

JLA



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※New members are always welcome to
JLA Membership!

***New Year' s greetings
from the president of JLA***



Hope for friendship and goodwill between Luxembourg and Japan...

I wish you all a happy new year.

I sincerely hope that our members had a wonderful new year and would like to thank not just our members but also everyone who supported JLA throughout the year of 2015.

In December 2015, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Luxembourg. It has been 10 years since then PM Junichiro Koizumi visited the Grand Duchy for the first time. It has been proven to strengthen further, the relationship between Japan and Luxembourg for the coming years.

Japanese Ladies' Association of Luxembourg a.s.b.l. (JLA) enters its 4th year since establishment. The object of the association is fostering and encouraging social, educational, cultural and philanthropic activities for its members, as well as assisting in furthering Japanese-Luxembourg relations. The association also aims to provide to its members a variety of information on Luxembourg and neighboring regions, such as daily life, upcoming events, activities and topics of interests. Luxembourg is a country that represents a central place, a window onto Europe, yet it is one of the smallest countries in the EU. It is not unusual for people from Japan to find some difficulty when first started to live so far away from our home country. To help newly relocated residents to this country, we have been working to publish a guide to living in Luxembourg where this exhaustive guide contains everything you need to know about relocating and

have reliable and useful information to live and settle into your new life. We are hoping it will be available in the coming months so we can't wait for you all to see it soon.

Throughout the year, we are also promoting and providing various activities for our JLA members to attend. During 2015, we had a great turn out to our regular activities which includes: French lesson for beginners; French cooking; Japanese chorus group; Japanese flower arrangement "Ikebana" ; Japanese Calligraphy and Japanese free-talk meetings. In the coming year, we are hoping to also introduce some new activities: Japanese classical dance and German cooking lessons.

In March, JLA will hold Japan-related event which will involve Japanese traditional culture and sake. You will get to experience the traditional "kagami-biraki" of sake (opening of wooden cask of sake at a party by smashing the lid with a hammer), followed by a marriage of French cuisine and Japanese sake. We are also excited to announce that we have a special guest of "Geisha" all the way from Kanazawa-city in the Ishikawa prefecture, to present us with traditional classical dance. We look forward for your attendance.

To close off, going forward we look forward to assisting the Japanese residents living in Luxembourg and also further collaborate and engage with the people of Luxembourg to introduce Japanese cultures and deepen the Japan-Luxembourg relationship for the better.

Japanese Ladies'
Association of Luxembourg
President Makiko Hayashi Witolla



JLA activities & news

Beginners are welcome! ! Japanese classical dance trial session

On 19th January, we have held a Japanese classical dance trial session. The trial session started by a dance demonstration from the teacher performing the classic dance story of Sagi Musume (The Heron Maiden), followed by step by step choreography along the Japanese classic, Sakura Sakura and Gion Kouta. The students got to wear Yukata for the session and experience the use of props for the dance. Contrary to the soft and gentle moves this classical dance may show, it requires flexibility and firm muscle strength. This was quite a surprise to many of the attendees, some have said "this is quite an exercise like doing squats" and also "loving the elegant moves from the choreography". In the future, we are planning to have a separate lesson for "How-to -wear" Kimono and Yukata class. Look forward to our announcement!



Dancing the Sakura Sakura and Gion Kouta!



Getting information on the use of the props



Performance by the teacher

Seasonal floral arrangement ♪ Ikebana class

Our last Ikebana class for the year 2015 was beautifully coordinated to match the Christmas theme, using Lisianthus and Winterberry Holly. The combination of red, white and green have added a vibrant contrast to its final creation.



INVITATION JLA New Year's Party

We are organizing our annual New Year's Party celebrations. It will involve the customary bingo competition and a performance by our JLA chorus group whilst enjoying each other's company with great food and drinks. More details will be announced shortly. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Date & Time: 20th February (Sat) 19:00
Booking: mail@jla-luxembourg.org

This month's recipe

Fancy a colorful dish to add to your table? SALMON TARTARE

[Ingredients] Serves 4

- A. 200 grams' fresh sashimi quality salmon
- B. 1/2 heaped TBS of salt
- C. 1/2 echalote (or a small onion)
- D. Fresh dill to taste
- E. 1 TBS mayonnaise
- F. 4 TSP lemon juice
- G. 4 TSP extra virgin olive oil

[Method]

1. Sprinkle B onto A and rest for 30 minutes.
2. Finely chop C (If using onions instead, soak chopped onions in cold water).
3. Roughly chop D.



4. Combine (2), (3), E, F and G.
5. After (1) is rested for 30 minutes, wipe off any residue using a paper towel.
6. Cut (5) into small cubes.
7. Lightly combine (4) and (6).
8. Serve chilled.

This month's recommendation!**Love the Pecking Duck every Wednesday!!
Restaurant "Le Zai"**

Haven't found a "real" Chinese restaurant in Luxembourg yet? Well you can at "Le Zai". You will not go wrong with the classic, steamed dumplings to spring rolls, but do try their huge selections of seasonal seafood, meat and tofu specialty dishes as well. The popular Wednesday night special "Pecking Duck" is a must, with a melt in your mouth flavor! You will be seated amongst an Asian vintage antique décor that will give you that ambience atmosphere to enjoy with your family and friends.

12:00 ~ 14:00(Lunch)

18:00 ~ 22:00(Dinner)

18:00 ~ 22:30(Weekends)

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Strassen <http://www.zheng.lu/>**Traffic information****20 speed cameras to go live in Luxembourg.**

From 2016, 20 new speed cameras are set and will go live in Luxembourg. The first 10 were installed along high risk sections of roads in the country including, N11 between Gonderange and Waldhof and will go live from February. The remaining 10 will be installed at a later stage including N3 Schlammeté junction. From April it will be operational and you can check the camera locations on the internet but please stick to the set speed limit at all times and safe driving!

**JLA Event information****World Campus International**

Date & time: 4th February (Thu) 18:30~

Venue: City Hall of Kayl

4, rue de l'Hôtel de Ville L-3674 Kayl, Luxembourg

JLA Chorus group

Dates: 12th (Fri), 16th (Tue) and 19th (Fri) February

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Luxembourg event information**Carnival Parade in Diekirch**

Annual carnival cavalcade with more than 50 floats and groups with candy showering the bystanders below.

Date: 2nd February (Sun)

Place: Diekirch centre (Avenue de la Gare)

**Esch-sur-Alzette Carnival**

Date: 28th February (Sun)

Place: Esch-sur-Alzette centre

NEW**How-to-wear "Yukata" & Japanese classical dance lesson**

Have you struggled to wear the Japanese traditional dress, "Kimono or Yukata"? It has been known that more and more people are wanting to wear and to learn more about the Japanese traditional attire than ever. We are planning to organize a class where a first half will involve how-to-wear "Yukata" and the second half will involve classical dance lesson that will teach you the graceful and elegant moves. Look forward to your attendance.

Date & time: TBA around March (We will announce the exact date & time on email/HP & FB).

Fee: 12 Euros per person**Number of attendance needed:** 3

※We can rent Yukata.

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