

Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle

Consul General Mitsunori Namba

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Japanese Government Offices in the USA

- Embassy in Washington DC
- Consulate-Generals of Japan
 - 15 Offices
 - Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Hagatna, Honolulu, Houston, Los Angeles, Nashville, Miami, New York, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle
- Consulate-General of Japan covers Washington State, Montana State, and Northern Idaho State

Political

- Keep current on the political state within jurisdiction and the US
- Speak to local leader about policies regarding Japan
- Promote friendly ties between the US and Japan



Ms. Mimi Gardner Gates is Presented with the Foreign Minister's Commendation for her service in promoting international cooperation and friendly relations between Japan and the US.



US Election 2008



Secretary of State Rob McKenna speaks at the Official Residence of the Consul General

Economic

- Report on the economic situation within jurisdiction
 - Work closely with the Washington State Economic and Revenue Forecast Council
- Promotion of US business ventures in Japan (15-20 per month)
- Media inquiries regarding Japanese economic policies (2-3 per month)



Japan Airlines training facility based out of Moses Lake



Japan Agriculture Training Class Closing Ceremonies based out of Moses Lake

Economic

- Support of Japanese Enterprises
 - Promotion and support of Japanese business ventures in the US
 - Work with local trade organizations such as JETRO and Japanese Business Association
 - Support the sending and receiving of trade missions in cooperation with the Trade Development Alliance
- Introduction of Japanese products to US audiences
 - Yufuin Hot Springs Tourism Association
 - Hyogo Prefecture Sake Sampling
 - Japanese Foods
- Promotion of strategic economic relations between Japan and the US including global health, biotechnology, and high tech industries
 - PATH
 - TICAD IV
 - Pacific Health Summit



Consular

- Protection of Japanese Nationals
 - Assistance to Japanese Nationals in the US
 - Residency Certificates, Citizen Living Abroad Certificates, Family Registry Translations (Birth, Death, Marriage), Overseas Voting Registration (Approximately 1300 certificates issued in 2008)
- Work, Student, and Tourist Visas for Travelers to Japan (Approximately 1100 visas issued in 2008)



Visas for Travelers to Japan



Passport Renewal and Emergency Replacement for Japanese Nationals (Approximate 1700 passports issued in 2008)



Mobile Documentation Assistant at Eastside Aki Matsuri

Culture & Information

- Cross-cultural Exchange & Education
 - The JET Programme sends English speakers directly into the Japanese public school class rooms
 - Japanese Government Scholarships allow students to study in Japan
 - Facilitate and support sister-city relations and exchanges



Orientation for recipients of the 2008 Japanese Government Scholarships



Edmonds-Hekinan Sister City 20th Anniversary Event



2008 JET Participants

Culture & Information

- Introduction of Japanese Culture
 - Education about and demonstrations of traditional Japanese arts
 - Provide informational resources on Japan and Japanese culture



Hachinohe Enburi Dancers Perform
at Seattle Sakura Matsuri



The Yoshida Brothers perform in
Seattle May, 2008



Urasenke Tea Master, Dr. Genshitsu Sen
Held a Series of Lectures and
Demonstrations in Seattle in May, 2008