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1	2019/04/01	2019/04/15	Japanese Jazz Series at the National Cherry Blossom Festival	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Performance/Concert	Blues Alley	1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW Washington, DC 20007	This concert by Japanese Jazz performers took place at the famous Jazz club Blues Alley as one of the official events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival. The concert was held jointly by Blues Alley and the Embassy of Japan.
2	2019/05/03	2019/05/04	Ikebana Exhibition at Flower Mart	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Exhibition	Washington National Cathedral	3101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20016	Flower Mart is a time-honored annual event held at Washington National Cathedral. This was the 80th time it was held. At this year's event, countries that participate every year exhibited flower arrangement and themes related to their respective nations. Twelve countries, including Japan, and two regions participated. The Embassy of Japan presented flower arrangement by Saga Goryu School instructor Bruce Wilson.
3	2019/05/04	2019/05/04	Passport DC	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Exhibition	Former Residence of the Japanese Ambassador	2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008	Passport DC was held jointly by Washington DC's PR organization Cultural Tourism DC and various nations' embassies. Embassies held open houses in which they allowed the public to have access to their facilities and introduced them to their cultures. The Embassy of Japan opened its Old Residence adjacent to the embassy to the public and operated booths introducing people to Japanese culture and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. All Nippon Airways and East Japan Railway Company also jointly operated a booth at which they promoted tourism. Other events featured exhibits of Boy's Day carp-shaped <i>koinobori</i> streamers, presentations of traditional <i>Soran Bushi</i> dance, promotion of the 2019 Rugby World Cup being held in Japan in 2019, Japanese cuisine, and opportunities to experience Japanese culture, such as Japanese calligraphy and origami.
4	2019/06/11	2019/06/12	Katsura Sunshine: Rakugo in Denim	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Performance/Concert	1) Japan Information and Culture Center (JICC) 2) Fox Mill Elementary School	1) 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 100 Washington, DC 20036 2) 2601 Viking Dr, Herndon, VA 20171	Rakugo master Katsura Sunshine performed Rakugo in English at Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC) and Fox Mill Elementary School. Wearing a denim kimono, Katsura Sunshine performed "Rakugo in Denim," in which he told anecdotes about denim. This event was held in conjunction with the "Indigo Threads: Weaving Japanese Craftsmanship & American Heritage" exhibition at JICC.
5	2019/10/13	2019/10/13	Japanese Jazz Concert	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Performance/Concert	Residence of the Japanese Ambassador	-	Jazz pianist Uehara Hiromi performed a concert at the embassy.
6	2019/12/03	2019/12/03	Chamber Music Concert	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Performance/Concert	Residence of the Japanese Ambassador	-	A concert performed by a chamber group featuring New York-based violinist Hirotsuru Sumire.
7	2019/04/30	2019/04/30	The Blossoming Spirits Noh Lecture Performance	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC)	1150 18th Street NW, Suite 100 Washington, D.C. 20036-3838	This Noh lecture-performance included explanations of Noh programs, musical accompaniment, costumes, and masks, as well as <i>han noh</i> and <i>maibayashi</i> (abbreviated performances) of the plays <i>Hashitomi</i> and <i>Tadanori</i> , respectively, performed by Oshima Kinue, Oshima Teruhisa, Takizawa Narumi, and Takahashi Naoko.
8	2019/04/09	2019/06/05	Denim Coaster Creation Workshop & Lecture on Traditional Indigo Dyeing Technique Today	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	1) Former Residence of the Japanese Ambassador 2) Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC) 3) National Cherry Blossom Festival	1) 2520 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20008 2) 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 100 Washington, D.C. 20036-3838 3) Pennsylvania Avenue between 3rd & 7th St	A number of events were held relating to Kurashiki City's indigo dyeing and denim industry. The Embassy of Japan's Japan Information & Culture Center and the former residence of the Japanese Ambassador held lectures and workshops by denim experts from Kurashiki City and screened the film <i>Weaving Shibusa</i> , a documentary about the Japanese denim industry. They also participated in the Japanese Street Festival, the grand finale of the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., holding workshops and disseminating information on Kurashiki City's denim. Indigo dyeing expert Professor Rowland Ricketts of Indiana University also held lectures about indigo dyeing.

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9	2019/06/03	2019/06/07	Film Festival - EuroAsia Shorts 2019	Embassy of Japan in the USA	Film/Video Screening, Lecture	1) Japan Information & Culture Center (JICC) 2) Italian Cultural Institute	1) 1150 18th Street NW, Suite 100 Washington, D.C. 20036-3838 2) 3000 Whitehaven St NW, Washington, DC 20008	This annual film festival of short films featured Japanese and Italian works. Three movies from Japanese directors were shown— <i>Growth Factor</i> by Oshiro Ryosuke, <i>Breakers</i> by Goto Minami, and <i>Good Night</i> by Nanke Makiko. A post-screening panel discussion was held with panelists Dr. Michele M. Mason, associate professor of Japanese cultural studies, and Dr. Gianni Cicali, professor of Italian literature.
10	2019/04/13	2019/04/21	The 52nd Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition, Performance/Concert	San Francisco Japantown	Post St. & Webster St., San Francisco	The 52nd Annual Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival featured events introducing Japanese culture. The Japan booth provided visitors with pamphlets about the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo, the 2019 Rugby World Cup in Japan, the illustrated PR magazine <i>niponica</i> put out by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, materials about the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme and studying abroad in Japan, and pamphlets made by JNTO (Japan National Tourism Organization). Other events included a <i>kendama</i> (cup and ball) contest, in which visitors participated in a competitive <i>kendama</i> performance, and a traditional <i>Yosakoi</i> dance performance.
