Konnichiwa! = Hello!

My name is Saya Kaneda. I am from Tokyo, Japan. Currently I am working at the Asian Studies Center in Michigan State University as a Japan Outreach Coordinator. I love both Japan and the United States because I have study abroad experience in North Carolina and also have lots of friends in the United States. So my passion is sharing my country, which I love, with people in the United States, who I love to meet!! Please feel free to contact me.

About Us

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership (CGP) and The Laurasian Institution (TLI) designed the Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI) as a grassroots opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of Japan by sending Japanese coordinators to conduct community outreach activities about Japan in the Mountain, Midwest and South regions of the U.S. The program is open to non-profits and educational institutions with a strong commitment to outreach about Japan. JOI is jointly administered by TLI and CGP.
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Presentations

- Life in Japan
- School life in Japan
- Education in Japan
- Holidays in Japan
- Pop culture (Manga and Anime)
- Advice for living and travel to Japan

"Don't wait! Now is the time to explore Cool Japan."

Activities

- Origami
- Chopsticks challenge
- Calligraphy
- Handicrafts
- Play with Japanese toys and games
- Picture story telling (Kamishibai)
- Cooking classes
- Sushi workshop

Language

- Write names in Japanese
- Kanji lesson (characters)
- Japanese songs

Additional activities or special needs?

If your school, community, or organization has special needs or additional activities besides those listed, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to arrange a program that will best fit your needs and interests. I am looking forward to working with you!