

Memorial Service for Earthquake and Tsunami Victims in Japan 2019



Eight years have passed since Japan was devastated by a magnitude 9 earthquake and tsunami that struck the Tohoku and northern Kanto regions. Each year concerned Canberrans, friends of Japan and members of the Japanese community gather at the Canberra-Nara Peace Park to remember the victims and to show our on-going support for those who are recovering from the disaster. Lighting a candle at the service will be an opportunity to send our prayers and thoughts to the victims and the displaced, and at this gathering we will renew our pledge to support the survivors into the future. The newly constructed Peace Bell located within the park will be rung during the service.

MONDAY MARCH 11, 2019 4:30pm

Canberra Day Public Holiday

Canberra-Nara Park, Lennox Gardens, Flynn Drive Yarralumla

- 4:30 Gather at the Canberra-Nara Park; light candles (available at the venue)
Welcome by Canberra Japan Club
- 4:46 Canberra Rotary Peace Bell ringing followed by one minute's silence
(The time will be 2:46pm in Japan, the time the earthquake struck)
- 4:50 The address by His Excellency Mr. Rei-ichiro Takahashi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Australia
- 5:00 Musical Performance "Hana wa saku" sung by Ms. Misako Piper
- 5:10 Speeches by representatives of Japanese and Australia-Japan communities in Canberra
Canberra Japan Club, Australia-Japan Society ACT, ANU Japan Club/Kabuki Club,
University of Canberra Japan Club.

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Please support Tohoku Youth Program - Since 2012, the Australia-Japan Society (ACT) Inc. has been running a program to bring students who have lost parents in the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami for brief respite holiday in Canberra. This program is called the 'Tohoku Youth Program'. The Australia Japan Society (ACT) Inc. is grateful for the support received from many people and organisations in Canberra, including the Canberra Japan Club, JETAA, the Australian Government, the Embassy of Japan, Radford College and Japan Airlines. You can help by donating to the Australia Japan Society (ACT) Inc. For further enquiries please email: ajscontact@gmail.com or contact Mr Barry Jarman on 0418635514.

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