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TEA National Programs

Registering Now! *Precarious Japan: Global Issues in Contemporary Japan.*

September 17-December 2. Application deadline: Wednesday, September 9. In this 20-hour course, secondary classroom teachers nationwide will look at how crucial social, economic, and security issues are affecting and being addressed in contemporary Japan. Participants will discuss instruction about these issues as they explore a variety of secondary and Japanese primary sources, including TV dramas and short stories, and hold video conversations with Japanese preservice teachers. **Details and application.**

Coming Soon! *Picturing Modernization: Teaching Late 19th-Century Japan in the World with MIT's Visualizing Cultures.* October 27, 2015-January 16, 2016. NCTA at Teaching East Asia plans this late fall 2015 online seminar focusing on three of the MIT *Visualizing Cultures* modules. The course will explore Japan's modernization and interaction with the world from the opening of the Yokohama treaty port through the Russo-Japanese War, with an emphasis on strategies for using the MIT resources to develop historical thinking and visual literacy skills. Teachers who have used *Visualizing Cultures* materials in their classrooms and those new to this resource are welcome to join the course. See **course flyer** for details. More information will be available soon on the TEA website.

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National Opportunities

Online Book Group: *Chinese Crime Fiction: Past and Present.* September 30-November 24. This book group for high school teachers will focus on crime fiction, which became a popular form of entertainment during the Song dynasty in China and continued through the Ming. These works often featured district magistrates or judges in the higher courts who, sometimes with the aid of supernatural forces, exposed the deeds of the guilty and corrected miscarriages of justice. Juxtaposed against classic stories will be two crime novels about official corruption, environmental pollution, and more, set in contemporary Shanghai and Beijing. Offered by NCTA at Columbia University, the course will be conducted in eight week-long sessions and offer 16 professional development hours. Register **here.**

FCCEAS Webinar: *Stories of Global Trade: Asia and the Americas.* Wednesday, October 14, 7-8 pm EDT. Willamarie Moore from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will present this webinar focusing on objects from a Museum **exhibit** that examines Asian influence on the arts in colonial America. Sponsored by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, the webinar is suitable for teachers of art, U.S. history, and world history. Reserve your seat **here.**

Previously Announced National Opportunities

Cheng and Tsui Professional Development Grant. Application deadline: Thursday, September 10, 2015. Applications are open for the 2015 Cheng and Tsui Professional Development grants. At least two Japanese language teachers will be awarded grants of up to \$500 to attend a conference or workshop, collaborate with a mentor teacher, or participate in another inservice training experience. Information about applying is online at the American Association of Teachers of Japanese [website](#).

Nominations Open for AATJ Awards. Nomination deadline: Sunday, September 20. Nominate a colleague for a 2015 American Association for Teachers of Japanese (AATJ) teacher award. Awards are given in two categories: K-12 level and community college/college/university level. The awards recognize teachers who demonstrate excellence in teaching, advocacy, and leadership in Japanese education. For complete information and nomination forms, visit the AATJ [website](#).

Online Book Group for Middle Level: *Heart of a Samurai*. September 20-November 4. *Heart of a Samurai* is the true story of a shipwrecked 14-year-old boy from Japan who traveled to Fairhaven, MA, with the whaling ship that rescued him in 1841; in 1854, he played a role in the establishment of relations between Japan and the United States. Offered by the Kansas Consortium for Teaching about Asia and NCTA at Columbia University, the book group consists of five weeklong sessions (one section of the book per week) and offers 10 professional development hours. Register [here](#).

Applications Available for 2016-2017 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching. Application deadline: Wednesday, November 4. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Institute of International Education, this program allows teachers to go abroad for three to six months to take classes at an international university, observe classes, offer seminars in local schools, and complete a project of their own design. Areas in Asia to which U.S. teachers may travel include India, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam. More information is available from [IIE](#).

