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

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 genteelism.

*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
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: 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
12 Millstone Campus Drive
St. Louis, MO 63146
Fee: Free
For further information please call (314) 442-3150

“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, 2:00PM
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

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 JCC’s Class of the J Program.
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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