by very quickly, the friendships and newfound understanding established between delegates will last a lifetime.



66th JASC Executive Committee



66th JASC American Delegation



Name	School	Year	Major
Amelia Loew	Macalester College	Sophomore	International Studies; Japanese
Anna Miyajima	Duke University	Freshman	Computer Science; Public Policy
Ashley Davis-Reed	Haverford College	Junior	East Asian Studies
Beatrice Visconti	University of Tampa	Junior	History; Government and World Affairs
Benjamin Sussman	Earlham College	Senior	Japanese Studies
Christina Cheadle	Washington and Lee University	Sophomore	Art History; Anthropology
Eliora Yokanan	College of St Benedict	Sophomore	Asian Studies; Japanese
Eve Gillison	Haverford College	Sophomore	English
Hannah Jun	Smith College	Sophomore	Government
Isaac Min	University of Southern California	Junior	International Relations
Jason Kim	Franklin & Marshall College	Freshman	Undecided
Jessica Shindo	Stanford University	Graduate	East Asian Studies
John Harrison Bade	Villanova University	Sophomore	Communications
Kasumi Kanetaka	University of California, Davis	Freshman	Aerospace and Science Engineering
Ken Covey	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Junior	International Business and Finance
Konoka Shiino	University of California, Berkeley	Junior	International Development Studies
Vanessa Cheuk	University of California, Berkeley	Junior	Political Science
Minh Hoang	Haverford College	Junior	Chemistry
Naomi Cormier	Wellesley College	Sophomore	East Asian Studies
Qinwen Jiang	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Sophomore	Economics
Lisa Kanai	DePauw University	Freshman	Psychology
Sakura Takahashi	Duke University	Freshman	Psychology; Computer Science
Sungwoo Park	Johns Hopkins University	Freshman	International Studies
Takuo Koyama	Whittier College	Junior	Business
Yang Liu	Duke University	Freshman	Mechanical Engineering
Yogeeta Chatooredussy	Williams College	Junior	Economics; Japanese
Takeshi Hidaka	Carleton College	Sophomore	Cinema and Media Studies
Anna Zeng**	Johns Hopkins University	Sophomore	Public Health Studies; East Asian Studies
Pramodh Ganapathy*	Duke University	Senior	Evolutionary Anthropology; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Sarah Choi*	Haverford College	Junior	Biology
Sharon Lu*	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Senior	Biology, Neurobiology Option
Norhito Naka*	Tufts University	Sophomore	Electrical Engineering; Biomedical Engineering
Quyen Nguyen*	Smith College	Sophomore	Psychology
Ken Panis*	Villanova University	Sophomore	Finance; Economics
Ayaka Yoshida*	Northwestern University	Sophomore	Clarinet Performance; Cognitive Science

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66th JASC Japanese Delegation



Name	School	Year	Major
Saki Asakura	Waseda University	Junior	Global Political Economy
Koichi Ikeda	Waseda University	Junior	Economics
Misato Itakura	Osaka University	Junior	Public Policy
Manami Ueshima	University of Toyama	Senior	Medicine
Shiori Okazaki	Keio University	Sophomore	Law
Hiroko Okutani	Kyoto University	Freshman	Law
Yoshiyasu Kitahara	Kansai University	Senior	Commerce
Yuki Kobayashi	Kyoto University Graduate School	Graduate	Developmental Biology
So Komiyama	Ritsumeikan University	Senior	Law
Naosuke Kondo	Keio University	Sophomore	Political Science
Hayato Sawa	Waseda University	Sophomore	International Liberal Studies
Yoko Shibuya	University of Tokyo Graduate School	Graduate	Economics
Ryosuke Suzuki	Meiji University	Senior	Commerce
Mizuki Takeuchi	Keio University	Sophomore	Law; Political Science
Satoshi Takenaka	Soka University	Senior	Economics
Shiho Tsujimura	Waseda University	Sophomore	Media and Society
Takuya Nagasawa	Chiba University	Senior	Food and Resource Economics
Takehiro Noma	Dokkyo University	Sophomore	English
Yuriko Harada	Kyushu University	Senior	Dental Science
Yoshiko Higashikage	Waseda University	Sophomore	Media and Society
IsShu Fujii	Aoyama Gakuin University	Senior	Law
Jumppei Matsui	Aoyama Gakuin University	Senior	Law
Yuki Matsui	Tokai University	Sophomore	Medicine
Airi Mitsumoto	Keio University	Sophomore	Law
Sae Murai	International Christian University	Freshman	Liberal Arts
Marino Mori	Gakushuin University	Sophomore	Law; Political Science
Shaun Yajima	University of Tokyo	Sophomore	Arts and Science
Montano Michel Luis	Kyoto University	Senior	Integrated Human Studies
Yohei Komatsuzaki**	Keio University	Senior	Law
Yugo Kimura*	Waseda University	Junior	Political Science; Economics
Ririna Kaneko*	Sophia University	Senior	Liberal Arts
Hibiki Sekigushi*	Hosei University	Junior	Economics
Yuki Onuma*	Waseda University Graduate School	Graduate	International Relations and Security
Yuki Onishi*	Doshisha University Graduate School	Graduate	Policy and Management
Takeshi Suzuki*	Ritsumeikan University	Senior	Law
Yamato Komura*	Akita International University	Junior	Global Business