11	2019/06/08	2019/06/09	WakamatsuFest150	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition, Performance/Concert	Wakamatsu Farm	Wakamatsu Colony, 941 Cold Springs Rd, Placerville, CA	This event celebrated the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Wakamatsu Colony, the first Japanese settlement on the American mainland. The booth operated by the Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco featured a wide range of information about Japanese culture and attractions in different parts of Japan, including subjects such as Japanese cuisine, tourism, and education. <i>Taiko</i> drum performances were also given by Placer Ume Taiko and Bakuatsu Taiko Dan of the University of California, Davis.
12	2019/04/06	2019/04/06	The 4th Kizuna Japanese Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Lorenzi Park	720 Twin Lakes Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89107	This Japanese festival presented a comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture and tradition. The Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco held a workshop on the traditional Japanese confectionery technique for making figures using soft <i>ame</i> candy (<i>amezaiku</i>). In addition to demonstrations and lectures by instructors, visitors were also able to experience making <i>amezaiku</i> themselves. The Consulate-General also set up a booth and presented information about Japanese culture and education.
13	2019/05/19	2019/05/19	The 10th Sonoma County Matsuri Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition, Performance/Concert	Juilliard Park	227 Santa Rosa Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404	At the 10th Japanese arts Matsuri Festival in Sonoma County, the Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco operated a booth at which it promoted Japanese culture, tourism, and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. A Japanese <i>taiko</i> drum concert was also held by a local group.
14	2019/05/19	2019/05/19	The 20th Hakone Matsuri	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition	Hakone Gardens	21000 Big Basin Way Saratoga, CA 95070	At this year's annual Hakone Matsuri festival aiming to introduce the public to Japanese culture, held at Hakone Gardens in Saratoga City, the Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco operated a booth from which it provided information about topics such as Japanese culture, cuisine, and tourism.
15	2019/07/23	2019/07/24	Flower & Film in Las Vegas	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Seminar/Workshop, Film/Video Screening	M Resort Spa & Casino	12300 S Las Vegas Blvd, Henderson, NV 89044	Lectures, demonstrations, and workshops on ikebana flower arrangement were held over the course of two days in Las Vegas, where people have few chances to come into contact with traditional Japanese culture. Screenings were also given of the film <i>The Old Capital</i> , which deals with such topics as ikebana, calligraphy, the tea ceremony, and traditional Japanese dance.

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16	2019/10/04	2019/10/12	The 2019 Japan Film Festival of San Francisco	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Film/Video Screening, Lecture	NEW PEOPLE Cinema	1746 Post St., San Francisco, CA 94115	This film festival featured the screening of three new Japanese films, <i>EVERY DAY A GOOD DAY</i> , <i>I GO GAGA, MY DEAR</i> , and <i>THE MIRACLE OF CRYBABY SHOTTAN</i> , as well as lectures by director Nobutomo Naoko on topics presented in <i>I GO GAGA, MY DEAR</i> .
17	2019/10/05	2019/10/11	Japanese Films Screening at the 42nd Mill Valley Film Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Film/Video Screening	1) Smith Rafael Film Center 2) Lark Theater	1) 1118 4th St, San Rafael, CA 94901 2) 549 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939	This film festival featured the screening of two new Japanese films, <i>37 Seconds</i> and <i>Blue Hour</i> , in conjunction with the Mill Valley Film Festival, in which about 60,000 people participate each year. A question and answer event was also held on the day of the October 10 screening by director HIKARI and her film crew for <i>37 Seconds</i> .
18	2019/10/26	2019/10/26	The 10th Aki Matsuri in Las Vegas	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Exhibition	The Park Las Vegas	3782 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109	The Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco operated a booth that introduced Japanese culture at the Aki Matsuri Japanese Festival, the largest Japanese festival in Nevada. It presented visitors with promotional materials about Japanese culture, tourism, student exchange, and the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme using materials such as the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> issued by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
19	2019/11/03	2019/11/03	The 46th Annual Japanese Speech Contest	Consulate-General of Japan in San Francisco	Others	Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California	1840 Sutter Street San Francisco, CA 94115	With the aim of encouraging people to study Japanese and fostering knowledge and understanding of Japan, a Japanese Speech Contest was held for middle and high school students, college students, and adults learning Japanese. Participants and the audience were introduced to Japanese culture and interesting aspects of the Japanese language, and pamphlets about Japanese culture and tourism were distributed at the venue.
20	2019/04/26	2019/04/28	Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop	Seattle Center	305 Harrison Street, Seattle, WA 98109	This mixed cultural event consisted of demonstrations of the arts, including calligraphy, tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and martial arts, performances of Japanese <i>taiko</i> drums and traditional Japanese dance, and other Japanese cultural presentations, such as a live <i>kamishibai</i> show of storytelling using illustrated boards, performed by local groups. A variety of events were held, including the Chopstick Challenge Games sponsored by the International Institute of Hashi, the <i>shamoji</i> (rice paddle) table tennis sponsored by the Japan Business Association Seattle, and a hands-on event making the traditional handicraft of Banshu-style Japanese abacus. The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, a co-organizer of the festival, also showcased the appeal of Japanese culture, setting up a publicity booth that distributed tourism promotion pamphlets and held a DVD screening of <i>Thermae Romae</i> .

