The Soga Japan Center is hosting a special talk by the Honorable Consul General Mitsuhiro Wada about the important economic and cultural ties between Michigan and Japan and how the study of Japanese can help students benefit from and contribute to expansion of these ties.

Mr. Wada began his career in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 1983. Within the Ministry in Tokyo, he has served as the Secretary-General for the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting, Deputy Director-General of the International Cooperation Bureau (ICB), Deputy Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, and Director of the Grant Aid & Technical Cooperation Division of the ICB. Overseas, Mr. Wada has held posts as the Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister at the Japanese Embassy in China, as a Counselor at the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia, and as a Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Japan in Geneva. Mr. Wada joined the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit on August 24, 2015.