



## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE GIFT OF TREES

Next year marks the 100th anniversary of Japan's gift of the flowering cherry blossom trees to Washington DC .

Mark your calendars and come join the celebration! It begins on March 20 (the first day of spring) and continues for five weeks, to April 27 (Arbor Day).

The **Sakura Matsuri—Japanese Street Festival**, produced by the Japan-America Society, will be held on Saturday, April 14, right after the Parade. It is the largest Japanese festival in the United States and will extend for six blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue. *Southern Living* magazine has called our Sakura Matsuri the “must see event” of the cherry blossom festival.

For more information on the centennial celebration, go to [www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org](http://www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org).



### *Program*

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| 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. | <b>Reception &amp; Silent Auction</b>  |
| 7:00 p.m.         | <b>Call to Dinner</b>  |
| 7:15 p.m.         | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Ambassador John R. Malott, President<br>Japan-America Society<br><b>Tsuioku (Remembrance)</b><br>Performed on <i>koto</i> by Kyoko Okamoto |
|                   | <b>Dinner</b>  |
| 8:00 p.m.         | <b>Introductions and Thank You's</b><br>Ambassador John R. Malott, President<br>Japan-America Society  |
| 8:05 p.m.         | <b>Presentation of the<br/>Marshall Green Awards</b><br><br>Ambassador Rust M. Deming, Chairman<br>and William T. Breer, Chairman Emeritus<br>Japan-America Society  |
| 8:15 p.m.         | <b>Remarks by Dr. Gerald L. Curtis</b>   |
| 8:40 p.m.         | <b>Congratulatory Remarks and <i>Kampai</i></b><br>Minister Hideaki Mizukoshi<br>Head of Chancery, Embassy of Japan  |
| 8:50 p.m.         | <b>Concluding Remarks</b><br>Hon. Norman Y. Mineta, Honorary Chairman<br>Japan-America Society   |
| 9:00 p.m.         | <b>End of Program</b>  |

## *About the Japan-America Society*

Established 55 years ago, the Japan-America Society of Washington DC conducts a wide range of activities to help its members and the people of our Nation's Capital "stay in touch with Japan all year long" and to introduce a new generation of Americans to Japan and the world beyond our shores.

JASW operates the oldest and largest Japanese language school in the area, with over 500 students a year. In 2009 the Society started an English Language School for Japanese residents, and in 2011 it began holding Japanese cooking classes.

JASW produces the annual Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival each April. The Festival is the largest one-day exhibition of Japanese culture in the United States and stretches for six blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue. This year 38,000 people came to the Festival during its 7 hours.

JASW organizes the National Japan Bowl®, an academic competition for high school students of the Japanese language. In April of this year over 200 students and teachers joined the competition, which encourages young people to continue their study of the Japanese language. Next year will mark the 20th National Japan Bowl.

JASW also has introduced thousands of young students to Japan through its school and library visits, the Children's Corner at the Sakura Matsuri, and its Japanese story-telling hour.

Because it is located in the Nation's Capital, the Society holds many programs for its members on modern Japan and US-Japan relations. Programs this year have focused on Japan's political and economic situation, the status of women in Japan, and the future of nuclear energy in Japan. Social gatherings for members also are popular and include sake tastings, beer gardens, *otsukimi*, and our *bonenkai* end-of-year gathering.



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## The Marshall Green Award



The Board of Trustees established the Marshall Green Award in 2011 to recognize “an individual or group that has made a sustained and significant contribution to strengthening relations between the United States and Japan, and/or to increasing understanding between the American and Japanese people.”

Marshall Green was one of America’s most distinguished diplomats. His adventurous diplomatic career began as private secretary to Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo 1939-41. During World War II he trained as a US Navy Japanese language officer. His career included service as Special Assistant to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles; Charge d’Affaires in Seoul during the 1960 uprising against President Sygman Rhee; and Ambassador in Indonesia during the 1965 overthrow of Sukarno. He was Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs during the Nixon Administration, a time that included the Vietnam War, the opening to China, and the reversion of Okinawa to Japan.

Marshall was one of the founders of the Japan-America Society in 1957; in fact, it is his signature on the Articles of Incorporation. After his retirement, he became the Society’s President and led its transformation from an all-volunteer to a professional organization. He was a passionate believer in educational outreach to local schools. He and his wife Lispenard endowed the Society’s educational fund, which continues their passion to introduce new generations to Japan and the world.

## *The Japan-America Society expresses its appreciation*

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**Gerald L. Curtis**

2011 Recipient of the Marshall Green Award



**Citation**

For your significant and sustained contribution to increasing understanding between Americans and Japanese. As an educator, writer, and commentator on Japanese political affairs and the conduct of our relationship with Japan, you have educated and informed tens of thousands, from senior government leaders to students and academics around the world.

**Background**

Dr. Gerald Curtis, the dean of American scholars of Japan's political system, has been a member of the Columbia University faculty since 1968. He served as Director of Columbia's East Asian Institute for twelve years. Professor Curtis is the author of a number of seminal works, including *The Logic of Japanese Politics*, *The Japanese Way of Politics*, and *Election Campaigning Japanese Style*. He has been a friend, advisor, and mentor to countless US government officials and foreign policy intellectuals over the years.

Professor Curtis's influence extends far beyond the thousands of scholars and officials he has taught and mentored in the United States. He has held appointments at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London; the College de France, Paris; the Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy in Singapore; and in Tokyo at Keio, Waseda, and Tokyo Universities; the Research Institute for Economy, Trade and Industry, the Graduate Research Institute for Policy Studies, and the International Institute of Economic Studies. He is a frequent commentator on Japanese television and in the written press.

