## The Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese Annual Board Report for the Ohio Foreign Language Association March 8, 2019

The Ohio Association of Teachers of Japanese (OATJ) has...

- Planned and started preparing for the OATJ Spring Workshop on April 14 (Sunday)
  - OATJ is pleased to welcome Dr. Shinji Sato from Princeton University who will be presenting on Foreign Language Learning and Community Involvement
- Secured a guest speaker for OATJ's 2019 Annual Fall Conference in November
  - Yasu-Hiko Tohsaku from the University of California San Diego, author of the Japanese textbook series "Yookoso"
- Contacted previous members by email about renewing their membership with AATJ
  (American Association of Teachers of Japanese) (OATJ receives a portion of this
  membership as the local affiliate so members can be part of both AATJ and OATJ)
- Contacted its members to inform them about OFLA's conference and about joining OFLA to receive its benefits
- Started sending a monthly email to its members with ideas for teaching. Members are encouraged to share materials, websites, ideas, etc. with everyone to encourage collaboration and community within OATJ.

## OATJ will be:

 Writing the 2019 JFLA grant application to receive funding for OATJ events for the next year

Respectfully submitted,

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