

**2012 Japan-U.S. Cherry Blossom Centennial
Nationwide Cherry Blossom Tree Planting Initiative
List of Cities**

City	Planting locations include:	Planting date	Organizers include:	Contact: Consulate General of Japan(CGJ)	Note
Atlanta, GA	① Front lawn of Georgia Governor's Mansion. The Governor's Mansion is a tourist destination located on a busy street. ② Middle schools and high schools in metro Atlanta with Japanese language programs.	① March 1	① Georgia state government (Governor's Office) ② Public middle and high schools	CGJ Atlanta Yukimi Kurata yukimi.kurata@mofa.go.jp Phone: 404-240-4300 ext. 3004	Fukuoka is Atlanta's sister city.
Birmingham, AL	① Japanese Garden at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens (built in 1967) ② Local greenway path (part of development project by NPO to build pedestrian path)	① March 17 (handover ceremony)	The Japan America Society of Alabama	CGJ Atlanta Yukimi Kurata yukimi.kurata@mofa.go.jp Phone: 404-240-4300 ext. 3004	
Boston, MA	① Boston Public Garden ② Museum of Fine Arts, Boston ③ Public schools in Boston which teach Japanese language ④ Other sites TBD	Middle of April	Commonwealth of Massachusetts, City of Boston, Japan Society of Boston	CGJ Boston Susan Gill 617-973-9772 s.gill@cgjbos.org	

Buffalo, NY	<p>Japanese Garden in Delaware Park, Buffalo Olmsted Parks</p> <p>The Japanese garden in Delaware Park was completed in 1974 in a partnership between Japanese and American landscapers and garden designers.</p>	TBC	Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	<p>CGJ New York, Masakazu Kigure masakazu.kigure@mofa.go.jp Phone: 212-418-4455</p>	2012 marks 50 th Anniversary of Buffalo-Kanazawa Sister City relations
Carson City, NV	Carson City (the exact location is to be confirmed later.)	After March	State of Nevada	<p>CGJ San Francisco, Tsuyoshi Hikita cul@cgisf.org Phone: 415-356-2412</p>	
Chicago, IL	<p>① Executive Mansion, Springfield, IL</p> <p>② Chicago Botanic Garden</p>	<p>①April 18</p> <p>②March 25</p>	<p>①Illinois Governor's Office</p> <p>② Chicago Botanic Garden 1.</p>	<p>CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430</p> <p>Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430</p>	<p>City of Springfield and Ashikaga City, Tochigi Prefecture are Sister Cities.</p> <p>City of Chicago and Osaka City are Sister Cities.</p>
Columbus, OH	Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.	April 27	Columbus Cherry Blossom Planting Committee (including Franklin Park	<p>CGJ Detroit Midori Takeuchi midori.takeuchi@mofa.go.jp Phone: 313-567-0120</p>	Although Columbus is the capital of Ohio, which is the home state of President Taft and home state to almost 400 Japanese companies, it does

			Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Institute for Japanese Studies at The Ohio State University, Japan-America Society of Central Ohio, City of Columbus, Columbus Bicentennial and Columbus 2020.) and Consulate General of Japan in Detroit.	Tomohiro Iwabuchi tomohiro.iwabuchi@mofa.go.jp Phone: 313-567-0120	not have a substantial number of cherry blossoms within the city limits. Additionally, 2012 is the bicentennial year of Columbus.
Denver, CO	①Town Center Park, Denver ② Japanese Garden at the Denver Botanic Gardens	①April ②June	①City of Denver, Japanese Firms Association of Colorado, etc. ②Denver Botanic	CGJ Denver Hiromoto Oyama Phone:303-534-1151 Hiromoto.oyama@gmail.com	Cherry tree planting in the City of Colorado Springs in commemoration of 50 th anniversary of its sister city relationship with Fujiyoshida

