

JAPAN DAY CELEBRATION

Wednesday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Room Coo5

11-11:45 a.m

Learn about Modern Japan

Topics include: “Japan Today after the March 2011 Tsunami,” “Japanese Pop Culture” and “Benefits of Learning Japanese in Today’s World.” **Emily Toelcke (presenter)**, Japan Information Center of the Consulate General at Chicago



11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m

Japanese Fencing Demonstration (Kendo)

Austin Gilkeson (presenter), Japan Information Center of the Consulate General at Chicago



12:15-1 p.m.

Asian Lunch in Room Coo3

Served by the CLC Asian Alliance Club

1-1:45 p.m.

Japanese Tea Ceremony (Cha-no-yu)

Yumiko Ormsby and Toshiko Uehara (presenters)

The custom of drinking tea and elements of Zen philosophy combine in an art form that has remained a part of Japanese culture for over five centuries. Discover the history of the tea ceremony and its importance in Japanese culture.



2-2:45 p.m.

Japanese Calligraphy Presentation

Hitomi Hirunuma, Japanese calligrapher

Watch a master calligrapher share this ancient art form.



3-3:45 p.m.

Ikebana Floral Arranging Demonstration

Sogetsu ikebana is a three-dimensional artistic expression composed of flower and plant material arranged in a container. **Toshiko Kolback (master name: SEIKA)** and **Miho Itoh (master name: TAIKAN)** will present two demonstrations: a traditional Japanese arrangement and a modern one.