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21	2019/06/29	2019/06/30	Japan Fair 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Meydenbauer Convention Center	11100 NE 6th St, Bellevue, WA 98004	This year marks the fourth time the Japan Fair, an event that presents Japanese culture and education in Bellevue, Washington, was held. The event included demonstrations, lectures and performances of tea ceremony, flower arrangement, calligraphy, various martial arts, Japanese <i>taiko</i> drums, traditional dance, kimono dressing, among others. In collaboration with Necchu Elementary School, the fair also organized Japan-related seminars, an <i>Awa Odori</i> Dance Contest and a market for products made in Japan. Documentaries about an African-American with a Japanese grandfather and the Japanese Emperor Emeritus were also screened in collaboration with NHK World. There was also a seminar on the origins of <i>Reiwa</i> , the name of the new Japanese era, by Professor Paul S. Atkins of the University of Washington, as well as a seminar on business and cultural differences between Japanese and American companies conducted by the Japan Business Association Seattle. The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle's booth distributed the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> issued by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and tourist brochures, as well as held a screening of videos about the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and <i>tanabata</i> star festival-themed origami and other workshops.
22	2019/09/30	2019/10/04	Japan Week 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle	Exhibition, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Bellevue College	3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue, WA	Japan Week was a cultural exchange event jointly organized by the Bellevue College Japanese Culture Exchange Club (BC-JCEC) at Bellevue College and the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle. It featured events for the general public including performances, such as traditional Japanese dance, Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drums, and puppet shows in Japanese, as well as flea markets, <i>kendama</i> (cup and ball) contests, and quizzes about Japan. There were also screenings of the film <i>Flying Colors (Biri Gyaru)</i> and lectures and demonstrations about tea ceremony and Kabuki. Lectures on Japanese culture were also held over the course of five days, from September 30 to October 4, for students at Bellevue College. During Japan Week, the Consulate-General held workshops about <i>furoshiki</i> (traditional Japanese wrapping cloths) and medieval Japanese armor, as well as briefings about Japanese government scholarships and the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme. It set up a PR booth and distributed the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> and pamphlets about scholarships and the JET program, and showed DVDs promoting the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.
23	2019/09/24	2019/09/25	Japanese Culture Workshops at the University of Montana	Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	1) Sentinel High School 2) University of Montana	1) 901 South Avenue West, Missoula, MT 59801 2) 32 Campus Dr, Missoula, MT 59812	This event featured an introductory presentation on Japan, which explained about participants in the KAKEHASHI Project, Sentinel High School and the University of Montana, as well as <i>wadaiko</i> drum workshops and <i>furoshiki</i> (traditional Japanese wrapping cloth) workshops. A PR booth was set up that distributed promotional magazines and pamphlets about Japan, such as the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> , and promoted the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.
24	2019/08/31	2019/09/02	Japanese Festival at St. Louis	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Missouri Botanical Garden	4344 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63110	The St. Louis Japanese Festival, the largest such festival in the Midwest which sees more than 35,000 visitors each year, featured events including sumo workshops and demonstrations by three American sumo wrestlers, a performance by the St. Louis Osuwa Daiko drummers, and exhibits and demonstrations of bonsai (dwarf trees), flower arrangement, the tea ceremony, and Japanese calligraphy. Visitors were provided with a comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture, including demonstrations and workshops on traditional martial arts like aikido, judo, karate, and kendo.

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25	2019/06/16	2019/06/17	Japan Festival Chicago	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop, Others	1) June 16: Millennium Park, Chicago Cultural Center 2) June 17: Residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Chicago	1) 201 E Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60602 2) 78 E Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602	This festival presented a comprehensive introduction to a broad spectrum of Japanese culture, from traditional Japanese performing arts to pop culture. Events presented on an outdoor stage included Okinawa-related performances of the Japanese drums, martial arts, and <i>Awa Odori</i> dancing, as well as a concert of pop and anime songs and a cosplay show. Indoor events included traditional comic <i>rakugo</i> storytelling in English and performances of the koto and shamisen, as well as demonstrations of the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, <i>sumi-e</i> painting, and Japanese confection making, and events offering hands-on experience making origami and trying on kimonos. There were exhibits of kimonos, flower arrangement, and Nihonga painting, as well as the photo exhibitions "Edo/Tokyo -- Seen Through Its Edifices" and "Kizuna 8: Artisans of Tohoku -- Recreating Lives." The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago set up a booth together with JNTO and JETRO promoting Japan-bound tourism and presenting information about the JET program, and also set up areas allowing visitors to try on medieval Japanese armor and helmets and an area where they could interact with the therapy robot Paro.
26	2019/07/21	2019/07/21	Rakugo at Indiana	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Performance/Concert	Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art)	4000 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46208	These performances featured traditional comic <i>rakugo</i> storytelling by Yanagiya Sankyo and Hayashiya Shozo, complete with subtitles and explanations in English, in front of a general audience and students of the Japanese language.
27	2019/08/07	2019/08/07	Japanese Film Screening at the Chicago Cultural Center	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Film/Video Screening	Chicago Cultural Center (Claudia Cassidy Theater)	78 E Washington St, 2nd Fl Chicago, 60602	A screening of Japanese cinema was held as part of the annual International Screenings Program. The Japanese film <i>Glasses</i> directed by Ogigami Naoko was shown in line with the overall program embracing a sense of summer and adventure.
