

## **JCCC English Express**

### **Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Chicago**

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Chicago was founded in 1966 in an effort to promote good will and understanding between the Japanese and American business community and public. The JCCC has grown significantly since it was founded and in 1991 created the major philanthropy, the JCCC Foundation. The JCCC Foundation's annual Grants Program is an effort to promote education and exchange in the Chicago area and has met with great success.

### **-JCCC & JCCC Foundation Tohoku Earthquake Relief-**

The JCCC & JCCC Foundation would like to thank all of the donors of the Tohoku Earthquake Relief for their generosity and continued support. The fundraiser has been a great success; to date, the JCCC Foundation has received donations from over 900 individuals and over 200 companies. The first installment of \$1,361,797.40 was donated to the Japanese Red Cross on May 20. Despite the matching portion of the fundraiser being over the JCCC Foundation continues to receive donations everyday. Since April 15<sup>th</sup>, when the matching pledge ended, the JCCC Foundation has received an additional \$105,453.52 and plans to continue accepting donations. If you would like more information on how to make a donation, please see the JCCC's English website and click the Tohoku Earthquake Relief link. <http://www.jccc-chi.org/en/index.asp>

### **-JCCC & JCCC Foundation Events & Info-**

#### **-Fuji Film Digital Camera Learning Lab**

Fuji Film (850 Central Ave, Hanover Park, IL 60133) will host a beginner friendly Digital Camera Class. If you speak Japanese (or even if you don't), learn directly from the pros! For registration information, contact the JCCC.

#### **-JCCC Monthly Golf Outings**

The JCCC does a monthly golf outing for men and women. If you are interested please contact the JCCC for more information regarding dates, times, and registration.

#### **-Annual JCCC Foundation JEEP Trip-**

JEEP is the annual exchange trip for Chicago area Educators sponsored by the JCCC Foundation. Selectees are escorted by a JCCC staff member for a two week exchange trip to schools in Japan to observe, learn, and exchange teaching ideas, philosophies, and styles with Japanese educators. Selectees visit several different schools throughout Japan including schools in Osaka, Chicago's sister city. Unfortunately due to the continuing problems in Japan, the JCCC Foundation has reluctantly cancelled the JEEP trip for 2011 but plans to host the trip next year.

#### **-Annual JCCC Foundation Charity Golf Tournament**

Every year in late spring or early summer, the JCCC hosts a Charity Golf Tournament in an effort to raise funds for Chicago area education initiatives and programs. Due to the extensive damage in Japan caused by the earthquake and tsunami and the ongoing nuclear issues in Fukushima, the JCCC Foundation Board of Directors has postponed the 2011 Charity Golf Tournament indefinitely with hopes of rescheduling later in the year.

**For questions/information concerning upcoming charity events, please feel free to contact the JCCC Foundation. (Tel: 312-245-8344)**