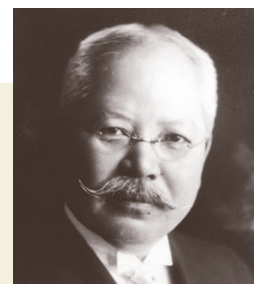


# Jokichi Takamine Study Group, NPO

## Dr. Jokichi Takamine

Dr. Jokichi Takamine lived through the dramatic period of time from the end of the Tokugawa shogunate, Meiji era, and Taisho era. He left a great legacy as a scientist, entrepreneur, and an international goodwill ambassador. Dr. Takamine is called the father of modern biotechnology for his research and development of amylolytic enzymes derived from microorganisms, mainly Taka-Diastase.



Dr. Jokichi Takamine  
(photo courtesy Great People of  
Kanazawa Memorial Museum)

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The NPO, Dr. Jokichi Takamine Study Group, is engaged in educational activities, such as publishing journals and holding lectures, in order to make more people aware of Dr. Takamine, who made a great contribution to the development of science and technology in modern Japan, its commercialization, and goodwill between Japan and the United States.

## Main Activities

In 2024, we were fortunate to receive many opportunities to teach people about Dr. Takamine and his work through activities, such as lectures held in Kanto, Chubu, and Hokuriku regions in Japan, a magazine book titled "Takamine Jokichi ga Wakaru" (Insights on Jokichi Takamine) published through Mainichi Shimbun Publishing, and an informational TV program broadcast on NHK centered around Dr. Takamine. Interest in Dr. Takamine continues to grow and we hope to provide even more accurate information and educational opportunities in 2025 and beyond.

## Topic Achievements in connecting Japan and the United States

Along the banks of the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. is a line of famous cherry trees. Near the trees, a plaque explaining Japanese and American figures involved in the cherry tree donation project includes none other than Dr. Takamine. Over the years, the plaque had worn down due to being exposed to the elements, however, the restoration was completed in just six months after the project began, thanks to the swift cooperation of the Japanese and American authorities involved. From spring 2024, visitors will once again be able to clearly read about the historic event.

Additionally, in May of 2024, Dr. Takamine was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame of the United States. This is a non-profit organization sponsored by the United States Patent and Trademark Office that honors great inventors. The induction recognizes Dr. Takamine's contributions to medicine and industry through the extraction of adrenaline and the invention of Takadiastase, as well as his efforts to promote friendly relations between Japan and the United States. As a Japanese organization, we feel deeply proud to see that even after 100 years, his achievements are still being recognized and celebrated in the United States today.



A talk held at a junior high school in Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture. This marks the 16th year of talks given at schools.



From left to right: Eliza Scidmore, the woman behind the idea for the cherry tree project; botanist David Fairchild; Tokyo Mayor Yukio Ozaki; and Jokichi Takamine.



Induction to the National Inventors Hall of Fame is not limited to living people. Historical inventors, including Thomas Edison, Nikola Tesla, and Steve Jobs, have been inducted in previous years.

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## Notification of the recruitment of new members

The Jokichi Takamine Study Group is accepting supporting members.

Supporting members will receive publications related to Dr. Takamine and regularly issued newsletters. They also receive information about lectures, events, and news.

If you would like to join us, please write your name (if you are a corporate body, company/organization name and department), postal code, address, phone number (no cell phone number accepted), occupation, age, and sex on a letter or a postcard and mail it to us. We will return a bank transfer form to pay the initiation fee and the annual membership fee.

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