



Consulate-General of Japan in New York  
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## 2014 Consul General's Commendation

### LaGuardia Community College (LAGCC), The City University of New York (CUNY)

(Official Website: <http://www.laguardia.cuny.edu/home/>)

#### History:

- **2006:** Established Japanese Program in Education and Language Acquisition Department
- **April 2012:** Organized "Japan-U.S. Cherry Blossom Centennial Tree Dedication Ceremony" and Kirie Workshop by Shu Kubo, Japan Cultural Envoy in 2009
- **August 2012:** Set President's Strategic Goal for establishing Japanese as a major
- **May 2013:** Coordinated complete CUNY-wide participation in KAKEHASHI Project-The Bridge for Tomorrow: Youth Exchange Program with North America
- **September 2013:** Hosted the visit of Madame Akie Abe, wife of the Prime Minister of Japan, who observed LAGCC's Japanese Program and spoke with CUNY participants of "KAKEHASHI Project"
- **September 2013:** Organized Katsura Sunshine's Japanese Rakugo comedy workshop
- **October 2013:** Organized plaster craftman workshop by Shuhei Hasado, Japan Cultural Envoy in 2013
- **February 2014:** Established Japanese as a major for students

#### Achievements:

LaGuardia Community College, under the strong initiative taken by its President, Dr. Gail Mellow, and with the full support of the Consulate General of Japan in New York, has significantly contributed to the promotion of friendship between Japan and the U.S., as well as to the institutional enhancement of its Japanese programs, through the execution of the above mentioned wide range of events and endeavors.

Highly commendable is the fact that LAGCC achieved its President's Strategic Goal of instituting its Japanese program as a major in February of 2014. This outstanding accomplishment enables LAGCC students who majored in Japanese at that two year college to be accepted into a four year college as junior year-level students with Japanese studies as a major or minor.