

# Inspiring Harmony & Peace



Portland Japanese Garden is considered the most authentic Japanese garden outside of Japan. Located in Washington Park on the former site of the Oregon Zoo, the Garden opened to the public in 1967 and has become a top Oregon visitor destination. More than **500,000 people** visit the Garden every year from around the world.

In 2017, the Garden unveiled its **Cultural Crossing** expansion, adding a Cultural Village to house the growing demand for programming while preserving the serenity of the Garden itself.

The Garden is now pursuing creation of the **Japan Institute** to further expand and develop its world-class programs. The Garden has acquired a 3.6-acre site in Northwest Portland with existing buildings designed by Portland architect A. E. Doyle to house the Institute.

With a \$2 million state investment, the Japan Institute will provide teaching and lecture facilities, artist maker-spaces, a residence hall for immersive learning, and outdoor areas for hands-on classes, demonstrations, and workshops.

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**Our vision is to be a leading global voice for cultural understanding, in pursuit of a more peaceful, sustainable world.**



“Portland Japanese Garden is one of the finest Japanese organizations in the world, serving as both a place to connect with nature, and a forum for education and the exchange of ideas.”

–Caroline Kennedy, United States Ambassador to Japan 2013-2017



The Japan Institute will build upon the lessons of Portland Japanese Garden to engage diverse people in shared experiences and conversations about peace, cultural understanding, and our connection to nature.

The Garden has always played a role in bringing community together to combat anti-Asian sentiment. As polarization and violence have increased, Japanese gardens are needed now more than ever.

A key component to the Japan Institute is the **International Japanese Garden Training Center**, the only program of its kind in the world. The Training Center integrates cultural, philosophical learning with practical hands-on practice to preserve and advance Japanese gardens throughout the world.

A \$2 million investment

Funding would go directly towards building the International Japanese Garden Training Center:

- Flexible Training Yards
- Stone Masonry Facilities & Equipment
- A Design & Resource Center
- Faculty from around the world

