



## Japanese Business Association of Portland

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### **Fundraising Bazaar to Help Rebuild After the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Noto Peninsula Earthquake**

At 4:10 pm on January 1, 2024, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck the Noto peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. This was the largest and deadliest earthquake to strike Japan since 2011. We at Shokookai of Portland (the Japanese Business Association of Portland) responded to the disaster swiftly by adding the support for the Noto peninsula earthquake victims to the cause of our annual fundraising bazaar to help recovery after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

#### Who We Are:

Shokookai of Portland is a Japanese business association with roughly 300 individual members representing 65 Japanese corporations in Portland and Oregon. Its purposes as 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization are to run Portland Japanese school to provide around 350 students with education experiences organized on Japanese educational methods and curriculum. We also assist local schools and their students in understanding Japanese language and culture.

#### Continuous Fundraising Bazaar Since 2012:

Since the first anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11, 2011, we've been holding yearly fundraising bazaar to support the recovery of the areas affected by the disastrous earthquake. No matter how many years have passed, we are committed to continue our support as we mourn the victims and never want the tragic memory of the disaster to fade. Our support focus now is on the affected children as they continue to grow. We also aim to raise more funds to help the recovery of the affected area by the Noto peninsula earthquake.

#### How You Can Help:

The proceeds from the bazaar will be 100% donated to established organizations such as Japanese Red Cross Society and Fukushima Donation for Orphans Affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake.

You can help by either making monetary contributions to facilitate the bazaar or making in-kind donations to be sold at the bazaar. Past examples are food, wine, household goods, electronic products, golf play tickets, and so on to be purchased with cash or check. Your contribution, regardless of the type or amount, is immensely appreciated and is tax deductible.

You are more than welcome to join us at the bazaar scheduled as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 2 pm to 5 pm
<b>Location:</b>	JAЕ Oregon, Inc. 11555 SW Leveton Dr Tualatin, OR 97062
<b>Schedule:</b>	2:00 pm doors open, greeting of guests, etc. 2:15 pm silent prayer; sales and silent auctions begin 4:45 pm sales and auctions end; announcement of proceeds 5:00 pm doors close
<b>Main Activity of the Bazaar:</b>	Fundraising from the sale of donated items and silent auction
<b>Contact:</b>	<a href="mailto:admini@shokookai.org">admini@shokookai.org</a>

At the bazaar, we kindly request all participants to observe a moment of silence to express our condolences to the victims of the earthquakes. We are here in Oregon, far away from the affected areas, showing our support by gathering to fundraise together. That is the least thing we could do from afar.

The proceeds from the bazaar will be donated fully to be used for the various projects to support the daily lives and education of the children as well as rebuilding of the affected areas by both earthquakes. We truly appreciate your understanding and support.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shokookai of Portland office by email to [admini@shokookai.org](mailto:admini@shokookai.org) or by phone at 503-644-9579. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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