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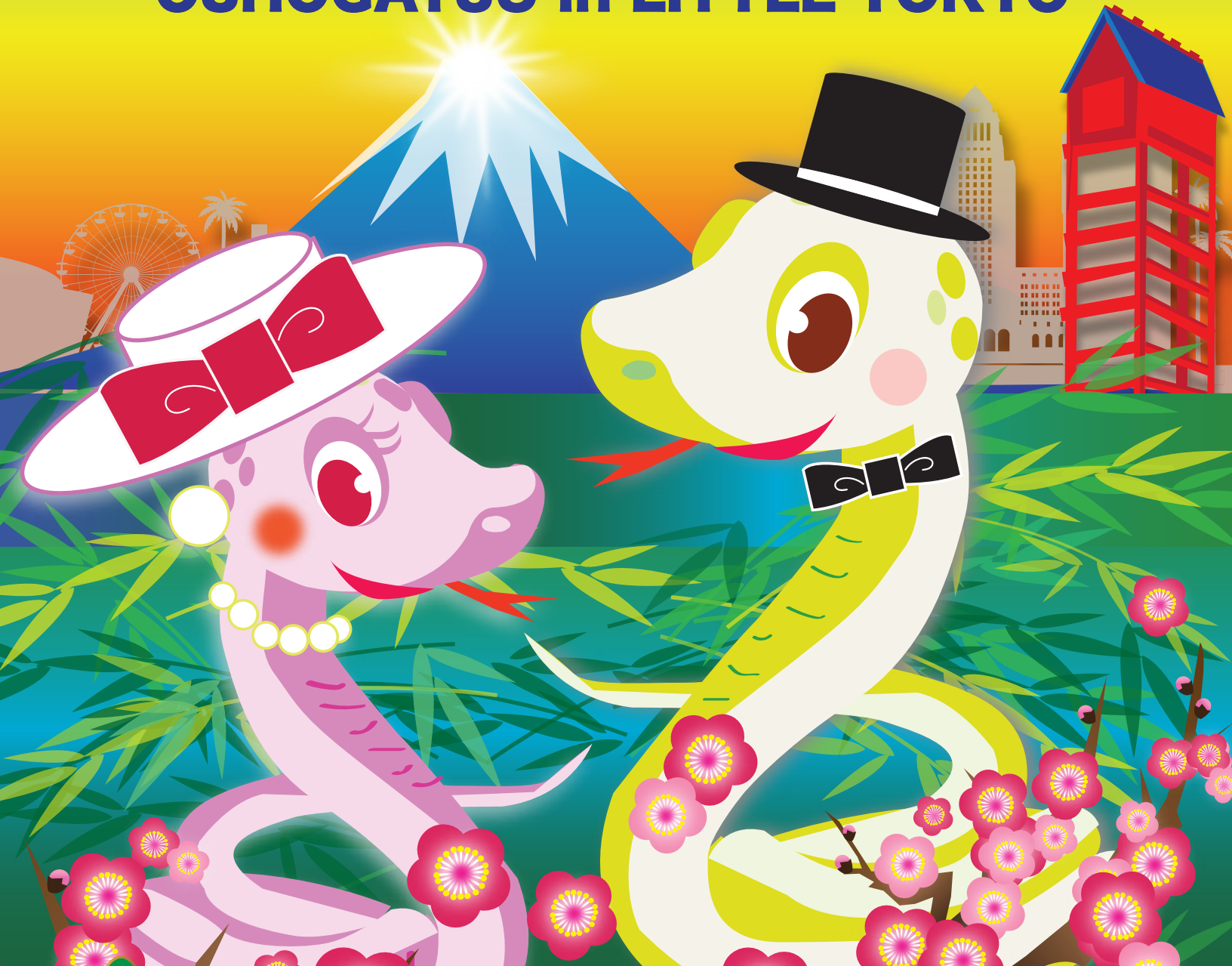
Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California  
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# New Year

JAPANESE

CELEBRATION

## OSHOGATSU in LITTLE TOKYO



Wednesday, **January 1**, 2025

**Weller Court: 10:50am-3:40pm**

123 Astronaut Ellison S Onizuka St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Japanese Village Plaza: 12:30am-4:10pm**

