

**ANNUAL REPORT
TO SPONSORS AND MEMBERS
2013**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Japan-Virginia Society, it is my pleasure to provide this 2013 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 2013.

Japan-Virginia Society 2013 Programming Highlights:

Our programming activities in 2013 aligned closely with our mission-driven goals of acculturation, education (business and individual), and economic development.

January 13, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Mochitsuki & New Year Party

This friendship community event was celebrated in Richmond for Japanese and American families from across Virginia. The event was supported by over 25 corporate sponsors and attracted in excess of 315 participants. It is perennially the largest single event of The Japan-Virginia Society.

May 17, 2013

Virginia Nippon Conference and Golf Classic

This event for Japanese corporate guests and American friends and sponsors was held at the Highlands Golf Club in Chesterfield, Virginia. This was the 23rd consecutive year that the Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Japan-Virginia Society have collaborated on this hallmark friendship and economic development activity. Thirty three corporate guests attended from Japanese affiliated companies.

May 24, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Business Seminar

This business seminar was held in Williamsburg and attracted 25 business executives.

September 6, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Business Seminar- Special JETRO Visit

This business seminar was held in Williamsburg and attracted 29 executives. Special guest speaker was Mr. Shiro Akiyama, Executive Director of Research and Planning for the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), based in New York City.

September 9, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Hosts Luncheon for the new Consul General

Consul General of Japan in Atlanta Kazuo Sunaga and Consul for Economic and Intergovernmental Affairs Midori Yamamitsu made their inaugural visit to Virginia. Meetings were held with the Governor of Virginia and the Japan-Virginia Society hosted a welcome luncheon for these dignitaries with Japanese executives attending from across Virginia.

October 6, 2013

Japan Cup Virginia Golf Tournament

This seventh annual event was held at the Colonial Heritage Club in Williamsburg. Existing and potential members of the Society enjoyed a competitive golf outing, involving 24 players.

October 12, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Medical Seminar at the Newport News Saturday 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.

October 26, 2013

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 50 individuals.

November 9, 2013

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 34 total participants.

December 31, 2013

Japan-Virginia Society Officially Gifts Ukiyo-e Print Collection to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Following earlier and careful deliberation, the Society's Board of Directors voted unanimously to gift the Society's Ukiyo-e print collection to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) permanent collection. This action became official on December 31, 2013. The art collection had been on loan for traveling exhibition across Virginia by the VMFA since 1999. This action insures the collection will continue to be carefully preserved and available for the artistic and historical enjoyment of the public for years to come.

Governance:

The Society held board of directors meetings throughout 2013 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, 2013, the Society received cash revenues of \$ 37,500 and incurred cash expenses of \$24,244 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 \$13,256 reflecting a positive outcome as to our 2013 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 2013, under TIN: 54-1419573, a 501(c) 3 designated classification.

During the course of 2013, the Society received funding support from 32 corporate/institutional sponsors and 15 individual and family members, reflecting on budget support/membership in both categories.

2014:

The year 2014 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. **2014 is the 26th 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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