

**ANNUAL REPORT
TO SPONSORS AND MEMBERS
2008**

On behalf of the Directors of the Japan-Virginia Society, it is my pleasure to provide this 2008 Annual Report to Sponsors and Members of the Society. In this report, I shall recap noteworthy activities of the Society and its Board in calendar year 2008, our 20th year anniversary of service.

Programming Highlights:

Our programming activities in 2008 aligned closely with our mission-driven goals of acculturation, education (business and individual), and economic development.

January 6, 2008

Mochitsuki & New Year Party: celebrated in Richmond for Japanese and American families. The event was supported by over 20 corporate sponsors and attracted a new record attendance of 353 participants.

May 16, 2008

Virginia Nippon Conference and Golf Classic: with Japanese corporate guests and American friends and sponsors was held at the Ashley Plantation in Daleville, Virginia. This was the 18th consecutive year that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Japan-Virginia Society have collaborated on this hallmark friendship and economic development activity.

September 12, 2008

Business Seminar: held in Williamsburg, Virginia, for representatives of twelve Japanese corporations.

September 20, 2008

Medical Seminar: presented for Japanese families at the Newport News Japanese School, with lectures by two Japanese doctors, involving approximately 30 families.

October 5, 2008

Japan Cup Virginia: held for 34 Japanese executive golfers and their families in the Williamsburg region. This was the second year for this event and it was extremely well received in the community.

November 8, 2008

Medical Seminar: presented for Japanese families at the Richmond Japanese School, with lectures by two Japanese doctors, involving approximately 20 families.

November 22, 2008

Passport Renewal Consol Services: were conducted in Newport News in conjunction with the Embassy of Japan. Over 100 Japanese availed themselves of this on-location service.

Financial Matters and Membership:

For the year ending December 31, 2008, the Society received cash revenues of \$ 31,218 and incurred cash expenses of \$ 9,296 during the period for administration and program expenses. The Society uses the services of an outside CPA for bookkeeping and records maintenance. Financial statements are reviewed by the Board Members on a monthly basis. Requisite tax documents were filed by the Society on a timely basis in 2008, under TIN: 54-1419573, a 501(c) 3 designated classification.

During the course of 2008, the Society received funding support from over 25 corporate/institutional sponsors. Individual and family memberships maintained the number and dollar support levels of preceding years.

2009:

The year 2009 (the Society enters its “third decade of service”) promises to be one of quality programming, with new opportunities planned for greater interaction between Japanese and American businesses, economic development professionals, and educational institutions.

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Your continued individual and institutional support of the mission and programs of the Japan-Virginia Society is appreciated greatly.

Respectfully Submitted,

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