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Cherry Blossom Festival

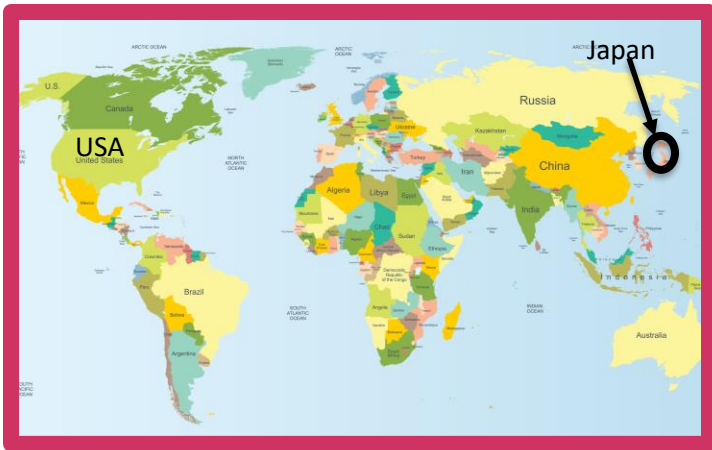


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Washington DC- About 100 years ago the Mayor of Tokyo, Japan gave a gift to President Taft.

William Taft used to be the president. He lived in the White House in Washington D.C. He was excited about the gift from Japan.



The gift was 3,000 cherry blossom trees. Cherry Blossom Trees grow in Japan.

There were no cherry blossom trees in the United States. Everyone was excited to see the new trees from Japan.



Now there are a lot of cherry blossom trees in Washington D.C. The trees bloom in the Spring. The flowers are so beautiful.



Every year there is a festival to celebrate the gift from Japan. The Cherry Blossom Festival starts on March 25th. The festival lasts a month.



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There are performances at the Cherry Blossom Festival. One of the performances will be drummers from Japan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtHti0K7ODQ>

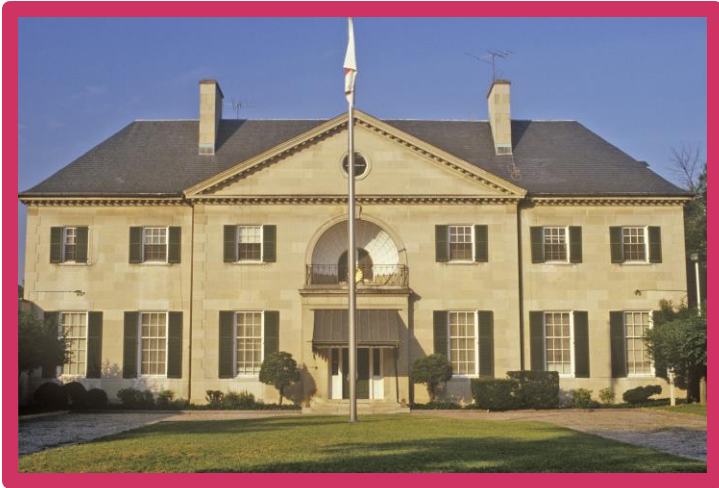


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There will also be a Cherry Blossom parade in Washington D.C.



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People at the Japanese Embassy and the First Lady plan the Cherry Blossom Festival each year.



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