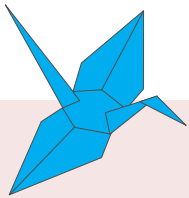




FRIENDSHIP TAKES FLIGHT



In celebration of the enduring Japan-U.S. friendship and as tribute to the origin of the cherry blossom trees, the Embassy of Japan has hosted interactive origami crane events at multiple locations in DC. These hands-on experiences provided opportunities to the local community to learn the art of origami while contributing to a collaborative and striking symbol of the continued bond between our countries.

The cherry blossoms and this collaboration carry even greater meaning this year. As the host country for the 2023 G7 Summit in Hiroshima, Japan remains dedicated as ever to fundamental values shared with the international community and to its commitment to peace and partnership. The installation of cranes will feature colors from this year's G7 branding, which pays homage to each member nation.

The Embassy of Japan selected the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center to publicly display the final piece through the end of 2023. The installation will be accessible to all to share the message of friendship, celebrate Japan and the U.S.'s historic 111-year bond, and raise awareness of the upcoming G7 summit.