Professor Curtis is the recipient of numerous prizes and honors. In 2004 he was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star by the Emperor of Japan, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Japanese government.

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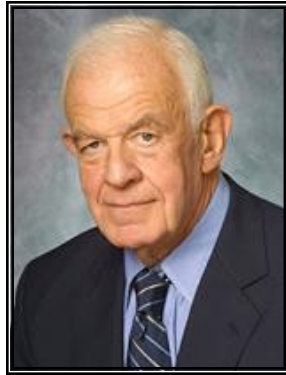
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### Citation

For your extraordinary contribution to relations between Japan and the United States as Ambassador to Japan from 1997 to 2001, Speaker of the House, and a leader in parliamentary exchanges with Japan.

### Background

For almost half a century, Ambassador Foley has been in the forefront of Americans building the personal connections between Japan and the United States and shaping American policy toward East Asia, and his influence continues to be felt. Ambassador Foley was one of the early members of the US-Japan parliamentary exchange group, which he led on the US side. Amb. Foley also served as the North American Chairman of the Trilateral Commission, in which capacity he led meetings among high level US, Japanese, and European delegations to promote the common interests of the industrialized democracies. In recognition of his contribution to US-Japan relations as a Member of Congress, Speaker Foley was awarded the Order of the Rising Sun with Paulownia Flowers, Grand Cordon by the Emperor of Japan in 1995.

In view of his interest and expertise with respect to Japan and East Asia, President Clinton nominated Tom Foley as Ambassador to Japan to succeed Walter Mondale, and he and Heather served there with distinction from September 1997 until January 2001. During Ambassador Foley's tenure, the alliance relationship between Japan and the United States was further solidified, and the Foleys won many new friends for the United States.

Since returning to private life, Ambassador Foley has remained active in support of strong US-Japan relations. He continues to be a valued source of wisdom and advice for leaders in both countries.

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### Citation

For your unparalleled contribution to strengthening relations between the United States and Japan over more than half a century. You have held more high level positions dealing with Japan than any other "Japan hand" in the post war generation of Foreign Service Officers. No one has been more dedicated to building a strong alliance and foundation between the two countries, and no one has been a greater mentor to younger Americans involved with US-Japan relations.

### Background

After studying Japanese at the US Navy Japanese language school, Ambassador Sherman served in the US Embassy in Tokyo and the Consulate General in Yokohama in the 1950s. Following a European diversion, Bill returned to Japan, first as Consul General in Osaka (1969-70), followed by Political Counselor in Tokyo, Country Director for Japan in Washington, and Deputy Chief of Mission to Ambassador Mike Mansfield from 1977 to 1981. In 1981 he was appointed ambassador and head of the US delegation to the Trusteeship Council at the UN mission to the United Nations. He concluded his career as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, 1984-86.

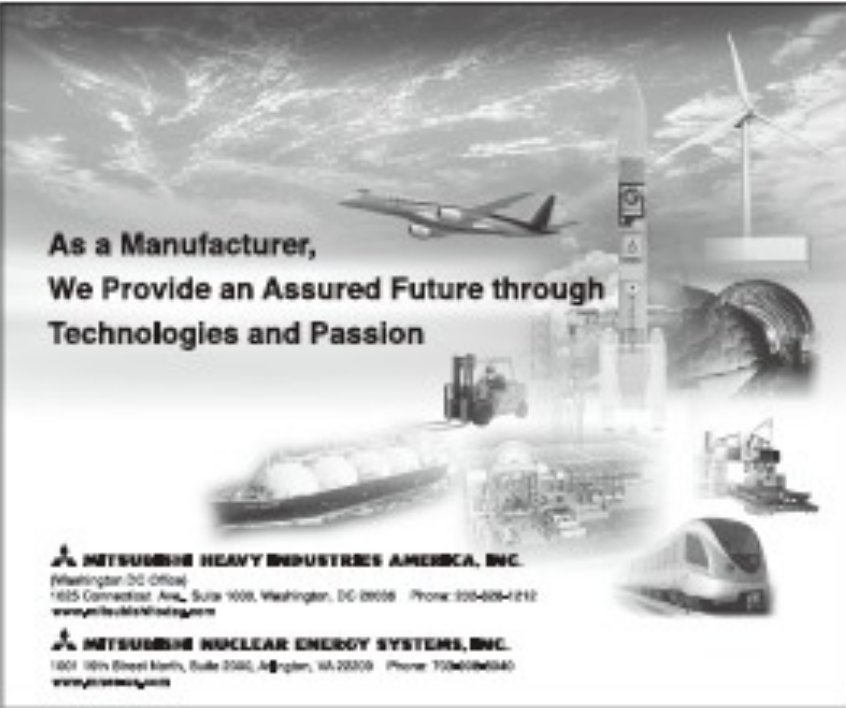
After his retirement, Ambassador Sherman spent eight years at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies as diplomat in residence and director of the SAIS Yearbook on US-Japan relations.

Bill Sherman's great contributions to American foreign policy toward Japan have been matched by the mentoring role he has played, and continues to play, for the younger generation of "Japan hands," including many in this room tonight. For all of us, Bill was the best boss we ever had — because he cared about us. He took the time to impart his knowledge and experience, and he always offered encouragement and positive feedback.

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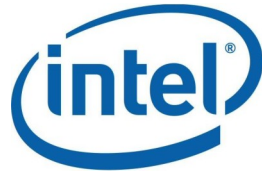
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