28	2019/04/11	2019/04/11	Japan Festival at the University of Nebraska	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Performance/Concert, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	1400 R St, Lincoln, NE 68588	The custom of cherry blossom viewing was presented through folktales, haiku, flower arrangement, and anime based on the theme of spring in Japan. Events included a performance of the play <i>Hanasakajisan</i> in Japanese, demonstrations of flower arrangement and <i>sumi-e</i> painting, student presentations making haiku using "spring" as a keyword, and an event in which participants got hands-on experience writing Japanese calligraphy. A mini lecture was also held about images of cherry blossoms in anime, as well as a screening of Takahata Isao's anime film <i>The Tale of the Princess Kaguya</i> , in which cherry blossoms feature as an important motif.
29	2019/05/17	2019/05/19	Anime Central	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop	1) Hayatt Regency O'hare Hotel 2) Donald E. Stephens Convention Center	1) 9300 W Bryn Mawr Ave, Rosemont, IL 60018 2) 5555 N River Rd, Rosemont, IL 60018	The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago set up a booth at Anime Central, the Midwest's largest Japanese anime and manga event. Activities featured at the booth included allowing visitors to try on medieval Japanese armor and helmets and screening the Japanese film <i>Thermae Romae</i> directed by Takeuchi Hideki. The booth also promoted the JET program, government-financed systems for studying in Japan, and Japanese-language studies in the U.S.

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30	2019/05/21	2019/05/31	TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE Japanese techniques in contemporary metal arts	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago - Japan Information Center	Olympia Centre #1100 737 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60611	This exhibition highlighted traditional Japanese metalworking techniques, presenting over thirty pieces of metalwork by three master Japanese artisans designated as living national treasures in Japan—Osumi Yukie, Tamagawa Norio, and Katsura Morihito—as well as American metalworkers who have studied in Japan. During the exhibition, lectures, demonstrations, and workshops were also held by Tokyo University of the Arts associate professor Iwata Hiroki, Kobe Design University associate professor Taguchi Fumiki, and Kobe Design University part-time lecturer Kojima Takashi. Explanations were given about metalwork and metalworking tools and demonstrations and workshops were held on techniques such as inlay, engraving, stripping, and applying patterns to metal. Japanese sake was also promoted to visitors at the venue.
31	2019/07/27	2019/07/28	Japanese Summer Festival at Anderson Japanese Gardens	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Anderson Japanese Gardens	318 Spring Creek Rd Rockford, Illinois 61107	This Japanese festival held at Anderson Japanese Gardens presented a comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture, including demonstrations of Japanese drums, calligraphy, aikido, and the traditional <i>amezaiku</i> technique of making figures using soft <i>ame</i> candy, <i>koto</i> performances, and an <i>Awa Odori</i> dance workshop. The booth of the Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago also provided an introduction to Japanese culture, as well as promotion of tourism.
32	2019/10/05	2019/10/05	Greater Kansas City Japan Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Johnson County Community College	12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, Kansas	This festival featured performances of Japanese music such as the taiko drums and traditional <i>Nihon Buyo</i> and <i>Yosakoi</i> dance, as well as a demonstration of the traditional <i>amezaiku</i> technique of making figures using soft <i>ame</i> candy and workshops on topics including origami, Japanese calligraphy, and karate. The festival presented Japanese culture from a variety of perspectives, providing lectures on topics such as Japanese <i>katana</i> swords, aikido, kimono, and Japanese gardens, presenting anime and manga, and displaying exhibits such as Japanese dolls and flower arrangement.
33	2019/07/28	2019/07/28	Harukaze 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Performance/Concert	Hamline University	1536 Hewitt Ave, St Paul, MN 55104	This event featured a collaboration by young, up-and-coming artists shamisen performer Iwata Momokusu and pianist Oikawa Ayatoshi. It presented Japanese music from an original and appealing angle, combining traditional Japanese music with rock, jazz, and other contemporary music.
34	2019/11/01	2019/11/03	Chicago International Tea Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza River North	350 West Mart Center Drive 15th Floor, Chicago, IL 60654	A booth introducing visitors to Japanese tea was set up jointly with Shizuoka City at the Chicago International Tea Festival. The booth featured explanations and tasting of Japanese tea and tourist information about places in Japan that produce tea, as well as a lecture on tea by Shirakata Masanori, Japanese tea instructor and President of Den's Tea.
35	2019/05/24	2019/05/25	CelebrAsian 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Western Gateway Park	1205 Locust St, Des Moines, IA 50309	A Japan booth was set up in cooperation with the Japan America Society of Iowa at CelebrAsian 2019. The booth held origami demonstrations, presented Japanese cuisine, and exhibited Japanese artistic <i>kogei</i> craftwork, <i>mingei</i> folk art, and toys. A comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture was presented, including performances of Japanese drums and dance, a kimono fashion show, and demonstrations of <i>kendo</i> fencing and karate.

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36	2019/09/25	2019/09/27	Japanese Film Screenings at Asian Pop-Up Cinema	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Film/Video Screening, Lecture	1) Gene Siskel Film Center 2) AMC River East 21 3) Midwest Buddhist Temple	1) 164 N State St, Chicago, IL 60601 2) 322 E Illinois St, Chicago, IL 60611 3) 435 W Menomonee St, Chicago, IL 60614	Screenings of three Japanese films— <i>Melancholic</i> , <i>Can't Stop the Dancing</i> , and <i>Bento Harassment</i> —were held during Japan Week at Asian Pop-Up Cinema, a film festival focusing on award-winning Asian films. In conjunction with the showing of <i>Melancholic</i> , a panel discussion was held with panelists including director Tanaka Seiji, lead star Minagawa Yoji, and Ron Falzone, associate professor at Columbia College Chicago. Falzone also provided commentary and held a Q&A session at the screening of <i>Can't Stop the Dancing</i> .