			Gardens, etc.		City is also under the consideration.
Des Moines, IA	Iowa State Capitol Grounds	May 12	Iowa Sister States Committee; Iowa Asian Alliance; Japan America Society of Iowa	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	Iowa State and Yamanashi Prefecture are Sister States. City of Des Moines and Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture are Sister Cities.
Fort Worth, TX	Fort Worth Botanic Garden (Japanese Garden). A corner of the Japanese Garden was designed by a landscape architect from Fort Worth's sister city, Nagaoka, Japan. Currently the Japanese Garden has few cherry trees.	October	Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth Botanical Society, Inc., Japan-America Society of Dallas/Forth Worth, Fort Worth Japanese Society	CGJ Houston, Ayako Koide ayako.koide@mofa.go.jp Phone: 713-652-2977	In 2012, Fort Worth and Nagaoka City, Niigata celebrate their 25 th Anniversary as sister cities. The 22 nd America-Japan Grassroots Summit in North Texas will be held from August 28 to September 4, 2012.
Houston, TX	Hermann Park's Japanese Garden. A stone monument etched with former Prime Minister Kaifu's calligraphy stands in Hermann Park's Japanese Garden. Prime Minister Kaifu attended	October	Hermann Park Conservancy, Japan-America Society of Houston	CGJ Houston, Ayako Koide ayako.koide@mofa.go.jp Phone: 713-652-2977	Japan Festival will be held in Hermann Park on March 31 and April 1, 2012. This year Houston and Chiba City celebrate their 40 th

	the Houston Summit in 1990 and the Japanese Garden is a symbol of the Japanese community in Houston.				Anniversary as sister cities.
Indianapolis, IN	White River State Park	April 28	Honorary Consul General of Japan; Japan America Society of Indiana	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	Indiana State and Tochigi Prefecture are Sister States.
Kansas City, MO	Loose Park; Johnson County Community College	Planting in March: Dedication in July (Loose Park) and October (JCCC)	Honorary Consul General of Japan; Heart of America Japan America Society; Kansas City Dept. of Parks & Recreation; Johnson County Community College	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	Missouri State and Nagano Prefecture are Sister States. City of Kansas City and Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture are Sister Cities.
Lexington, KY	Main streets of the City of Lexington, The Arboretum (State Botanical Garden of Kentucky), University of Kentucky,	May 19	Japan America Society of Kentucky	CGJ Nashville Megumi Osugi megumi.osugi@mofa.go.j	Kentucky has enjoyed friendly relations with Japan over the past 25 years. There

	Sister Cities across Kentucky etc.			p Japan America Society of Kentucky http://www.jask.org	is a largest Toyota factory in Kentucky
Los Angeles, CA	Flag Garden, Civic Park	May	County Office of Los Angeles	CGJ Los Angeles Kuniko Nakamura kuniko.nakamura@mofa. go.jp Phone:213-617-6700	A commemorative ceremony would be held by July, after the Civic Park opens in the summer. The City of Los Angeles and Nagoya are sister cities.
Macon, GA	A park located in central Macon, on one of the city's main streets.	March 18	The city of Macon and the Cherry Blossom Festival organizing committee	CGJ Atlanta Yukimi Kurata yukimi.kurata@mofa.go.j p Phone: 404-240-4300 ext. 3004	This year is the 30 th anniversary of the Macon Cherry Blossom Festival. Macon's sister city is Kurobe-shi. YKK USA is located in Macon.
Nashville, TN	Centennial Park, Public Square, main streets of Nashville and leading Universities etc.	March 24	Japan America Society of Tennessee, City of Nashville etc.	CGJ Nashville Megumi Osugi megumi.osugi@mofa.go.j p Japan America Society of Tennessee http://nashvillecherryblo ssomfestival.org	There are over 170 Japanese companies in Tennessee. Japan and Tennessee have been enjoying friendly relations for the last 30 years.

New York, NY	<p>① Sakura Park</p> <p>In 1912, cherry blossom trees arrived and were planted in the park with the help of Dr. Jokichi Takamine and The Nippon Club.</p> <p>In 1960, to celebrate the sister-city ties between Tokyo and New York, Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko (now the Emperor and Empress of Japan) attended an official ceremony.</p>	April 14 (TBC)	New York Parks and Recreations, etc	CGJ NewYork, Masakazu Kigure masakazu.kigure@mofa.go.jp Phone:212-418-4455	
	<p>② Central Park</p> <p>Central Park, a place of rest and relaxation for New Yorkers, has many cherry trees and includes two 100-year-old cherry trees. Japan Day @Central Park, which has been held annually since 2007, has seen the planting of even more cherry trees in Central Park.</p>	April 14 (TBC)	Japan Day, Inc. New York Parks and Recreations Central Park Conservancy		
	③ Brooklyn Botanic Garden	April	Brooklyn Botanic		

