

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TO SPONSORS AND MEMBERS  
2012**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Japan-Virginia Society, it is my pleasure to provide this 2012 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 2012.

**Japan-Virginia Society 2012 Programming Highlights:**

Our programming activities in 2012 aligned closely with our mission-driven goals of acculturation, education (business and individual), and economic development. Due to the tragic events of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in March 2011, the Society continued in 2012 to maintain an active role in summoning support for the survivors (especially Japanese students), following these multiple disasters.

**January 15, 2012**

**Japan-Virginia Society Mochitsuki & New Year Party**

This community event was celebrated in Richmond for Japanese and American families. The event was supported by over 25 corporate sponsors and attracted in excess of 345 participants. It is perennially the largest single event of The Japan-Virginia Society.

**June 15, 2012**

**Virginia Nippon Conference and Golf Classic**

This event for Japanese corporate guests and American friends and sponsors was held at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club in Virginia Beach, Virginia. This was the 22<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Japan-Virginia Society have collaborated on this hallmark friendship and economic development activity. Thirty four corporate guests attended from Japanese affiliated companies.

**June- August, 2012**

**Japan-Virginia Society Japan Relief Fund**

As cited in our Annual Report for 2011, due to the tragic events resulting from the massive earthquake and resulting tsunami occurring on March 11, 2011, the Japan-Virginia Society took an active leadership role in soliciting broad-based individual and institutional support for a Japan Relief Fund. We were gratified to report to donors that through the funding support of hundreds of individuals, Japanese and American businesses, schools and universities, and other public service organizations, such as Rotary International, we were able to remit close to \$30,000 in funds to support these overall relief efforts. Donors also were advised of the disposition of these funds.

In 2012, the Board of Directors approved the Society's modest financial support, along with various other sponsors, of two Japanese student activities. One was based in Hampton Roads and the other in metro Richmond. Both of the two groups of visiting Japanese students were from the Ishinomaki, Japan region which was damaged severely in the catastrophic events in March 2011.

**July 13, 2012**

**Japan-Virginia Society Business Seminar**

This business seminar was held in Williamsburg and attracted 32 business executives.

**October 6, 2012**

**Japan- Virginia Society Medical Seminar at the Newport News Japanese School**

This medical seminar for Japanese families residing in the area was conducted by two Japanese physicians with participation from multiple families and 40 total participants.

**October 7, 2012**

**Japan Cup Virginia Golf Tournament**

This sixth annual event was held at the Colonial Heritage Club. Existing and potential Japanese members of the Society enjoyed a competitive golf outing, involving 23 players.

**October 20, 2012**

**Japan-Virginia Society Japanese Embassy Consol Services**

Officials from the Japanese Embassy in Washington offered passport and other consul services on sight at the Newport News Japanese School. This annual activity was well-received with participation by 80 individuals.

**November 10, 2012**

**Japan-Virginia Society Medical Seminar at the Richmond Japanese School**

This medical seminar for Japanese families residing in the area was conducted by two Japanese physicians with participation from multiple families and 35 total participants.

**Governance:**

The Society held board of directors meetings throughout 2012 and discussed important matters concerning our activities and finances. We also continue to support other non-profit organizations, which have missions that align with that of The Japan-Virginia Society. Through digital communications, directors are apprised of financial statements on a monthly basis and other important matters pertaining to governance and mission outreach.

**Financial Matters and Membership:**

For the year ending December 31, 2012, the Society received cash revenues of \$ 37,370 and incurred cash expenses of \$24,474 to cover administrative costs and net program expenses for those activities which were not fully self-funding or were free to the communities which we serve. Net revenues over all expenses for the year were \$12,896 reflecting a positive outcome as to our 2012 budget.

The Society uses the services of an outside CPA for bookkeeping and records maintenance. Financial records are maintained and financial reporting is done on a cash basis (accrual accounting is not used).

Financial statements are reviewed by the Board Members on a monthly basis. Requisite tax documents will be filed by the Society on a timely basis for the year of 2012, under TIN: 54-1419573, a 501(c) 3 designated classification.

During the course of 2012, the Society received funding support from 32 corporate/institutional sponsors and 16 individual and family members, reflecting increased support/membership in both categories.

**2013:**

The year 2013 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. **2013 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for The Japan-Virginia Society, reflecting its dedication to and execution of our Mission.**

**History Recap and Mission:**

The Japan-Virginia Society was founded in 1988 with the sponsoring leadership of Governor Gerald Baliles and Japanese Ambassador Nubuo Matsunaga. The Society is a non-profit, non-political, educational membership organization. The mission is dedicated to developing international cooperation, cultural understanding and sensitivity, and trade and investment between the citizens and businesses of Japan and Virginia. Membership is open to all with special emphasis on having strong support and membership from our Japanese firms located in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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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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**Chairman of the Board**