37	2019/09/08	2019/09/08	Matsuri Festival at Japan House	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Japan House at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	2000 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana, IL 61802	Visitors to the Japanese festival at the Japan House at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign were introduced to Japanese culture, focusing on the traditional performing arts. The Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago set up a booth on site and promoted tourism.
38	2019/05/19	2019/05/19	Cherry Blossom Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Allen County Public Library	900 Library Plz, Fort Wayne, IN 46802	A range of events highlighting appealing aspects of Japanese culture were held at the festival, from traditional culture such as flower arrangement and bonsai exhibits and demonstrations of the Japanese drums, the <i>koto</i> , and <i>kendo</i> fencing to a contemporary J-pop concert and cosplay show.
39	2019/10/05	2019/10/06	Japanese Ambience Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Chicago	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Lauritzen Gardens (Omaha's Botanical Center)	100 Bancroft St, Omaha, NE 68108	This Japanese festival, which boasts a history of over 35 years, featured workshops of origami and Japanese calligraphy and performances of the Soran Bushi song and dance, the Japanese drums, and the <i>koto</i> . Other events included <i>kendo</i> fencing and tea ceremony demonstrations and exhibits of flower arrangement, Japanese Girl's Day dolls, and bonsai.
40	2019/09/15	2019/09/15	Saginaw Japan Festival 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit	Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Tea House and Gardens of Saginaw (Japanese Cultural Center)	527 Ezra Rust Drive Saginaw, Michigan 48601	This festival featured various events presenting Japanese culture at a Japanese garden with an authentic <i>sukiya-zukuri</i> -style tea house, Awa Saginaw An, built through an exchange with Tokushima, Saginaw's sister city in Japan. 1. A Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performance 2. Okinawan folk singing and dancing performances 3. A <i>koto</i> performance 4. A <i>kendo</i> fencing demonstration 5. A tea ceremony demonstration 6. A calligraphy demonstration 7. An origami demonstration 8. An ikebana (flower arrangement) demonstration 9. A bonsai (dwarf tree) demonstration
41	2019/10/06	2019/10/06	Japanese Food Event at Novi Japan Festival 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Novi High School	24062 Taft Rd., Novi, MI 48375	The Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit and its chef held a Japanese cooking lecture and <i>onigiri</i> workshop at the Novi Japan Festival 2019. The lecture explained various aspects of Japanese cooking, including rice and Japanese culture. The workshop explained how to make <i>onigiri</i> (rice balls), including how to cook the rice. Following a demonstration by the Consulate chef showing how to form the rice balls, participants tried their hand at making and tasting <i>onigiri</i> for themselves.

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42	2019/10/09	2019/10/09	An Introduction to Japanese Flower Arranging (Sogetsu Ikebana)	Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit	Seminar/Workshop	Krohn Conservatory (Cincinnati Park)	1501 Eden Park Dr, Cincinnati 45202	This flower arrangement lecture, complete with demonstrations, was given to residents of Cincinnati at the city's famous Krohn Conservatory.
43	2019/11/08	2019/11/08	Japanese Art Appreciation Day -- Calligraphy x Japanese Art --	Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Oakland University	312 Meadow Brook Rd, Rochester, MI 48309	Lectures on Japanese culture were held by Michigan-based Japanese calligrapher Fujii Kyoko and artist and university lecturer Hakoyama Tatsuki. Fujii spoke about the history of Japanese calligraphy and Japanese calligraphy as art. Hakoyama lectured on the ethnic origins of the Japanese and the link between culture and art. Both presenters collaborated in a demonstration of artwork creation.
44	2019/12/08	2019/12/08	Japanese Film Screenings	Consulate-General of Japan in Detroit	Film/Video Screening	Gateway Film Center	1550 N High St, Columbus, OH 43201	This Japanese film festival screened Miyahara Naoki's animated film <i>Pop in Q</i> and Fukatsu Masakazu's drama <i>Dad's Lunch Box</i> .
45	2019/09/10	2019/09/15	Japanese Kite Making Workshop at the Japanese Kite Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Denver	Seminar/Workshop	1) Central Park Recreation Center 2) Cottonwood Gallery Park	1) 9651 E. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Denver, CO 80238 2) Verbena St & E 51st Ave Denver, CO 80238	Celebrated Japanese kite artist and maker Toki Mikio gave lectures and workshops on making Japanese kites for both children and adults. At the Japanese kite festival on the last day, Mr. Toki demonstrated how to fly the kites, and workshop participants had a kite flying contest.
46	2019/11/09	2019/11/09	The 33rd Colorado/Wyoming Japanese Speech Contest	Consulate-General of Japan in Denver	Others	First Baptist Church of Denver	1373 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203	Students of Japanese from Colorado and Wyoming, ranging from the elementary school to university level, competed in this contest, demonstrating a high level of Japanese-language proficiency.
