



Japan–America Society of Dallas /Fort Worth



presents:

Mochitsuki !!!

7th Annual New Year's Celebration



Sunday, January 14, 2007, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.

Fujitsu Network Communications, Inc.

In the Cafeteria

2801 Telecom Parkway, Richardson, TX 75082

Admission: Adults \$5, Children (12 and under) Free

Pay at the door. Cash or Check only. Credit cards not accepted.

Mochitsuki, pounding Japanese sweet rice to make rice cakes, is traditionally held at shrines, public places, and homes at the end of the year. *Kine* (mallet) and *usu* (mortar) are used to pound the steamed *mochi* rice. The preparations begin days in advance, but the spirit of cooperation and hard work that go into making *mochi* bring people together and make the effort worthwhile. People take turns pounding, turning, and eating *mochi*, sharing thoughts about the past year and hopes and dreams for the next. Nowadays, electric *mochi*-makers have made *mochi*-making more convenient, so those will be on hand as well. We hope you will join us for this special event and partake of some homemade *mochi*, New Year's traditions, and good company.

Japanese Performers:

- **Dallas Kiyari Daiko**
Taiko drummers
- **Cherry Blossom Chorus**
Children's chorus
- **Tapioka**
Teen girls' band
- **Yosakoi Dancers**
Lively folk dance

Activities:

- **Kakizome**
First calligraphy of the New Year
- **New Year's Games for Children**
- **Cultural Displays**

Sample Green Tea and Mochi with:

- Anko*: Sweet Bean Paste
- Kinako*: Roasted Soy Bean Powder
- Nori*: Seaweed Wrap with Soy Sauce

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