

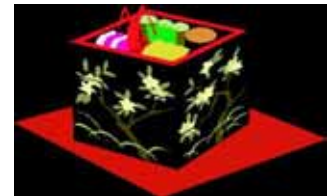
## Invitation to the Japanese Shin-Nen-Kai New Year's Celebration

New Years is an especially spiritual time of the year for Japanese, when individuals, families, relatives, and friends get together to part with the past year and welcome the fortunes of the New Year. In order to celebrate and share in the spirit of this event, we will hold a Japanese New Year's Celebration, or "Shin-Nen-Kai," among the members of the Japan-related Organizations of the Triangle Area.



We plan to include elements of traditional customs and rituals that signify the Japanese New Year, such as:

- *Osechi-Ryouri* (traditional New Year's cuisine)
- *Kagamiwari* (ceremonial opening of casks of Sake, often held as a symbol for new beginnings),
- *Performance by Fugaku Taiko* (a highly respected professional drumming ensemble, visiting from the foothills of Mount Fuji in Japan)



*Osechi-Ryouri*

We would be pleased if you could join in our Japanese New Year's celebration. Spouse and guests are more than welcome. Please see the bottom of the page for details of the event. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warmest Regards,

Rocky Iwashima  
President, Nippon Club of the Triangle

1. Venue: Doris Duke Center at Sara P. Duke Garden  
Address: 426 Anderson Street, Durham, NC 27705  
Web: [www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens](http://www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens)  
Free parking will be provided.
2. Date/Time: January 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 1:00-4:00pm  
Check-In starts at 12:15pm. We encourage you to visit the newly built Japanese Tea House while waiting for the event to begin.
3. RSVP: Registration requested by January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Email [TriangleNipponClub@yahoo.com](mailto:TriangleNipponClub@yahoo.com)  
or Call Rocky Iwashima at (919)787-6233.  
Send name and affiliation of each participant, contact Email, and phone #.  
There is a limit of **120 seats**. Tickets will be available until all seats are filled or until **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, whichever comes first.
4. Tickets: \$60.00/person  
We will send instructions on how to mail your check after your registration is confirmed.