

## Japan-America Society of Charlotte

The Japan-America Society of Charlotte, a volunteer-based organization, responds to needs and requests in the Charlotte region. The Japan-America Society of Charlotte, founded in 1992, is dedicated to promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of Japan and North Carolina by providing a forum for the exchanges of ideas, art, education, values, and information.

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## The Japanese Association in Charlotte

The Japanese Association of Charlotte was established by the Japanese firms located in the Charlotte region to financially support the Japanese Language School, where the children of Japanese employees study the Japanese language to prepare themselves for re-adjustment to schools back to Japan. Several meetings and activities such as golf tournaments, softball tournaments, and craft classes are held throughout the year. The Japanese Association organizes the Bon Odori Festival each August. It is the largest Bon Festival east of the Rocky Mountains.

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## The Japanese Language School (Charlotte Nihongo Hoshuko)

To provide school (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) every Saturday for Japanese speaking children (K-12) to study the Japanese language and mathematics. The Saturday school takes place at the Smith Academy of International Languages.



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## Smith Academy of International Languages

Smith Academy provides a unique opportunity for students to develop and to learn in an international environment. The Academy offers full language immersion programs for K-5 students in **Japanese** and partial immersion for 6-8 students in Japanese. Japanese immersion students then matriculate to West Mecklenburg Highschool. Japanese is also taught at several Highschool throughout the region.

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## Honorary Japanese Consul - Mr. William Fenn

He serves as the Japanese Consul's North Carolina representative and one of two from the Southeast. There are 13 honorary consuls to Japan nationally. Mr. Fenn serves as a liaison between the state and the Japanese consulate in Atlanta.

## Other International Organizations

Charlotte World Affairs Council  
Office of International Programs  
UNC Charlotte - 238 Barnard  
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