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JASCers create 1st Taiwan-America Student Conference

By Minjoo Jang, ISC Intern

As JASC celebrates its 80th anniversary this year, its influence continues to expand. Alice Liao and Sharon Lu, who participated in the 65th JASC, were so inspired by their experiences that they launched the 1st Taiwan America Student Conference (TASC), which will begin late this month, and go on for two weeks. These two young leaders recognized the influence JASC has had not only on individuals, but also on a country level; they want JASC to serve as a successful model for TASC to bring in the same goal of building mutual understanding, friendship and trust for Taiwanese and American students.

Alice and Sharon both learned invaluable lessons from JASC that eventually made them decide to launch TASC. Inspired by a JASC alumnus, Alice participated in the conference and learned to be proactive and passionate about tackling the imperfections in the global community. Sharon was looking for a challenge out of her self-proclaimed “monotonous life” and gained communication skills, new perspectives, as well as self-confidence. Their experiences, however, were not only about experiencing personal growth and improving leadership skills. The life-changing experience of the 65th JASC motivated these young women to apply the vision and impact of JASC to young leaders from Taiwan and the U.S. They felt the need to increase the interaction between the two countries on a grassroots level in order to build a stronger connection between them. They wished to see life-long friendship between the people of the U.S. and Taiwan, like the life-long friendships they witnessed and developed during



Alice and Sharon in New York

JASC between the people of the U.S. and Japan.

Based on the format of JASC, TASC will start as a two-week conference with a smaller delegation. As this is its pilot year, TASC will focus more on quality than scope, so that it can build its brand and credibility for future expansion. TASC delegates will travel to various sites in the host country Taiwan for cultural and historical understanding, meet professionals and hold roundtables for intensive interaction among the delegates. The major difference between JASC and TASC at this point is that TASC, while officially incorporated as Taiwan America Student Conference, Inc., does not have a supporting parenting organization like ISC. And without the broad base of alumni support that JASC has, a lot of pressure and work was placed on Alice and Sharon as they developed the conference from scratch. However, through the leadership and entrepreneurial skills learned at the 65th JASC, they were able to put together an executive committee for the 1st TASC. JASC empowered these two young leaders to make another cultural interchange happen in only a year's time.

Alice and Sharon hope TASCers gain a deeper understanding on both Taiwan and the U.S. to build close ties with fellow delegates in order to continue to inspire and motivate each other even after the conference ends. They especially want American delegates to better understand the beauty and potential of Taiwan which is often overlooked. More so than ever, Alice and Sharon encourage students to join JASC and TASC. They emphasized the importance of the experience noting how difficult it is to explain through words how profound the impact of these student conferences is. This is why Sharon finally wants to notify future JASCers and KASCers that “though we can describe to you again and again how JASC is magical and life-changing, you really have to feel it, experience it, and live it yourself. So, leave no regrets, just do it.”



Alice visiting TECs and enjoying tea time in Taipei!

