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## Meet & Greet with Keisuke Hirai

Meet & Greet with Photographer of Recapturing Happiness Exhibition

Co-Hosted by JICC, Embassy of Japan and Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA

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THURS, 11:30

AM

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Swing by the JICC to meet the amazing photographer behind the lens of our latest exhibition: **"Recapturing Happiness: The Enduring Spirit of Ishinomaki."** We look forward to seeing you there!

### ABOUT THE PHOTOGRAPHER



Mr. Keisuke Hirai is a freelance photographer who strives to capture the lives of people in their entirety, believing that it is the unique contradictions of humans that make seemingly imperfect human lives perfect. Mr. Hirai credits his love of photography to a friend he met while studying abroad in Canada that urged him to take photography classes. Ever since then, he has been behind the camera.

Whether it is in Cambodia, Nepal, Inner Mongolia, South Africa, or Japan, he sets out to capture photographs that illustrate the humanity we all share. Mr. Hirai is ever curious and has been involved in activities such as demining, reforestation, community revitalization, international aid, and international exchange. After traveling to Ishinomaki in April 2011 to document and promote recovery efforts, he moved there permanently and now resides in the city. Currently you can find him taking photographs of the fisheries industry in and around Ishinomaki.

Mr. Hirai has launched several photography projects in the past. Some of his most known are the Funny!!Project, a project based on the theme "We All Laugh Together in Different Ways", which uses photographs as a communication tool for various activities such as exhibitions, events, workshops, and talks at educational institutions around Japan. In addition, he launched the photo exhibition 10 Years of Happiness in Ishinomaki in 2021, and published the photo book 10年の幸福写真 ~ 10 YEARS AFTER 3.11 (10 Years of Happiness ~ 10 YEARS AFTER 3.11) in 2022.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration through [Eventbrite](#) is recommended but not required. The program begins at 11:30AM and runs to 1:30PM. Walk-ins will be accepted.



### 「Meet & Greet with Keisuke Hirai」

- Walk-ins are welcome!
- Thursday, February 1st, 2024
- @ JICC from 11:30AM to 1:30PM

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