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# Kakehashi 架け橋

*Building a bridge between Colorado & Japan*

## *Why Japan Matters in 2013 for Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region*

We had a sold-out crowd for lunch at the Brown Palace Hotel on Tuesday, January 8th as we welcomed an impressive lineup of speakers to address the audience on the topic of "Why Japan Matters".

This program, generously funded by a grant from the [Sasakawa Peace Foundation](#) and supported by the National Association of Japan America Societies (of which JASC is a member), brought U.S. Ambassador to Japan, John V. Roos, to Denver to speak on the topic of "The U.S.—Japan Partnership: Deep Ties, New Connections, New Opportunities".



Following the Ambassador's remarks, we welcomed U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette, who was born in Japan while her father served in the military. Her remarks were entitled "Congressional Perspective on Strengthening U.S.-Japan Ties".



Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock, a wonderful friend and supporter of JASC rounded out the remarks from our dignitaries in



public office.

Following these impressive Keynote remarks, the audience heard a panel of speakers that included Dr. Cindy Yoshiko Shirata of Tsukuba University in Tokyo, Japan, Mr. Peter Kelley who is President of National Association of Japan America Societies, and Mr. Tom Clark who is Chief Executive Officer of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation. The two-hour luncheon event was moderated by Paul Washington, Executive Director of the Denver Office of Economic Development.

This program was one of the most successful events in JASC history. We brought together an audience that included lawyers, accountants, educators, engineers, and entrepreneurs, along with representatives from the city, the state, the Japanese Consulate, the airport, the renewable energy sector, the nuclear energy sector, international students, people who once lived in Japan, and anyone interested in U.S.—Japan relations. Of course, JASC members received a discounted rate as well as advanced notice of this outstanding program and we are so thankful that so many members came out to enjoy this event. Thank you again to Sasakawa Peace Foundation for believing in Japan America Society of Colorado!



 THE SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION

## Mark your calendar for these JASC Programs

### February 12

Private Wine & Cheese Reception at GLAZE—The Baum Cake Shoppe  
5:30 p.m.

1160 Madison Street, Denver

\$10/JASC Members;

\$15/non-members

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### February 14

Japanese Economic Overview

11:30 a.m.

1225 17th Street, Suite 800

\$15 / JASC Members

\$20 / non-members

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### March 22

Tomodachi Reception

Celebrating Colorado-Japan student exchanges as we prepare for nonstop air service between Denver & Tokyo on United Airlines!  
Littleton High School  
Time: To Be Confirmed

### April 27

Annual Japan Cup competition for middle school, high school & college level students  
8am—4pm

University of Denver Sturm Hall

*Details on page*

### July 15

25th Annual Japan-Colorado Golf Tournament

*The Club at Pradera in Parker*