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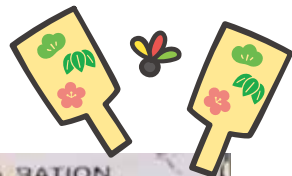
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- 10:50 a.m. **Kick-off Taiko Drums**  
太鼓演奏 / Taiko Center of L.A.
- 11:00 a.m. **Opening Ceremony with Greetings and Sake Barrel Breaking**  
LAPD Helicopter Flyover  
開会式
- 11:15 a.m. **Taiko Drum Performance**  
太鼓演奏
- 11:25 a.m. **Lion Dance "Shishimai"**  
獅子舞 / Taiko Center of L.A.
- 11:35 a.m. **Mochi-maki #1**  
もちまき
- 11:40 p.m. **Calligraphy Demonstration**  
書き初め / Beikoku Shodo Kenkyukai
- 12:00 p.m. **Aikido**  
合気道 / Toshikan Aikido
- 12:25 p.m. **Minyo & Odori**  
民謡と踊り / Matsutoyo Kai
- 1:00 p.m. **Shorinji Kempo**  
少林寺拳法
- 1:30 p.m. **Kimono Contest & Fashion Show**  
着物コンテスト&ファッションショー / LA Kimono Club
- 1:55 p.m. **Kendo Dojo**  
剣道 / Sho Tokyo Kendo Dojo
- 2:25 p.m. **Kimono Contest Results Announcement**  
着物コンテスト結果発表
- 2:35 p.m. **Team Kawachi Ondo**  
日本の音楽と踊り
- 3:10 p.m. **Mochi-maki JCCF/JCCSC Staff**  
もちまき
- 3:20 p.m. **Awa Odori Dance**  
Awa Odori members to lead Weller Court crowd to JVP for finale there  
阿波踊り
- 3:40 p.m. **Closing**  
閉会

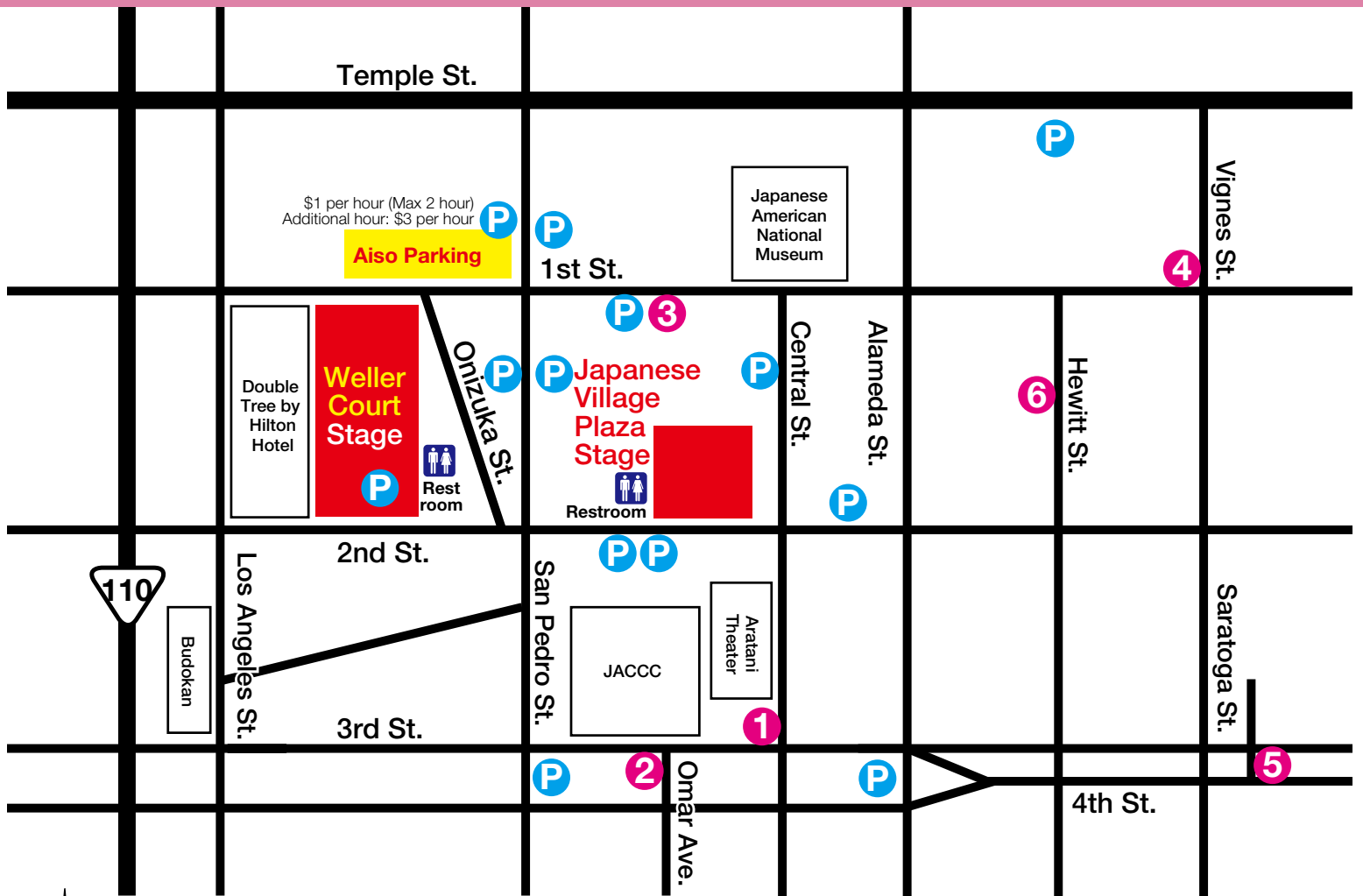
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**Food Booths: Mochi, Karaage, Yakisoba, Yakitori, Takoyaki, Sweets, etc.**  
**Sake Booth: Beer, Sake, Shochu, etc.**