47	2019/04/13	2019/04/13	The 11th Annual Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Public Square Park	1 Public Square, Nashville, TN 37201	The Nashville Cherry Blossom Festival was a complex event celebrating Japanese culture. The various attractions included Japanese taiko drum performances by Houston Kaminari Taiko, a chorus of Japanese songs by staff from the Japanese school, performances by Japanese country musicians, Japanese martial arts performances, and a cosplay contest, among others. The Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville joined the Cherry Blossom Walk, the kickoff event for the Cherry Blossom Festival. The Consulate General's booth also showcased Japanese culture with a yukata fitting corner and a Japanese toy corner. In addition, lectures by Japanese tea ceremony masters were held and promotional materials such as the magazine niponica were distributed. The two weeks prior to the Cherry Blossom Festival was called Japan Week, with Japanese cultural events held daily in Nashville and its suburbs.

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48	2019/08/25	2019/08/25	An Introduction to Japanese Culture and Sake at the 6th Knoxville Asian Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	World's Fair Park	963 Worlds Fair Park Dr, Knoxville, TN 37916	This event introduced people to Japanese culture and sake. The culture and appealing aspects of Japan were presented with the aim of attracting tourists, as well as providing information about education in Japan. The Japanese sake class explained about sake and gave participants an opportunity to taste it, as well.
49	2019/09/22	2019/09/22	The 5th Annual Japanese Moon Viewing	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Cheekwood Botanical Gardens	1200 Forrest Park Dr, Nashville, TN 37205-4206	A range of activities introducing Japanese culture took place for this event held on a full moon, entitled Moon Viewing. They included a tea ceremony lecture and demonstration, Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum and <i>koto</i> performances, and a workshop on origami, <i>kamishibai</i> picture card storytelling, calligraphy, and making <i>uchiwa</i> fans. A guided tour was also given of the Japanese garden undergoing repairs organized by the Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism at the event venue site, the Cheekwood Botanical Gardens.
50	2019/10/12	2019/10/12	New Orleans Japan Fest 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	New Orleans Museum of Art	One Collins C. Diboll Circle, City Park New Orleans, Louisiana 70124	New Orleans Japan Fest was a comprehensive, large-scale festival of Japanese culture. Events included performances featuring Japanese culture, such as a Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performance, <i>bon odori</i> dancing, and a cosplay fashion show, as well as demonstrations of martial arts, including karate, <i>kendo</i> , <i>iaido</i> , <i>aikido</i> , and judo, calligraphy and origami workshops, and an event in which participants tried on medieval Japanese armor. The Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville operated a booth, which introduced people to games using Japanese toys and promoted the JET program and handed out promotional materials through the cooperation of the JET Alumni Association of New Orleans, the local division of alumni of the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme.
51	2019/09/29	2019/09/29	Memphis Japan Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Memphis Botanic Garden	750 Cherry Rd, Memphis, TN 38117	The Memphis Japan Festival was a multifaceted event featuring Japanese culture. Held at the Memphis Botanic Garden, which has its own Japanese garden, it featured various events, including calligraphy and <i>kendama</i> (cup-and-ball) demonstrations and a kimono show as well as an origami workshop and a short course in Japanese. The Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville set up areas where people could try on yukatas and check out Japanese toys, and held lectures by experts on the tea ceremony, bonsai (dwarf trees), ikebana (flower arrangement), manga sketching, and Japanese gardens.
52	2019/09/21	2019/09/21	Japan Festival 2019 at Lexington	Consulate-General of Japan in Nashville	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza	120 N Limestone, Lexington, KY 40507	This event provided a comprehensive introduction to Japanese culture, including musical performances of mainly Japanese pieces, martial arts demonstrations, bonsai (dwarf tree) exhibits, and an area allowing visitors to try on kimonos. It also presented traditional Japanese toys, distributed promotional materials and promoted the JET program, and featured a Japan Foundation Salary Assistance Grant ceremony by the Japan Foundation.
53	2019/05/18	2019/05/18	Bach Collegium Japan Concert	Consulate-General of Japan in New York	Performance/Concert	Residence of the Japanese Ambassador	-	This concert by Bach Collegium Japan (BCJ), an internationally acclaimed baroque music ensemble, was hosted by the Consulate-General of Japan in New York. (Performances were given by BCJ Representative Masaaki Suzuki and others.)

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54	2019/09/07	2019/09/07	Bon Odori Dance at Fairfield	Consulate-General of Japan in New York	Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Jesup Green	Jesup Rd. & Taylor Pl. Westport, CT 06880	This event featuring <i>bon odori</i> dances was jointly organized by the Consulate-General of Japan in New York and the Japan Society of Fairfield County. It presented various aspects of Japanese culture, including Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performances, a display of martial arts, a play about the Japanese fairy tale <i>Momotaro</i> , and origami workshops.
55	2019/11/16	2019/11/16	Japan Autumn Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Film/Video Screening, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Ypao Beach Park (Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park)	Ypao Beach Tumon, Guam	This autumn festival organized by the Japan Club of Guam presented lectures and demonstrations about making mochi rice cakes (<i>mochitsuki</i>), including explanations about the Japanese New Year's holiday and <i>mochitsuki</i> accompanied by visual media.
56	2020/01/09	2020/01/09	Aikido Demonstration 2020	Consulate-General of Japan in Hagatna	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	Harvest Christian Academy	170 C Machaute Street, Barrigada, 96913	An explanation and demonstration of aikido was given for upper elementary students at Harvest Christian Academy in Guam. Students were also allowed to experience aikido firsthand.