	<p>The Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG) was founded in 1910 and the Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden was completed in 1915. Since planting of the first cherry trees in 1921, BBG visitors can enjoy more than 220 Japanese flowering cherry trees of more than 30 different species. BBG hosts the annual Sakura Matsuri, the largest cherry blossom festival in the Tri-State Area.</p>	(TBC)	Garden		
	<p>④ CUNY LaGuardia Community College</p> <p>The great-grandfather of one of the faculty members of CUNY LaGuardia reportedly contributed to the gift of cherry blossom trees 100 years ago.</p>	April 24 (TBC)	CUNY LaGuardia Community College		
Novi, MI	Novi Civic Center, Novi Public Library / Fuerst Park, Novi Meadows Elementary School (which is also used for the Japanese Saturday School), and	The main ceremony will be held at May 19	City of Novi; Novi Public Library; Novi Community	CGJ Detroit Midori Takeuchi midori.takeuchi@mofa.go.jp	Novi is planning a cultural programming series May 12-19 called “New Blooms for Novi!”. The series includes a

	Providence Park Hospital.	at Novi Civic Center. The other plantings are planned during May 12 – May 19.	Schools; Japanese School of Detroit “Ringo Kai”; St. John Providence Health System/Providence Park Hospital, and Consulate General of Japan in Detroit	Phone: 313-567-0120 Tomohiro Iwabuchi Tomohiro.iwabuchi@mofa.go.jp Phone: 313-567-0120	community art project. Although Novi is home to the largest Japanese population in Michigan, the Japanese School of Detroit (since August 2011), and an Annual Japan Festival which is the biggest in Michigan, it does not have a substantial number of cherry blossoms within the city limits.
Omaha, NE	Lauritzen Gardens	April 27	Honorary Consul General of Japan; Lauritzen Gardens	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	City of Omaha and Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture are Sister Cities.
Pawtucket & Central Fall, RI	Roosevelt Street, running between Pawtucket and Central Falls, or a park in Pawtucket Rhode Island Cherry Blossom Festival	May	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	CGJ Boston Susan Gill 617-973-9772 s.gill@cgjbos.org	Former Rep. Patrick Kennedy, RI, and his successor, Rep. Cicilline, have attended the ceremony of the festival.

	has been held annually since 2009.				
Pensacola, FL	University of West Florida, mainly around the Japan Center. The general public can visit the center.	March 30	University of West Florida	CGJ Miami, Hayato Nakamura hayato.nakamura@mofa.go.jp Phone:305-530-9090	Pensacola has a sister city relationship with Gero City in Gifu Prefecture.
Philadelphia, PA	Fairmount Park, Shofuso Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia (JASGP) hosts the Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival. The Festival benefits the JASGP Community Tree Planting Project, which seeks to beautify the Philadelphia landscape by annually planting and maintaining cherry trees in Philadelphia parks. JASGP has planted cherry trees to supplement the 1,600 flowering trees donated by Japanese government as a gesture of friendship in 1926.	April 15 (TBC)	Japan America Society of Greater Philadelphia Shofuso	CGJ New York, Masakazu Kigure masakazu.kigure@mofa.go.jp Phone:212-418-4455	Shofuso was built in 1953 in Nagoya and presented to the Museum of Modern Art New York by the America-Japan Society of Tokyo for an exhibition in 1954-55. It was given to the City of Philadelphia and reassembled at the current site in 1958 with a garden.
Pittsburgh PA	North Park in Allegheny County Park	End of April (TBC)	Pittsburgh Sakura Project	CGJ New York, Masakazu Kigure	

