



# JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAII

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## **Japan in a Suitcase III (Grade 4 and 5)**

**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 middle 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 learning 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 III**

For students in grade 4 and 5, JIAS III uses more complex examples to teach and reinforce the concept of different perspectives learned in elementary school. Following introductions and greetings, the students will compare a Japan-centered and a U.S.- centered world map to show that people see or depict things differently depending on where they are from. Students then have an opportunity to explore various school items (calligraphy set, P.E. uniforms and more) in small groups. Following this exploration period, each group presents their items to the class for further discussion. We end with a slideshow on school life in Japan, which helps to reinforce what the students have just learned.

### **JIAS III 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**

**\*\*Presentations will begin after September 6, 2017\*\***

***Please mail, email or fax form by August 28, 2017 to:***

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- Free to all schools
  - Length: 60 minutes
  - Maximum class size: 30 students
  - Divide students into five groups
  - Start time: No earlier than 8:30 a.m.
  - Maximum 3 presentations per school each day
  - Supplies Needed: Screen to project a slideshow
    - 2 tables
    - Wall space for 2 large maps
    - 2 electrical outlets to plug in projector
- (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 III.

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