

# JANO

Japanese Association of Northeast Ohio

## JANO桜植樹の歩み

### History of Cherry Tree Planting at Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation



- 1996 :Started with 12 trees planting. The 1<sup>st</sup> Cherry Festival was held
- 1998 : The 3<sup>rd</sup> Festival was named “Sakura Matsuri”. Planted the total 68 trees
- 2000 : The 5<sup>th</sup> “Sakura Matsuri” was jointly held with JASNO and JACL
- 2001 : The number of cherry trees reached 100 in total
- 2007 : The 12<sup>th</sup> Festival was named “Sakura Picnic”
- 2008 : Five trees were planted and reached 129 trees in total

桜植樹活動は“地域社会への貢献と交流を通じ、会員相互の親睦を深める”というJANOの設立主旨に則って1996年以来続けられているJANOのメイン イベントで、これまで、Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation内に約130本植樹されている。この活動はお世話になっている地域社会への感謝の証として、日本人の心を象徴する桜を植樹し、全ての地域の人たちの憩いの場をつくりたいという強い思いが込められている。

桜植樹を記念するお祭りは、毎年多くの会員、地域の人達に参加いただき、日本食、伝統芸能、ゲーム、スポーツなどをともに楽しみ、親睦・交流を深める場となっており、JANOの重要な恒例行事になっている。

この桜植樹活動の実現および発展には、多くのJANO役員の先輩諸氏の多大なご苦勞と活躍に加え、法人会員、公園職員諸氏、日本領事館からの多大な支援なしにはありえなかったことをここに表す。



Since 1996, JANO has been planting Cherry Trees, a symbol of Japan, in the Brookside Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. This effort is in the spirit of contributing to our community by deepening the friendship between Northeast Ohio and Japan. To date, 130 cherry trees have been donated and planted, and has become a place to gather and enjoy the beauty of this symbol of Japan, particularly when in full blossom.

Originally called the Cherry Blossom Festival, JANO's annual Cherry Tree Picnic has become a main event open to the community to celebrate JANO's donation. During the picnic, participants can enjoy Japanese food, traditional arts, games and sports together.

JANO expresses its deep gratitude to past members of the board, our Corporate Members, Cleveland Metropark officials and the Japanese Consulate. Without the cooperation and vision of these people and organizations, the beautiful sight of over a hundred cherry trees in full blossom would not have been possible.

