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JAS Resumes Publication

Dear Members and Friends,

Please accept our apologies for suspending publication of Japan Notes for the last half a year due to certain administrative circumstances.

Upon resuming publication, we have printed for your convenience the revised and updated list of Japan related entities in St. Louis and its vicinity. In the future, these lists will be updated at least once a year.

Also, you can see these lists by visiting our web page at <http://www.us-japan.org/jasstl>.

We have updated our web page recently and we will be using it more proactively for sharing news and other information about Japan. We will also be posting some of the contents of the past Japan Notes which will be useful to the general public in our community.

Sincerely,

Yoshiaki Shibusawa
Editor



*** Conversational Japanese ***

Common Expressions in the Work Place (Part 2)

Go'kuro'o-sama and *o'tsukare-sama*

Both are used to express your gratitude for someone's work or to express your consolation for someone's hard work.

The key words are really *kuro'o* and *tsukare*. Both *go* and *o* are honorific prefixes and *sama* is a suffix to show respect and gentleness.

Kuro'o means trouble(s); hardship(s); suffering(s); toil(s); pains(s); anxieties and worries. So, you want to say "*go'kuro'o-sama*" to someone who has had a hard time; who has gone through hardship; who has worked hard; who has taken extra effort; or who has worried much.

Tsukare, on the other hand, means tiredness and exhaustion both physical and mental. So, you want to say "*o'tsukare-sama*" to someone who is fatigued from long / tedious work: or suffering from mental strain. (Like someone who is back from a long business trip.) We often say "*o'tsukare-sama*" to each other after a long session of a business meeting.

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A list of Japanese Companies around St. Louis

Aisin Electronics Illinois, LLC
 Manufacturer of control devices
 for automobiles
 11200 Rodeo Dr.
 Marion, IL 62959
 (618) 997-9800

Bodine Aluminum Inc.
 Manufacturer of automotive
 components
 100 Cherry Blossom Way
 Troy, MO 63379
 (636) 462-2200

Sojitz Aerospace America
 Corp.
 St. Louis Office
 Exporter of airplanes and
 related electronic components
 1854 Craig Road
 St. Louis, MO 63146
 (314) 576-9911

Aisin Mfg. Illinois, LLC
 Manufacturer of sunroofs and
 door handles for automobiles
 11000 Rodeo Drive
 Marion, IL 62959
 (618) 998-8333

Koken Mfg. Co., Ltd.
 Manufacturer of beauty salon
 equipment
 (chairs and cabinets)
 1631 Dr. Martin Luther King
 Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63106
 (314) 231-7383

Otscon Inc.
 Parking brake devices, cables
 and steering columns for
 automobiles
 50 N. Rangeline Rd.
 Columbia, MO 65201
 (573) 474-7066

Aisin Light Metals, LLC
 Manufacturer of automotive
 components
 10900 Rodeo Dr.
 Marion, IL 62959
 (618) 997-7900

Most, Inc.
 Aluminum melting and
 refining
 50 Cherry Blossom Way
 Troy, MO 63379
 (636) 462-5200

Toyota Tsusho America, Inc.
 Commerce in U.S.A. and Exp
 /Imp
 60 Cherry Blossom Way
 Troy, MO 63379
 (636) 528-5100

BioKyowa, Inc.
 Mfg./Sales/ Exp./Imp of amino
 acid
 for industrial use and animal
 feeds
 5469 Nash Road
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63702
 (573) 335-4849

Nippon Express U.S. A., Inc.
 Freight forwarding,
 warehousing,, distribution
 9407 Koenig Circle Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63134
 (314) 429-4900

TG Missouri Corp.
 Manufacturer of steering
 wheels,
 Pads and other plastic parts
 for automobiles
 2200 Plattin Road
 Perryville, MO 63775
 (573) 547-1041

North American Lighting, Inc.
 Manufacturer of lighting
 components for automobiles
 No.20 Industrial Park
 Flora, IL 62839
 (618) 662-4483

Novus International, Inc.
 Manufacturer of animal feed
 additives
 530 Maryville Centre Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63141
 (314) 576-8886

Three Presentations on Incomparable Chiune Sugihara

With his career and his family's fate at stake, a Japanese diplomat in 1940 Lithuania issued transit visas to thousands of Jews fleeing Poland.

Anne Akabori, a close friend of the Sugihara family will tell this amazing story of the courage of one person that saved thousands of lives.

" Chiune Sugihara: The Japanese ' Schindler' " Thursday ,
 April 27, 9:45am-12:00 noon
 JCC Carlyn H. Wohl Building
 #2 Millstone Campus Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63146
 Fee: \$10 (includes continental breakfast)
 Advanced Registration Required.
 Please Call Fran Kravitz at the JCC (314) 442-3150

" The Power of One" : The Legacy of Chiune Sugihara
 Friday, April 28, 8:00pm
 United Hebrew Congregation
 13788 Conway Rd.
 St. Louis, MO 63141
 Fee: Free
 For further information please call (314) 469-0700 or (314) 442-3150

" Sugihara: Conspiracy of Kindness " : The Documentary
 Sunday, April 30, 2:00pm-4:00pm
 Holocaust Museum and Learning Center
 Jewish Federation Kopolpw Building
 12 Millstone Campus Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63146
 Fee: Free

For further information please call (314) 442-3714

Program Co-Sponsored by Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, Japan America Society of St. Louis, St. Louis Jewish Book Festival, United Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish Community Center's Class of the J Program.



" Magnificent Obsession: Frank Lloyd Wright's Building and Legacy in Japan"

A 90-Minutes Documentary
 Film made in Tokyo Presented by St. Louis Frank Lloyd Wright House Presents

Saturday, April 1, 2.P.M.
 St. Louis Art Museum Auditorium

Frank Lloyd Wright, seeking refuge in Japan when he faced public condemnation at home, struggled in Tokyo to complete the Imperial Hotel that would help turn his career around. His legacy was not only the hotel masterpiece and other notable buildings, but also relationships with apprentices and associates who shared the struggle and went on to alter Japan's cityscapes and mentor a generation of pioneering architects.

Wright's magnificent obsession with Japan-and Japan's with the great architect- vividly reminds us that the creative spirit knows no borders.

For further information:
 Please contact Joanne, at (314) 991-5646



Event News

The Art of Japanese Flower Arranging



A wonderful presentation by highly talented Yoshiko Mitchell. Senior Professor Ikenobo-Ikebana. Watch her create several arrangements in the morning and participate in a hands-on workshop at 1:00pm

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Time: 10:00am - Demonstration
12 noon - Light Refreshments
1:00pm to 2:00pm - Workshop

Place: Community of Christ Church
830 N. Kirkwood Rd.
Kirkwood, MO 63122

Admission: Free

Reservations Required by March 8th

636-519-0807
314-989-0822

Flowers, containers, and floral foam provided for by the workshop. Please bring cutters. Additional Japanese containers and supplies will be available for purchase for your future use.

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