	Pittsburgh Sakura Project started planting cherry trees from 2009 to strengthen bonds between Japan and the U.S.			masakazu.kigure@mofa.go.jp Phone:212-418-4455	
Portland, OR	①Portland Japanese Garden ②Washington Park, Portland, OR	①April 12 ②March	Portland Japanese Garden	CGJ Portland, Hirofumi Murabayashi hirofumi.murabayashi@cgjpd.org Phone: 503-221-1811	
Portsmouth, NH	Strawberry Banke and other sites. The museum has many historical buildings which were built after the 17 th century. It also has a Japanese Judas tree planted by Mr. Jutaro Komura, representative of Japan for the Portsmouth peace negotiations.	April or May	Japan America Society of NH	CG J Boston Susan Gill 617-973-9772 s.gill@cgjbos.org	
Sacramento, CA	Capitol Park (behind the State Capitol) (the exact location is to be confirmed later.)	After March	State of California	CGJ San Francisco, Tsuyoshi Hikita cul@cgjsf.org Phone: 415-356-2412	
Salt Lake City, UT	International Peace Gardens in Jordan Park, Salt Lake City	April(TBD)	International Peace Gardens Academy and the Salt Lake City	CGJ Denver Hiromoto Oyama Phone:303-534-1151 hiromoto.oyama@gmail.com	Salt Lake City is the sister city with Matsumoto City

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San Diego, CA	Decision of acceptance by the Board of the Unified Port of San Diego was made on Feb 14.	February 28	Unified Port of San Diego	CGJ Los Angeles Kuniko Nakamura kuniko.nakamura@mofa.go.jp Phone:213-617-6700	The City of San Diego and Yokohama are sister cities.
San Francisco Bay Area, CA	City and County of San Francisco (Union Square, Japanese Tea Garden of the Golden Gate Park, Japantown etc.), the City of Oakland and sister cities across the Bay Area. Planting will also take place in schools as part of an educational program.	March-August	Governments of the cities, sister city associations and relevant organizations etc.	CGJ San Francisco, Tsuyoshi Hikita cul@cgjsf.org Phone: 415-356-2412	
Seattle, WA	①Jefferson Park (Seattle Public Park located on Beacon Hill which has deeply-rooted ties to many Japanese immigrants and their descendants. Grand Opening of the park is scheduled this July.) ②Seattle Center (It will celebrate its 50 th Anniversary this April, it is the venue of Seattle Cherry Blossom &	Tree Presentation/ Planting Ceremony are scheduled in April (②) and in July (①)	Seattle Parks and Recreation; Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival Committee	CGJ Seattle, Shintaro Hara info@cgjapansea.org (effective March 1, 2012 : info@se.mofa.go.jp) Phone: 206-682-9107	The original Cherry trees planted in Washington DC were transported through Seattle

	Japanese Cultural Festival held every spring, and the cherry tree planted by Japanese Emperor was transplanted here.)				
St. Louis, MO	Missouri Botanical Garden	April 22	Honorary Consul General of Japan; Missouri Botanical Garden	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	Missouri State and Nagano Prefecture are Sister States. City of St. Louis and Suwa City, Nagano Prefecture are Sister Cities.
St. Paul, MN	Como Park	June 9	Honorary Consul General of Japan; City of St. Paul; Japan America Society of Minnesota; St. Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	City of St. Paul and Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture are Sister Cities.
Waimea, Island of Hawai'i, HI	Church Row Park, Waimea/Kamuela. The Kochi Prefectural Makino	February 4	County of Hawaii, Waimea Lions	CGJ Honolulu, Yuko Miyabe	As <i>Someiyoshino</i> , (typical Japanese Cherry Blossom

	Botanical Garden helped to import the cherry blossom seeds that are considered to be suitable to the Hawaii's climate from Kochi. With the help of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, the seeds were grown into seedlings. They were planted during the 19 th annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Festival on February 4.		Club	yuko.miyabe@mofa.go.jp Phone: 808-543-3111	tree) can not be grown in semitropical Hawaii, one type of Japanese cherry blossom seed from Kochi (the southernmost part of Japanese cherry's range of distribution) were planted with a help of the Kochi Prefectural Makino Botanical Garden (Director, Dr. Tetsuo Koyama,), and the Hawaii Department of Agriculture.
Washington DC metropolitan area	US Military Base	April	US Military Japan Alumni Association	Embassy of Japan Mayu Hagiwara mayu.hagiwara@mofa.go.jp Phone: 202-238-6903	Representing all five uniformed services of the US Armed Forces
Winona, MN	①Lake Park ②Windom Park ③Winona Middle School	June 10	City of Winona	CGJ Chicago, Yasuhiko Kamada ykamada@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430 Austin Gilkeson agilkeson@japancc.org Phone: 312-280-0430	City of Winona and Misato-cho, Miyagi Prefecture are Sister Cities.

Total: 36 cities					