

Nurture and promote the traditional and the modern cultural art of Japan

## Japan Fair 2017 Report

Date	Saturday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2017
Place	Meydenbauer Center (11100 NE 6th St., Bellevue, WA 98004, USA) www.meydenbauer.com
Visitor Count	Estimated 15,000 - 20,000 people by Meydenbauer Center
Visitor Breakdown	Visitors ranged widely in age - from families with young children, to college students and working adult professionals. In addition to Japanese visitors, there was also a variety of local American companies, schools, and NPOs.
Main Booths	3 Categories 67 Booths Total
(Click <u>Here</u> for Details)	❖ Art & Culture
	Japanese lacquer, tea ceremony, kimono, Japanese flower arrangement, bonsai, sumi-ink art, calligraphy, paper cutting, Japanese Taiko drums, etc.  Market Place
	Softbank(pepper), ANA, Japan Business Association of Seattle (SHUNJU CLUB), Fuji Heavy Industries U.S.A., Inc., IACE Travel, Fran's chocolate, Anime and comic related merchandise, Jewelry, Puget Sound Bank, Heiando America, etc.  Community Friends
	Hyogo Business & Cultural Center, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Washington, Sakura-con, local pre-schools, elementary schools, Japanese schools, etc.
Main Stage	17 Performances Total
Performances	Taiko drums, Soranbushi, Chorus, Kimono show, Sakura-con Cosplay Contest, Japanese dance, etc.
(Click <u>Here</u> for Program)	14 Demonstrarions Total  Tea ceremony (Omote senke and Ura senke), Japanese flower arrangement, Bonsai, etc.
Seminar and	13 Seminars and 15 Workshops
workshops	* Seminars
(Click <u>Here</u> for Details)	Calligraphy, Ikebana, Zen Meditation, Kimono Dress-Up, Zen Practice: Myth and Reality, Puppet
	Show, Anime Drawing 101, Sushi Making Class, Japanese Language & Customs
	Workshops
	Reiki Energy Healing, Onigiri Making Class, Electronics for Kids, Japanese Folk Tales, Kimono Hair
	Fashion, Living Like a Samurai in Today's World, Japanese Robotics, Festivals in Japan, Sushi:
	Adapting from Edo-mae to Seattle, Sake 101, Japan in the Schools
Food court	Yakisoba, Gyu-don, Kara-age, Japanese Croquet, Futomaki and Inari Sushi set, Japanese style sandwich,
(Click Here for Details)	Japanese desserts, Ramune Japanese soda, Japanese tea, Sake, and Japanese beer.
Endorser/Sponsor	Consulate General of Japan in Seattle, Tateuchi Foundation, Japan Business Association of Seattle
Companies and	(SHUNJU CLUB), Ito En/Distant Land Coffee, Hills Clark Martin and Peterson, Ecore, Koutoku Enterprise,
Organizations	JCS of Seattle, Uwajimaya, Bellevue Children's Academy, Jamco America, Kawabe Memorial House,
(Click <u>Here</u> for Details)	Puget Sound Bank, Japan-America Society, PSPinc
Published Media	Local Japanese Media  Jungle City  Lighthouse Soy Source North American Post Seattle Mama net BIJKI  Local Media Bellevue and Kirkland Reporter Events 12 VisitBellevueWashington The Stranger Seattle eventful com  Flyer/Poster Distribution Booth at Sakura-con 2017 in Seattle King County Libraries, schools, and many other companies / organizations Social Media Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Japan Fair homepage Notification Emails
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Japan fair 2016 has been a success following after the legacy of the Aki-matsuri that had continued for the previous 18 years. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Japan fair in 2017 has become recognized as an annual event in Bellevue. This year's fair evolved further by not only carrying on the traditions of Japanese culture but also introduced modern Japanese technology such as a well-known Al robots, new seminars, workshops, and Japanese food courts. For the 2018 Japan fair the committee strives to "Introduce and spread the traditional and modern culture of Japan" as our motto and to continuously entertain the visitors.

Japan Fair 2018 Executive Committee Chair Yuka Shimizu