



# JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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## **Japan in a Suitcase II (Grades 2 & 3)**

**Teaching students about “Different Perspectives”  
through the life of Japanese elementary school children**

### **About JASH**

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization with a mission of "promoting understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and the United States through the special and unique perspective of Hawaii." We do this by providing programs, which help to expand knowledge, increase meaningful human contact and facilitate discussion of important issues.

### **Program Overview**

Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. Japan in a Suitcase is divided into JIAS I, II and III based on grade level. It is one of seven JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned with the Hawaii Department of Education's Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. One of the goals of JIAS is to nurture students' sense of inquisitiveness and help them learn to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. We want them to develop their thinking skills so they can become better decision-makers and risk-takers. We believe teaching these things at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures, and help develop them into our future leaders and global citizens.

### **Japan in a Suitcase II**

JIAS II was developed in 2006 based on teacher feedback for students in grades 2 and 3. We begin by teaching students simple Japanese greetings. Next we show photos of McDonald's Restaurants in Hawaii and Japan as an example of something they are familiar with which may not be the same elsewhere. Then students explore items from the suitcase and posters that reveal aspects of Japanese elementary schools such as a timetable and bento box, as well as from the community such as *yen* (Japanese currency) and traditional Japanese clothing. Time allowing, we tell them that students in Japan also play the popular children's game, *Jan Ken Po*, and have them try it with their classmates in the Japanese style.

### **JIAS II Guidelines**

- Please read these guidelines and the presentation information on the following page carefully.
- Fill out and sign the request form and email, mail or fax it to the JASH office. Phone calls will not be accepted as official requests.
- Visits are scheduled on a first-come first-serve basis; however priority may be given to first time schools.
- We will work with you to try to accommodate your schedule, but please note that large request numbers and JASH events may not make this possible.
- Your presentation date will not be considered final and scheduled until you receive notification from JASH.



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**Presentation Request Form**

*Please mail, email or fax form by August 16, 2016 to:*

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Phone: 808-524-4450 Fax: 808-524-4451  
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- Free to all schools
- Length: 45 minutes
- Maximum class size: 30 students
- Start time: No earlier than 8:30 a.m.
- Maximum 3 presentations per school each day
- Supplies required in classroom:
  - 1 table to put suitcase on

(For schools outside the Honolulu area the earliest start time is 9:00 am)

**Teacher must remain in classroom during presentation.**

(All information requested below is required)

School name \_\_\_\_\_

School address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact teacher (name & room #) \_\_\_\_\_

Other teachers (names & room #s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Requested date and time (subject to availability):**

[1<sup>st</sup> choice] Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Number of presentations \_\_\_\_\_

[2<sup>nd</sup> choice] Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Number of presentations \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students per class \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of classes \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information:**

I have read and understand the information and guidelines for Japan in a Suitcase II.

Contact teacher's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_