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TEA Programs

Apply Now for TEA's 2016 STARTALK Program: *Chinese Language Instruction in the Digital Age: A STARTALK Program on Incorporating Learner-Centered Technology Tools in the Chinese Language Curriculum.*

June 22-July 1. Application deadline: May 25, 2016. This residential program for Chinese language teachers nationwide will provide a thorough understanding of and practical experience with effective learning technologies appropriate for the Chinese language classroom. Program participants will work with language technology specialists, experienced Chinese language curriculum designers, and master teachers to gain competency in using a variety of technologies in effective and engaging lessons. See complete details and application on the TEA [website](#). Contact Jon Zeljo at Jon.Zeljo@colorado.edu for more information.

National Opportunities

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Short-Term Program.

Application deadline: Monday, May 9. Apply to engage in two- to eight-week collaborative projects this fall in Botswana, India, Mexico, or Vietnam. Participants consult with and support activities in schools, nonprofits, teacher-training institutions, and other educational organizations. Visit the Fulbright [website](#) for more information.

Japanese Teaching Material Purchase Grant. Application deadline:

Thursday, September 15. Educational institutions that wish to purchase teaching materials for their Japanese language courses may receive \$1,000 from the Japanese Foundation of Los Angeles. More information [here](#).

AFS Group Programs: China. AFS works with groups to plan two- to three-week travel experiences to China that offer opportunities to experience Chinese culture, study the transformations the country is experiencing, and explore historic sites. The programs include a homestay with a Chinese host family. For more information, visit the AFS [website](#).

Colorado Programs

***Japanese Internment During WWII and Activism Today.* Tuesday, May 17, 11 am – 1 pm.** Students will gather at History Colorado Center to take part in a live Smithsonian webcast with students at five other museums across the country. The webcast on Japanese internment will be followed by a local panel on activism. Space is limited for this free event. RSVP with number and grade level of

students to april.legg@state.co.us.

Denver Cherry Blossom Festival. Saturday, June 18, 11 am – 6 pm and Sunday, June 19, 11 am – 4 pm. This *sakura matsuri* features live music, including taiko drum performances, as well as traditional Japanese dance, cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and family activities. Japanese foods will be available for purchase. The free festival will be held in Denver on Lawrence Street between 19th and 20th Streets. For more information, including an entertainment schedule for both days, visit the festival [website](#).

Japan and Disaster: 1670-1995. Special Collections and Archives at the University of Colorado Boulder Libraries is featuring this exhibit that highlights the resilience of Japan in the face of tragedy and disaster. Patrons are welcomed to the reading room Monday through Friday from 10 am to 4 pm. Email spc@colorado.edu or call 303-492-6144 to schedule an appointment.

Previously Announced Colorado Programs

Japanese American Resource Center of Colorado “All Things Japanese” Sale. Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8. Buy or sell pre-owned Japanese items—tableware, pottery, dolls, art, jewelry, kimono, textiles, etc.—at the Sakura Square Mezzanine Room (1905 Larimer Street in Denver). For more information, contact Gail Ida at gailann.ida@gmail.com or Joyce Nakata Kim at joycenkim@hotmail.com.

Denver Art Museum Exhibition on *Samurai: Armor from the Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection*. Through Sunday, June 5. This exhibition of 140 objects tells the story of the life, culture, and pageantry of samurai from the 1100s through the 1800s. The exhibition highlights the craftsmanship of the armor, weapons, horse trappings, and other battle gear. For more information or to buy tickets, visit the Denver Art Museum [website](#). For information about special events associated with the exhibit, such as presentations on “Japanese Sword Fittings and the Samurai Tradition” (May 17, 6:30-7:30 pm) and “Geisha and Concubines” (May 25, noon-1 pm), visit the [site](#) of the Asian Art Association of the Denver Art Museum.

NCTA State and Local Opportunities

NCTA online and face-to-face seminars will begin again in September. Please look for announcements of new courses in August on the NCTA [website](#) under the “Find a Course” tab.

Featured Resources

NCTA at TEA offers two new NCTA Class Apps focused on China’s Millennials. In *Individualism and Upheaval Among China’s Millennials*, author Eric Fish explores how China’s millennial generation is coping with the nation’s

slowing economic growth and narrowing possibilities for success. Teachers and students get a vivid glimpse of the challenges, rebellion, and disillusionment among young people struggling to succeed in a rapidly changing China. In *China's Millennials: The Want Generation*, NCTA's Jon Zeljo talks with author Eric Fish about key issues and questions raised by his book of the same title; the two also discuss how to use the book in the classroom. Access these and other NCTA Class Apps at the NCTA [website](#). See more about the book [here](#).

Stanford's Inter-University Center has recently released teaching materials for advanced high school level Japanese courses. The *High School 3-11 Project* materials, available for free download, focus on the disasters of March 11, 2011, and feature manga as teaching materials. For more information, visit the [project site](#).

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