

The Japan Information & Culture Center, Embassy of Japan
and The Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C. present

Mrs. Taft Plants a Tree

How the Cherry Blossoms Came to Washington

Lecture followed by a tea ceremony
with the Chado Urasenke Tankokai Washington DC Association
The first 20 guests will have the chance to try frothy, delicious, powdered green tea!



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Everyone knows that the magnificent cherry trees which line the Tidal Basin were a gift from Japan, but there's much more to the story. Join us as Ambassador John R. Malott, President of the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C., presents an illustrated lecture on the gift of the cherry trees and their meaning for US-Japan relations, our nation, and our community today.

This fascinating tale includes:

- ❁ A determined female journalist who campaigned for over two decades to have the beautiful Japanese *sakura* planted throughout the Nation's Capital
- ❁ Famous American architects and urban planners who sought to reclaim L'Enfant's original vision and make Washington DC one of the world's most beautiful cities
- ❁ An unconventional First Lady who made the decision to plant the trees, chose the location, and planted the first one herself
- ❁ A Japanese businessman in New York City who wanted to give something back to the country that had helped him succeed
- ❁ And Japanese Government officials who saw the gift of the trees as the kind of "soft power" that would help ease the growing political and military tensions between the United States and Japan.

This event is free and open to the public. Reservations required. Please send your name, affiliation, and the number in your party to jiccrsvpspring09@embjapan.org or call 202-238-6949.

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