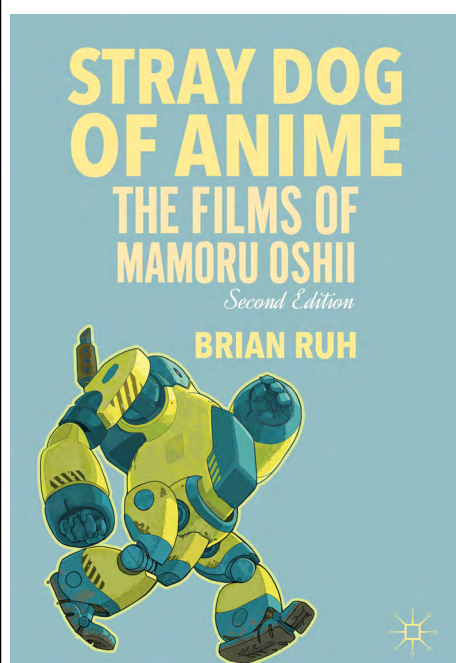




Alissa Marque (JASC 58, AEC 59) and **Farhang Heydari** (JASC 58) are thrilled to announce that they are getting married! The two met in 2006 during JASC 58, which was hosted in the U.S and included stops at Cornell University, New York City, Washington DC, Oklahoma, and ended in San Francisco, Alissa's hometown. The two live in New York City, where they will marry in the spring of 2015. They would like to thank JASC, for without the conference, they likely never would have found each other.

Brian Ruh (JASC 53) had the second edition of his book "Stray Dog of Anime: The Films of Mamoru Oshii" published by Palgrave Macmillan in April 2014. This new version adds three new chapters and a new conclusion to his analysis of Oshii's filmography. Brian has a PhD in Communication and Culture from Indiana University

and currently works as a Senior Software Developer / Analyst at the University of Texas. He lives in Austin, TX with his wife and two daughters.



The cover of Brian Ruh's book.

Kevin Kim (JASC 43 & 44) was appointed Commissioner of the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) on June 20, 2014! Nominated by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Kevin had previously worked as an entrepreneur in the education field. Additionally, he had served as a member of mid-

town Manhattan Community Board 5's Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee, where he worked together with community residents, licensees, and the SLA in reviewing and making recommendations on liquor license applications. He serves on the board of ISC and the Korean American Community Foundation (KACF). He is the first Asian American to serve as Commissioner of the SLA.

Akira Tana (JASC 25) is a member of Otonowa, a jazz quartet of Japanese U.S. and Japanese-born musicians. The group came together after the earthquake to raise funds for earthquake victims. One of their concerts was live streamed, so those in Japan could participate and understand the extent of support they had from Americans. The group grew out of this effort and bloomed into a recording project of jazz interpretations of traditional Japanese folk songs.

This March, Otonowa toured the Tohoku region and gave community concerts and clinics to high school students. The group returned to the Tohoku region this month and toured from July 16th to 26th. Though the tour has already taken place, donations are always welcome and can be made at (<http://www.sanjosejazz.vbotickets.com/donations/1298>) with "Otonowa" indicated on the Comments line.

The group has one remaining performance on August 9th at San Jose Jazz Summerfest!

Questions or comments?
email akira@akiratana.com

Peter Nosco (JASC 23 & 24) will be in Japan doing research and staying at ICU in Mitaka until the end of March 2015. He hopes to attend the JASC reunion on November 15 and would welcome hearing from old friends!

He can be reached at
peter.nosco@hotmail.com.

JASC Alumni Events - Join Us!

Des Moines, IA

August 3rd: JASC Opening Ceremony

San Francisco, CA

August 9th & 10th: JASC 80th Anniversary Weekend

New York, NY

August 14th: JASC Career Forum

Washington, DC

August 20th: JASC Final Forum

Tokyo, Japan

November 15th: 80th Anniversary Day

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Message from JASC Alumni Association

Dear Fellow JASCers in the States,

The Board of JASC Alumni Association in Japan (“JASC Japan”) started a new year under the same leadership with Chairman Toru Hashimoto (JASC 14) with Vice Chairmen, Tatsumi Otaka (JASC 16), Hideto Takemoto (JASC 16), Yoshinori Imai (JASC 17) and Masaru Yamada (JASC 18). Former Board member, Takashi Kanai (JASC 41 & 42) left for his new work assignment in Bangkok and Kyoko Terada (JASC 41 & 42) kindly took him over. The Board also welcomed Osamu Akima (JASC 25) and Aki Yamato (JASC 51 & 52) as a new member.

