



Harvard Club of Japan

Year in Review

2016-2017

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Presidential Transition Party



New Year's Shinnenkai Party



Annual Reception for Summer Interns



Prof. Masako Egawa (MBA'86)



Prof. Susan Pharr



Divinity School Bicentennial with Dean Hempton



America Expo College Fair



Kamakura Hiking



Vino Veritas Dinner with M. Taittinger

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Mission Statement

- **CREATE IMPACT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY** and increase the visibility of the Harvard brand through action
- **PROVIDE A FORUM TO INTERACT AS ONE HARVARD** where the community inside and outside of Japan can interact, network and support each other as One Harvard
- **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE AT HARVARD** and be a proponent and facilitator of overseas education in general and to encourage Harvard students, faculty and the administration to come to Japan

Accomplishments

- Increased number of applicants from 64 last year to a record 100, and interviewed all applicants under consideration by admissions, also a record high of 70% (David Gifford AB '81, Secondary Schools Director)
- Organized 30 events, including a reception for potential students and parents following a successful USCANJ college fair attended by Ambassador Caroline Kennedy (AB '80), and a new HCJ President event in April (Jonathan Harlow AB '99, Events Committee Director)
- Maintained Harvard Prize Book participants at 19 high schools and plans to expand to 8-10 more Tokyo high schools this year (Makoto Honjo HBS '78, Prize Book Chair)
- Donated a total of JPY 300,000 (approx. \$2,600) to LADY Initiative, a young women's leadership program founded by Harvard College Japan Initiative leaders (Dan Fujii AB '86 AM '86, HCJ Community Building Foundation Chair)

Challenges

- How to manage efforts for limited admission spaces for applications? Increase focus on grad school applicants?
- Succession planning for not only the President, but also for key officers and committee chairs. How to increase younger board members who will eventually rise into leadership roles.