JASGP inspires mutual curiosity, understanding, and collaboration between Japan and the Philadelphia region.

Vibrant connections
Philadelphia Japan
Transforming our worlds

1. Shofuso
2. Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival
3. US-Japan Business & Public Policy Series
4. Japanese arts, business, and cultural programs

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This was a year of programmatic excellence and administrative advancement. Highlights include:

- The launch of our new brand identity and website, completed in July 2018, creating a cohesive, elegant aesthetic that more accurately represents our mission and goals.
- Signing our Sister Garden agreement with Sorakuen, the municipal Japanese garden in Kobe, in May 2018.
- Completion of the tea garden restoration in October 2018, led by three Sorakuen gardeners.

Implementation of our 2018-2020 strategic plan continues with great focus on increasing audiences for all of our programs.

In February 2019, we launched the US-Japan Business & Public Policy program which will build our audience for Japan-focused business programming and networking. We continue to provide excellent Japanese arts, business, and cultural programs, maintaining our commitment to representing Japanese culture authentically and preserving Shofuso to the highest standards.

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Intercultural understanding is more important now than ever to bridge the differences in society. JASGP’s overarching goal is to serve the people of Philadelphia by making Greater Philadelphia a nationally and globally known center of Japanese art, business, and culture, with the historic Shofuso as its centerpiece.

By implementing the ambitious goals of its 2018-2020 strategic plan, JASGP will present its own programs and expand partnerships with other US regional and Japanese organizations and corporations in 2019 and beyond. JASGP’s goal is to greatly expand the connections between Philadelphia and Japan in art, business, and culture and increase economic and travel interchange.

With JASGP’s ambitious but attainable strategic plan, strong connections and partnerships in Japan, and an expanded staff capacity from the merger and recent staff hires, JASGP will effectively engage the entire city of Philadelphia and surrounding regions in art, business, and cultural activities and promotion.
Shofuso Japanese Cultural Center
36,000+ visitors
A historic Japanese house and garden representing friendship between Japan and Philadelphia, open for daily admission and guided tours. Our visitors come from:

- Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware: 80%
- Rest of United States: 15%
- International: 5%

Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival
10,000+ attendees
A nine day festival centered at Shofuso culminating in an all-day celebration of traditional and contemporary Japan.

US-Japan Business & Public Policy Series
150+ participants
Supporting economic connections between Philadelphia and Japan.

Art, business, and cultural programs
16,500+ participants
Seasonal festivals and markets, language classes, networking events, garden workshops, summer camp, school tours, tea ceremony demonstrations and lessons, traditional dance and music performances and classes, and history publications.

JASGP's four programs served over 65,000 stakeholders in 2018.
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AGC Chemical Americas, LLC
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CIGNA
Citizens Bank
Comcast
Japan Federation of Construction Contractors
KPMG LP
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Meiji-Mura Museum, Tokyo, Japan
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Nat’l Association of Japan America Societies
North American Japanese Garden Association
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Please Touch Museum
State of Pennsylvania
Tamagawa University, Machida, Japan
Temple University
Temple University, Japan Campus
University of Pennsylvania
Villanova University
West Park Cultural Center
Woodmere Museum of Art
JASGP continues to have strong earned income from its many program tickets and admission fees. We are working to increase our contributed revenue from individual donors and foundations, while we expand corporate sponsorship for our most heavily attended and promoted public programming.

Annual Budget (2018) $1.1 million
Members (2018) 400
Employees 25+
Volunteers 150+
In 2018, JASGP was awarded a generous three-year grant from the William Penn Foundation which increased our net assets. We had accrued expenses at 2017 year end from our successful 2017 roof restoration project that were paid in 2018. A line of credit was obtained in 2018 to ensure healthy cash flow as we approach the Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival and Shofuso's season opening in the spring.
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