

## Japan Outreach Initiative 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Organized by the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and Laurasian Institution  
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and the Japan America Society of Tennessee

### AGENDA

**Thursday, October 28, 2021**

Chattanooga Marriott Downtown  
Two Carter Plaza, Chattanooga, Tennessee

### *Symposium (2 hours)*

**“Why JOI Matters: A Discussion on Grassroots Exchange Through the Prism of History and Region”**

**16:30 Opening remarks (10 minutes)**

Video remarks: Hiroko Tsuka, *Acting Executive Director, the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership*  
Video remarks: Sen. Bill Hagerty, *Former US Ambassador to Japan*

**16:40 20 Years of JOI (video)**

**16:45 Panel I: Looking back on the 20-year history of JOI (30 minutes)**

Moderator: Mari Maruyama, *Executive Director, OGFA; Former JOI Program Administrator*

Panelists:

- Takeo Suzuki, *University of Tennessee Chattanooga; Former JOI Coordinator (Y2, Arkansas), Former JOI Supervisor (Y8, Arkansas)*
- Natsuki Anderson, *Marshall University; Former JOI Supervisor (Y10, West Virginia)*
- Asami Nakano, *Former JOI Coordinator (Y12, Tennessee)*
- Airi Yamamoto, *Chicago Public Schools; Former JOI Coordinator (Y15, Kentucky)*

**17:15 Break**

**17:30 Panel II: Japan in the South and the importance of grassroots exchange (45 minutes)**

Moderator: Nozomi Morgan, *CEO and founder, Michiki Morgan Worldwide*

Panelists:

- Kayoko Fukushima, *Consul General of Japan in Nashville*
- Yoshi Domoto, *Executive Director, The Japan-America Society of Georgia; Former JOI Supervisor (Y14, Georgia)*
- Masami Tyson, *Global Director of Foreign Direct Investment and Trade, State of Tennessee*

**18:15 Keynote address (10 minutes)**

Video remarks: Naoko Yamazaki, *former JAXA astronaut and NASA mission specialist aboard Space Shuttle Discovery*

***Reception (2 hours)***

- 19:00 **Opening performance**, Maturiza, *wadaiko* (8 minutes)
- 19:15 **Kanpai Speech**, Bradley Smith, *President & CEO of Laurasian Institution*
- 19:35 **Performance**, Mike Penny and Kyle Abbott, *shamisen & shakuhachi* (5 minutes)
- 19:45 **Collaboration performance**, SORA, Mike Penny, and Kyle Abbott, *shodo, shamisen & shakuhachi* (8 minutes)
- 20:25 **Remarks**, Mari Maruyama, *Executive Director, Obirin Gakuen Foundation of America*
- 20:50 **Closing performance**

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### COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

As of September 22

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and Laurasian Institution place a high priority on the safety of all guests, performers, and attendees of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.

We:

- Will comply with all Covid-related guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and the [local health authority](#) throughout the event
- Will maintain less than 50% capacity at the hotel venue to ensure social distancing
- Will provide hand sanitizers at the hotel venue

All guests must:

- Provide proof of full vaccination against Covid-19 at registration
- Wear a mask in all indoor public spaces when not actively eating or drinking
- Stay home if not feeling well or have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days. Guests who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days must stay home.
- Follow the instructions of program and hotel staff.

All guests are asked to:

- Wash hands as often as possible and use hand sanitizing stations.

Please see the venue's safety protocol: <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/chadt>

\*Rules and safety guidelines will be updated depending on the current situation and CDC and venue guidelines.