

JASV Chiisai Shimbun Summer 2011

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Annual Meeting Reminder

JASV Annual Meeting
June 26, Sunday noon - 3 pm,
JASV Offices, Colchester

Gambare Nippon

It's been 3 months since the triple disaster in Tohoku - earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear powerplant meltdown. An estimated 98,000 people remain in evacuation centers - most of

which are situated in the hardest hit prefectures of Miyagi, Fukushima and Iwate.

The American Red Cross on Jun 10th announced that it would be making another \$46 million donation to the Japanese Red Cross, bringing its contributions to date to nearly \$210 million. To date, national and international donations have allowed the Japanese Red Cross to send approximately \$1 billion to 15 municipalities charged with distributing cash grants to the survivors who have lost their homes, loved ones and livelihoods as a result of the tsunami.

Recovery from the events of 3.11 and developing a sustainable future will shape the next Japanese decade or more. The popular slogan "Gambare Nippon" suggests the determination and wherewithal needed for success in this challenge.

Quake Related Information Resources.

There are a number of resources available online. In addition to continuing coverage from the Japanese press (Asahi, Japan Times, Japan Today, Yomiuri), a couple of particularly interesting resources are

2:46 — Aftershocks: Stories from the Japan Earthquake. The 2:46 Quakebook project is a rich collection of essays, artwork and photographs submitted by individuals around the world, including people who endured the disaster and journalists who covered it. Download is free (as is Kindle reader software, if you need it). The Quake Book. <http://www.quakebook.org/>

Japan Focus. The Asia-Pacific Journal: Japan Focus provides an in-depth critical analysis of the forces shaping the Asia-Pacific and the world. A peer reviewed journal, Japan Focus publishes both original and translated articles. Subscription (email) is free. <http://japanfocus.org/>

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting

With all the rain and not much change in the weather patterns, it seems best to plan our annual meeting at the JASV office in Fort Ethan Allen. Perhaps we could move some tables and chairs to an appropriate site outdoors of the office, Please encourage JASV members to attend our Annual Potluck and meeting from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26th.

Ringo Matsuri

Sept 17, Saturday, 10:30 - 3:30 pm,
Burlington Taigo Group will hold their Ringo Matsuri: Shelburne Orchards.

Updates

Notes from Matsuri '11

Over 1,500 people attended Matsuri '11 held at St. Michael's College on Sunday, March 27. Attendees enjoyed performances of calligraphy, traditional Japanese music and dance, taiko drumming, martial arts, as well as j-pop performances by students from both Tottori Prefecture and Vermont area high schools. This year the American Red Cross was also in attendance accepting donations for the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami.

The winners of the Tenny Fund raffle were 1st prize. United Airline ticket to Japan :Jennifer Dashno of Swanton; 2nd prize, Burton Snowboard Jacket: Chiro Umezaki of Shelburne; and 3rd prize, Burton Snowboard Jacket: Jason Tucker of South Burlington. We would especially like to thank United Airlines

for their generous support of Matsuri and the Tenny Scholarship Fund.

For folks who missed the festival, Eva Sollberger of Seven Days has posted an album of Matsuri '11 photographs. See the full album at <http://goo.gl/f0sZY> . Eva-san, domo arigato gozaimasu ...

Tottori Exchange Visit with GATP

This March, 13 students and accompanying adults from Tottori Prefecture visited Harwood and Mount Abraham Union High Schools as part of Green Across the Pacific's Tottori-Vermont Youth Environmental Leadership Program. Photographs from their visit are available at <http://gatp-tottori-vermont.blogspot.com/>

The reciprocal exchange, with Vermont students visiting Japan, however, was canceled due to the circumstances surrounding the events of 3.11. GATP is working to reschedule the trip next spring. Additional information on the GATP program may be found at <http://gatp.org/>

Board Meetings

Second Wednesday of the month - 6:30 pm
The JASV board meetings are in the JASV office at 29 Ethan Allen Avenue. Colchester. All are welcome.

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