JASC’s 80th Anniversary Executive Committee under Chairman Imai continues to prepare for the November 15th alumni event. We welcome the participation by US alumni very much.

We plan to have the following program:

Date: Saturday, November 15

Venue: Jyosui Kaikan, Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

Time: 14:00 - 15:00 Ceremony

15:00 - 16:00 Keynote Speech / Panel

17:00 - 18:30 Party



3rd Salon de JASC on June 11

Many of Japanese alumni of JASC attended “Yokoso Senpai” welcome reception hosted by 66th JASC delegation on Saturday, May 3 at Yoyogi National Olympic Memorial Youth Center. We were very pleased to meet the new and strong Japanese delegates selected by 66th JASC JEC.

JASC Japan also held three “Salon de JASC” this year and the fourth will be held on October 8. The pictures from our second and third Salon de JASC are attached herewith.

Some of us are very much looking forward to attending the 80th Anniversary Weekend in San Francisco and meeting the US delegation to 66th JASC and our fellow US alumni.

Please take care.

Shuji Tomikawa

Secretary General, JASC Alumni Association
(JASC 32 & 33)



2nd Salon de JASC on April 19



A dinner after 3rd Board Meeting of JASC Japan on July 12



Message from the Executive Director

By Yuuki Shinomiya

NEW Programs & Speakers for the JASC 80th Anniversary Weekend in San Francisco!



On August 9 and 10, JASC will host the 80th Anniversary Weekend in San Francisco. As you may have already heard, there will be plenty of activities to interact the new delegates, catch up with your JASC friends and meet new ones, and also expand your network in the US-Japan community in the Bay Area and beyond.

On Saturday evening, August 9, all JASC alumni are invited to an informal reception at the Burger Bar (261 Geary Street – 6th Floor of Macy's) at Union Square (inside Macy's). This quintessential American hamburger restaurant is owned by **Mr. Ken Yagi (JASC 34 & 35)**. He generously made the private dining room available for JASC alumni! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the fellow attendee alumni! Please note that this is a NEW location!

Sunday, August 10, is composed with three different activities. In the morning, all JASC alumni are invited to join a museum tour in San Francisco. ISC is currently trying to procure a special docent-led tour at one of the popular museums in San Francisco. More information will be shared when available.

The joint alumni-delegate RoundTable (RT) discussion will be held at **Sir Francisco Drake Hotel** (450 Powell Street – right near the Union Square) from 2:00 pm. There are **seven RT topics** this year. This joint RT session will let you re-live your JASC experience as well as learn the cutting edge issues and young leaders' perspectives on US-Japan relations.

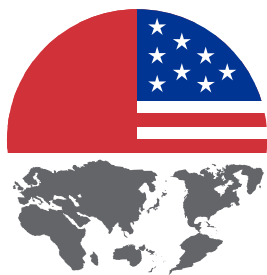
The 80th Anniversary Weekend will conclude with a celebration reception from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday (also at Sir Francis Drake Hotel). We have many US-Japan leaders to speak at the reception, but also there will be ample time to mingle and network! Here's the complete program, subject to further changes:

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| 6:00 PM | Doors Open |
| 6:30 PM | Welcome by Mr. Yuuki Shinomiya (Master of Ceremony) |
| 6:35 PM | Remarks by Mr. Masato Watanabe, Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco |
| 6:40 PM | Remarks by Mr. Kurt Tong (JASC 1984 & 1985)
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, US State Department |
| 6:50 PM | Remarks by Prof. Indra Levy
Executive Director at Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies; Associate Professor of Japanese Literature, Stanford University |
| 7:00 PM | Open Mic/Networking |
| 7:30 PM | Remarks by Mr. Shuji Tomikawa (JASC 1980 & 1981)
General, JASC Alumni Association (Japan) ; Managing Officer/Chief Operating Officer, Mistui Foduson |
| 7:40 PM | Remarks by Mr. Glen S. Fukushima (JASC 1970 & 1971)
Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress; Vice Chair, ISC Board of Directors |
| 7:55 PM | Remarks by Kristy Holch (JASC 1986), Chair of ISC Board of Directors |



All of this information will be available at <http://www.regonline.com/jasc80th>. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact ISC's Executive Director, Mr. Yuuki Shinomiya at yshinomiya@iscdc.org.





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