Special Strand on 70th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference. November 13-15, 2015 in New Orleans. Plan now to attend a memorable NCSS annual conference. Highlights of the special strand on Hiroshima and Nagasaki include the following:

Friday, November 13

- Conference featured speaker: Masaya Nemoto, “Sufferings of Survivors, Actions for Peace: Hiroshima Atomic Bomb.” Mr. Nemoto is an ethnographic researcher at Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, studying atomic bomb survivors in Japan and the United States. Sponsored by the Asia Community.
- Conference featured speaker: Masahiro Sasaki. Mr. Sasaki, a Hiroshima *hibakusha* and brother of Sadako Sasaki, is the founder of the Sadako Legacy, which extends Sadako’s message of “*omoiyari no kokoro*,” or compassionate heart, as an agent of peace and reconciliation. He will be speaking about his work in Japan and around the world. Sponsored by NCTA and the Japan Society.

Saturday, November 14

- Asia Community Breakfast. Learn about Asia Community activities; get involved in promoting education about Asia through the NCSS Asia Community
- Conference featured speakers: Masahiro Sasaki and Clifton Truman Daniels. Mr.

Daniels, grandson of Harry Truman, is active in promoting the legacy of his grandfather and is currently working on the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sasaki and Daniels will speak on the legacy of Hiroshima and their work for peace education. Sponsored by NCTA and the Japan Society.

Sunday, November 15

- *Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard* documentary screening. Sponsored by Asian Educational Media Services.

Colorado Programs

China Town Hall. Monday, October 5. The Center for Asian Studies (CAS) at CU will be a venue for the ninth annual China Town Hall. The Town Hall will feature a nationally webcast panel discussion among Robert Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury under President Bill Clinton; Sheldon Day, Mayor, Thomasville, Alabama; Daniel Rosen, Founding Partner, Rhodium Group; and Stephen Orlins, President, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. Following the webcast, a speaker onsite will address topics of interest to the local community. More details will be available soon on the [CAS website](#).

Panel Discussion: *China, the Dalai Lama, and Tibet*. Wednesday, October 14, 6 pm. In advance of the Dalai Lama's visit to Colorado (October 20-21), CAS is convening a panel of CU professors and graduate students in religion, anthropology, and geography to discuss the global politics of sovereignty, territoriality, and religion. This free public program will be held in Eaton Humanities, Room 135.

Previously Announced Colorado Program

Connecting the Pieces: Dialogues on the Amache Archaeology Collection. Through Friday, September 18, 2015. This student- and community-curated exhibit at the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology presents objects from the DU Amache Research Project. The objects help tell the story of Japanese American internment during World War II. The free exhibit is open from 9 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information, call 303-871-2687.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA Local Seminar in Schenectady: *Teaching East Asia*. October 3, 2015-February 6, 2016. Application deadline: September 15. This seminar will take place at Union College in Schenectady, NY; meetings will be the first Saturday of every month (9 am-3 pm), with an additional meeting in January 2016. The seminar will provide in-depth information and materials on geography, philosophy, religion, history, literature, and art. **More information** and **application flyer** are available via the Five College Center for East Asian Studies.

Featured Resources

Publishing company Museyon, which began as a purveyor of travel guides, has recently begun translating works of Japanese children's literature into English. The first title released was *Gon, the Little Fox*, a folktale by Nankichi Niimi, known as the Hans

Christian Andersen of Japan. Other titles to date include *Kuma-Kuma Chan, the Little Bear* by Kazue Takahashi and *Pakkun the Wolf and His Dinosaur Friends* by Yasuko Kimura. For more information, visit the [Museyon website](#).

Touching Home in China Publishing has recently launched a new iBook series entitled *Touching Home in China*. The interactive transmedia series presents the stories of two Chinese girls adopted by American families. In the recently released second title, *Touching Home*, the two teenage girls travel back to the rural community in China where they were born and make friends with two girls who grew up there. The authors of the book are Melissa Ludtke, a journalist and adoptive mother of one of the girls profiled, and filmmaker Julie Mallozzi. The books are available on iTunes.

“Comfort women” and the Japanese military are the subject of considerable current debate in Japan and Korea. The online journal *Japan Focus* has published a [fact sheet](#) on the subject, providing basic information and links to numerous useful resources for students and teachers.

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