ACT for Japan: Third Memorial Event for the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster

Consulate General of Japan and the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington

Sunday, March 9, 2014 - 1:45pm to 5:15pm

University Temple United Methodist Church
1415 NE 43rd St., Seattle WA 98105 - Google Map

With the third anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster approaching, the Consulate General of Japan and the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington (JASSW) are partnering on a panel discussion and film screening to highlight the recovery in Tohoku since March 11, 2011, and how the Pacific Northwest can better prepare for disasters in the future. Both are featured programming at “Act for Japan,” the Third Memorial Event for the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster on Sunday, March 9th at the University Temple United Methodist Church from 1:45 pm to 5:15 pm.

- Program Details -

Special Film Screening: "Light Up Nippon" 1:45 – 2:15pm

LIGHT UP NIPPON documents the trials and triumphs of dedicated volunteers led by Yoshitake Takada. Just five months after the devastating Great East Japan Earthquake, they lit up the skies in 10 locations over the Tohoku region of Japan with fireworks to buoy the spirits of the victims.
This documentary takes you on a whimsical and fantastic journey, where these magnificent fireworks displays captured the thoughts, prayers, hopes and dreams of so many people in Japan.

Documenting efforts by volunteers to light up the skies of Tohoku with amazing fireworks displays just five months after the disaster.

**Panel Discussion - 2:20 - 3:30pm**

JASSW Chair Samuel Shepherd will moderate a panel discussion on the recovery of Tohoku three years later and best practices for preparedness that can be applied to the Pacific Northwest. The panel features:

**Dr. Charles Aanenson, CEO of Peace Winds America:** Peace Winds recovery programs are revitalizing the fishing industry in Miyagi and Iwate Prefectures, working with fishing cooperatives and local leaders to restore livelihoods, rebuild infrastructure, and energize maritime high school students.

**Sandi Doughton, Seattle Times Science Reporter:** Sandi will share her observations on disaster preparedness from a recent visit to Tohoku three years after the disaster.

**Pete Knutson, Owner of the Loki Fish Company:** Pete will discuss testing done by his company on samples of salmon caught in the Pacific.

**Patsy Yamada, Fukushima Friendship Club Representative:** Patsy will discuss people-to-people ties between Washington and Tohoku, and opportunities for business and tourism in Fukushima Prefecture.

- For more details on Act for Japan: [www.jassw.info](http://www.jassw.info)

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