57	2019/04/13	2019/04/14	Japan Festival Houston	Consulate-General of Japan in Houston	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Hermann Park	6001 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030	This event presented Japanese traditional toys and held kite-making workshops for the general public, including elementary to high school students. There was also a concert by the Yano Brothers, fusion music singers melding Japanese lyrics with African music. In addition, Japanese culture and attractions were promoted by distributing tourism promotion pamphlets and the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> , among others.
58	2019/06/14	2019/06/16	Anime Matsuri	Consulate-General of Japan in Houston	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	George R. Brown Convention Center	1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010	Marking its 13th anniversary this year, the Anime Matsuri was an anime and cosplay event boasting 36,000 visitors. It was the fourth largest event of its kind in North America. The Consulate-General of Japan in Houston's booth took up the theme of <i>omikujii</i> , fortunes written on strips of paper, and featured its meaning and history. It also provided attendees a chance to actually draw <i>omikujii</i> . In addition, the booth showcased Japanese culture and attractions to visitors using various types of public relations pamphlets and posters.
59	2019/07/07	2019/07/07	Tanabata Star Festival 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Houston	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Children's Museum of Houston	1500 Binz St, Houston, TX 77004	This Japanese cultural event centering on Japan's <i>tanabata</i> , star festival, was held jointly with the Children's Museum of Houston. <i>Tanabata</i> decorations were displayed at the museum, and the event offered visitors the chance to experience writing wishes on colorful <i>tanzaku</i> paper and decorating. A stamp rally event for children was held to help them learn about <i>tanabata</i> while collecting stamps in a booklet. There were also origami workshops, <i>kendama</i> (cup and ball) performances by <i>Kendama USA</i> , and <i>kamishibai</i> picture-story shows.
60	2019/05/25	2019/05/25	Maui Matsuri	Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	University of Hawaii - Maui College	310 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave Kahului, HI 96732-1617	At the Maui Matsuri, a festival that has been held since 1999 on the island of Maui in Hawaii, a booth on Japanese culture was set up to hold origami demonstrations and display Japanese playground equipment and Japanese food models.
61	2019/11/16	2019/11/16	Bunka no Hi Japanese Culture Day	Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin - Sangha Hall	398 Kilauea Ave, Hilo, HI 96720	A booth at the Japanese culture event <i>Bunka no Hi</i> introduced visitors to Japanese culture, presenting Japanese games such as <i>kendama</i> (cup and ball), <i>wanage</i> (ring toss), and origami, and exhibiting traditional <i>kogei</i> craftwork and plastic models of Japanese food used in restaurant display windows. Visitors were introduced to various aspects of Japanese culture, including the tea ceremony, flower arrangement, and <i>Kabuki</i> , as well as materials related to Japanese culture on the Web Japan website run by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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62	2019/10/18	2019/10/18	The 34th Matsuri Kauai Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall	4191 Hardy St, Lihue, HI 96766	A booth at the 34th Matsuri Kauai Festival, a Japanese culture event, introduced visitors to Japanese culture, presenting Japanese games such as <i>kendama</i> (cup and ball), <i>wanage</i> (ring toss), and origami, and exhibiting traditional <i>kogei</i> craftwork and plastic models of Japanese food used in restaurant display windows. Visitors were introduced to various aspects of Japanese culture, including materials related to Japanese culture on the Web Japan website run by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Leading up to this event, a class on Japanese culture was held at a local junior high school.
63	2019/04/05	2019/04/06	Kawaii Kon	Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu	Exhibition, Seminar/Workshop	Hawaii Convention Center	1801 Kalakaua Avenue Honolulu, HI 96815	A booth at Kawaii Kon, Hawaii's biggest anime event, introduced visitors to Japanese culture. It presented various aspects of Japanese culture, including materials related to Japanese culture on the Web Japan website run by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Visitors were also given information about traveling in Japan, as well as materials introducing various locations in Japan.
64	2019/09/07	2019/09/07	BonFest Pensacola	Consulate-General of Japan in Miami	Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Booker T. Washington High School	6000 College Pkwy Pensacola, FL 32504	This festival presented a traditional Japanese summer festival environment, with street stalls offering <i>wanage</i> (ring toss) games and shaved ice, and various performances, including <i>bon odori</i> dance events, an <i>omikoshi</i> (portable shrine) parade, an Okinawan Eisa Bon Festival dance, and other traditional Japanese dances, as well as singing by learners of Japanese, a Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performance and drum class.
65	2019/10/05	2019/10/05	Experience Asia 2019	Consulate-General of Japan in Miami	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Lewis and Bloxham Parks	205 East Park Ave Tallahassee Florida 32301	Experience Asia is a multifaceted annual event presenting the cultures of Asia organized by the Asian Coalition of Tallahassee (ACT). The booth run by the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami introduced people to Japanese culture, displaying <i>omikoshi</i> (portable shrines), <i>ikebana</i> , and origami crafts, and letting participants write their names in the Japanese phonetic scripts katakana and hiragana, put up <i>Tanabata</i> decorations, make origami, and wear yukata, and distributing the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> . Other events included a performance by the Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum group Maturiza, which is active in Orlando, and the <i>bon odori</i> dance <i>Tanko Bushi</i> held on a special stage, an <i>omikoshi</i> (portable shrine) parade by children, and demonstrations of how to put on a yukata at the ACT booth.