*\*All programs listed in this brochure may be subject to change without notice.*



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- ② Jodoshu North America Buddhist Missions
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- ④ Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
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***Happy New Year!***

Happy New Year to all gathered for 2025 Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo. This festive occasion is a beloved annual event where the community celebrates the New Year together while enjoying longstanding cultural traditions in the heart of Little Tokyo.

The Japan-U.S. alliance has been stronger than ever, and we look forward to continuing to take this relationship to even greater heights. As the security environment surrounding Japan and the international community becomes more severe, the importance of the Japan-U.S. alliance and Japan-U.S. cooperation as global partners is increasing. In light of this situation, we will continue to positively conduct our actions this year to further strengthen bilateral relations in various fields, including politics, security, and the economy, as well as culture and people-to-people exchange. I will do my part locally to contribute to a strong Japan-U.S. relationship by cultivating new friends of Japan across various fields, sectors and organizations.

I offer my deep appreciation to the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and its Foundation for further enhancing the Japan-U.S. relationship fostered by Japanese-affiliated companies, as well as the Japanese and Japanese American communities. Thank you to the chamber members and supporters for their commitment and dedication to contributing to the Nikkei community in this region.

I congratulate the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and its Foundation on a successful Oshogatsu event in Little Tokyo. Please accept my best wishes to all for good health and prosperity throughout Year 2025!

Sincerely,

  
**Kenko SONE**

Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles



**JAPANESE CHAMBER OF  
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***Happy New Year!***

*新年あけましておめでとうございます。*

In Japan, the New Year, or Oshogatsu, is a cherished time for festivities and reflection. On January 1st, families, and friends, many dressed in traditional kimono, gather at temples to pray for a healthy and prosperous year while setting resolutions during this season, striving for growth, harmony, and personal fulfillment.

For the first few days of the year, homes across Japan are filled with laughter, warmth, and an abundance of festive foods, including Osechi Ryori (a variety of seasonal dishes) and mochi (sticky rice cakes). And today, we bring a touch of Japan's Oshogatsu (New Year) to Little Tokyo in Los Angeles, where you can enjoy authentic Japanese performances, food stalls, and crafts.

As we welcome the *Year of the Snake*, let's reflect on our aspirations for 2025. Attending Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo is a perfect start to set positive intentions for the year.

May this year bring each of you great health, happiness, and success. Please enjoy today's celebration of "Oshogatsu in Little Tokyo" and wishing 2025 be filled with new beginnings for us all.

Warm regards,



**Haru Takehana**

President

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Higashi Honganji Buddhist Temple *Temple will be closed for members and friends	505 E. 3rd St. L.A., CA 90013	5:00 p.m. (Open to public)	10:00 a.m. (Open to public)
Koyasan Beikoku Betsuin of Los Angeles	342 E. 1st St. L.A., CA 90012	4:00 p.m. (Open to public)	9:30 a.m. (Open to public)
Nishi Hongwanji L.A. Betsuin	815 1st St. L.A., CA 90012	6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)
Senshin Buddhist Temple	1311 W. 37th St. L.A., CA 90007	5:00 p.m. (Open to public)	10:00 a.m. (Open to public)
Zenshuji Soto Mission	123 S. Hewitt St. L.A., CA 90012	4:00 p.m. (Open to public)	10:00 a.m. (Open to public)



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**2025 Officer's Installation & Awards Luncheon**

Sunday, January 26, 2025 @ 11 a.m.  
Quiet Cannon in Montebello, CA

Please join the JCCSC as President Haruo Takehana and his officers are installed. Community awards will also be presented.

For information, please email: office@jccsc.com

*Save the Date!*

**Annual Golf Tournament**

*Monday, August 25, 2025*

*More details to follow. See you then!*




**The 26th Aurora Benefit Concert in LA**  
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