

**ANNUAL REPORT  
TO SPONSORS AND MEMBERS  
2011**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Japan-Virginia Society, it is my pleasure to provide this 2011 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 2011.

**Programming Highlights:**

Our programming activities in 2011 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 took an active leadership role in summoning individual and institutional support for a Japan Relief Fund initiative, following these multiple disasters.

**January 16, 2011**

**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 260 participants.

**June 6, 2011**

**Virginia Nippon Conference and Golf Classic:**

This event for Japanese corporate guests and American friends and sponsors was held at the Spring Creek Golf Club in Gordonsville, Virginia. This was the 21<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. We were honored to have the Consul General of Japan Tajuki Hanatani speak at the business conference portion of this all day event.

**June 27, 2011**

**Japan-Virginia Society, Japan Relief Fund:**

**As cited earlier, 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.**

**Based on the recommendation of our Japanese directors, the Board approved the designation of these funds to go to a specific relief purpose and that these funds should be placed in the hands of an onsite trustee. The first American casualty of the combined disasters was Ms. Taylor Anderson of Midlothian, Virginia, who taught English at six elementary schools in the disaster impact area. All six of these schools were damaged severely and the trustee was advised to share the funds among these schools, for badly-needed teaching supplies, in memory of Ms. Anderson and the many innocent victims of these disasters.**

**August 3, 2011**

**Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Training Squadron:**

**Between August 2-7, 2011, the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Training Squadron may a port of call visit to Norfolk, Virginia. This special Navy event occurs on roughly a three year cycle and involves numerous organizations in the hosting and touring activities. The Japan-Virginia Society made a modest contribution to the hosting activities and several of our Board Officers participated in the official events, supporting Japan and U.S. Naval cooperation and training collaborations.**

**October 1, 2011**

**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.**

**October 9, 2011**

**Japan Cup Virginia Golf Tournament:**

**This fifth annual event was held at the Colonial Heritage Club. Existing and potential Japanese members of the Society enjoyed a competitive golf outing, enjoyed by 24 players.**

**October 15, 2011**

**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 is well-received.**

**November 4, 2011**

**Business Seminar:**

**The fall Business Seminar was held at the Colonial Heritage Club involving sixteen Japanese officials and companies.**

**Governance:**

**The Society held board of directors meetings throughout 2011 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, 2011, the Society received cash revenues of \$27,626 and incurred cash expenses of \$16,021 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 \$10,216 reflecting a positive outcome as to our 2011 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 in 2011, under TIN: 54-1419573, a 501(c) 3 designated classification.**

**During the course of 2011, the Society received funding support from 23 corporate/institutional sponsors and 12 individual and family members.**

**2012:**

**The year 2012 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.**

**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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