66	2019/11/17	2019/11/17	Orlando Japan Festival	Consulate-General of Japan in Miami	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	1) Kissimmee Lakefront Park 2) University of Central Florida	1) 201 Lakeview Dr, Kissimmee, FL 34741 2) 4000 Central Florida Blvd, Orlando, FL 32816	This festival featured a solo performance by <i>shakuhachi</i> flute virtuoso Marco Lienhard and a joint performance with Lienhard and Japanese taiko drum group Maturiza, as well as performances of the koto, Japanese drums, and traditional Japanese dance, a demonstration of judo, and a cosplay contest. A booth run by the Consulate-General of Japan in Miami promoted the JET program, and provided a lecture about the <i>shakuhachi</i> flute and an area where visitors could make origami, in cooperation with Orlando Hoshuko, a weekend supplementary school for Japanese children. The day after the festival, Mr. Lienhard gave a <i>shakuhachi</i> performance and held a Q&A event about the <i>shakuhachi</i> at the University of Central Florida.
67	2019/05/25	2019/05/25	The 16th annual All-USA High School Japanese Speech Contest	Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles	Others	University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA 92697	Celebrating its 16th year, this contest was an opportunity for the younger generation in the United States to deepen their understanding of Japanese people and culture through learning the Japanese language. Participants in this contest were winners of Japanese speech contests held across the United States. The victor will participate in a worldwide speech contest held in Japan.
68	2019/06/27	2019/06/27	Young Japanese Artists: Violinist Kiyonaga Aya featuring Cellist Rainer Crosett and Pianist Paul Voia-Tipei	Consulate-General of Japan in Los Angeles	Performance/Concert	Residence of the Consul-General of Japan in Los Angeles	-	Aya Kiyonaga, a young Japanese violinist living in Los Angeles, held a concert performance as part of a trio. The trio performed Japanese and Western musical pieces, including the Japanese song <i>Furusato</i> .

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69	2019/06/01	2019/06/01	Haiku Contest 2019	Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations	Exhibition, Lecture	The United Nations International School	24-50 FDR Dr, New York, NY 10010	This contest selected prize-winning works from haiku entries in English, Japanese, French, and other languages solicited from United Nations International School (UNIS) and other elementary, junior high, and senior high schools mainly in the Northeastern United States. Winning haiku poems were exhibited for a week at UNIS. This year, a new haiku award with the theme of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was set up, and a haiku-composing activity was conducted while considering various world problems being addressed by the UN.
70	2019/08/03	2019/08/03	Japanese Summer Festival	Consular Office of Japan in Anchorage	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	Lucy Cuddy Hall - University of Alaska Anchorage	3211 Providence Dr, Anchorage, AK 99508	At a venue recreating Japanese summer festival snack stands and street stalls, a range of events were held on the theme of <i>matsuri</i> (festivals), which are major events in the summer in Japan, including <i>bon odori</i> dances, a Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performance, a demonstration by martial arts schools, ikebana exhibits, and a cosplay performance. The Consular Office of Japan in Anchorage operated a PR desk promoting tourism and the Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme and providing workshops to participants on origami, <i>kirigami</i> papercutting, and other paper crafts.
71	2019/04/20	2019/04/20	The 31st Annual Japanese Speech Contest	Consular Office of Japan in Portland	Others	KPMG LLP, Portland	1300 SW 5th Ave #3800, Portland, OR 97201	The Japanese Speech Contest for junior high and high school students studying Japanese in Oregon and Southwest Washington was held with two divisions. The first division was for regular junior high and high school students, while the second was for junior high and high school students in immersion programs. This year's speech topic was "My favorite outfit."
72	2019/06/09	2019/06/09	Flutes of Three Nations	Consular Office of Japan in Portland	Performance/Concert	First Congregational United Church of Christ	1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205	A performance of traditional woodwind instruments (flutes) from Japan, China, and Korea was held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Portland. The Japanese flutist performed on the <i>shakuhachi</i> , a Japanese traditional flute.
73	2019/07/27	2019/07/27	Natsu Matsuri Oregon Summer Festival at Uwajimaya Beaverton	Consular Office of Japan in Portland	Exhibition, Performance/Concert	Uwajimaya	10500 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton, OR 97005	The Natsu Matsuri Oregon Summer Festival was held in the city of Beaverton, in the suburbs of Portland, Oregon. It featured Japanese <i>wadaiko</i> drum performances and <i>bon odori</i> dances, and displayed pamphlets and posters about famous tourist spots and products of municipalities in Japan that have sister city relationships with Portland, Beaverton, and other cities in Oregon. The Consular Office of Japan in Portland held a quiz about tourism using its models of World Heritage sites. It also displayed posters and pamphlets promoting appealing characteristics of Japanese-grown rice at the venue and at local stores selling Japanese food products.
74	2019/09/02	2019/09/02	Japan Day 2019	Consular Office of Japan in Portland	Exhibition, Performance/Concert, Seminar/Workshop	The Basque Center	601 W Grove Street Boise, ID 83702	This event presented traditional performing arts and music as well as traditional martial arts demonstrations. It also held origami and calligraphy workshops, distributed the public relations magazine <i>niponica</i> , and promoted an understanding of Japan and in-bound tourism.
75	2019/11/16	2019/11/16	Sake Tasting at Kumoricon	Consular Office of Japan in Portland	Seminar/Workshop, Lecture	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland	1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232	A Japanese sake tasting event was held at the Kumoricon anime convention with the aim of increasing awareness and knowledge of sake. "Sake Samurai" Marcus Pakiser talked about the different types of Japanese sake and how sake is made. A booth run by the Consular Office of Japan in Portland distributed pamphlets explaining Japanese sake, which it made jointly with Mr. Pakiser.