

Hikari Japanese Academy

Japanese Language and Cultural Education

2022-2023 Activities

In addition to our Japanese language program, Hikari Japanese Academy happily collaborates with many community organizations to further Japanese cultural education. One example is the Pasadena Sister Cities Young Ambassadors where students engage in cultural, language and people-to-people exchanges. Over the last few years, students have participated in online exchanges with middle school, high school and college students in Mishima. They have also participated in a live online koto performance by the nationally acclaimed Mishima Kita High School Koto Club attended by over 200 people in Japan and Pasadena.

2022 marks the 65th Anniversary of the Pasadena-Mishima relationship. To celebrate this important milestone, students will produce 65 short 10 second congratulatory videos which will be compiled for presentation at the online 65th Anniversary Celebration.

In 2023, we are planning to resume our Pasadena-Mishima Youth Exchange Program with a trip to Japan. Our nihongo language program is the perfect complement for these exchanges.

On occasion, we hope to schedule fun outings to complement learning, such as visits to museums, Little Tokyo, gardens, a Dodgers game, class picnics and any other ideas the students may have.

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