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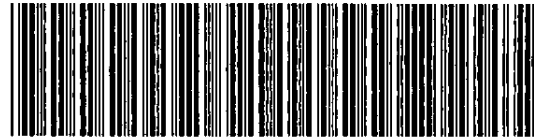
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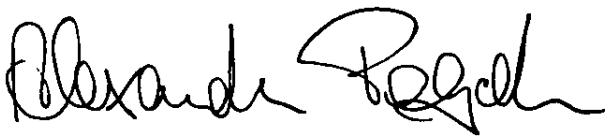
Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6327

**Ladies and gentlemen:**

**SUBJECT: Japan-America Society of Tampa Bay, Inc.**

Enclosed are one original and two (2) copies of the articles of incorporation and a check for \$87.50 covering the filing fee, one certified copy and one certificate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexander Pogede". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alexander" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pogede".

Alexander Pogede  
P. O. Box 4181  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-4181  
United States  
(305) 776-6084  
aredon@jastb.org (to be used for annual report notifications)

Enclosure

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 617, F.S., (NOT FOR PROFIT)**

**Article I**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Japan-America Society of Tampa Bay, Inc.

**Article II**

The principal street address of the corporation is:

470 3rd St S # 810  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701-4647  
United States

The mailing address of the corporation is

P. O. Box 4181  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-4181  
United States

**Article III**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, in particular:

- To promote goodwill by educating the Tampa Bay community about Japan through cultural, educational and public affairs programs
- To provide a forum for impartial and informed discussion on the relationship between the United States and Japan
- To provide a place for Americans and Japanese to meet
- To provide hospitality to the Japanese residing in the Tampa Bay area

**Article IV**

Directors are elected in the manner stated in the bylaws of the corporation.

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## Article V

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

Chika Berrios (Secretary)  
641 40th Ave NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33703-5905  
United States

Mako Nozu (Vice President)  
10390 San Martin Blvd NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33702-1460  
United States

Tiana Naoko Pogede (President)  
8345 NW 66th St # 2708  
Miami, FL 33166-2626  
United States

Alexander Pogede (Treasurer)  
8345 NW 66th St # 2708  
Miami, FL 33166-2626  
United States

## Article VI

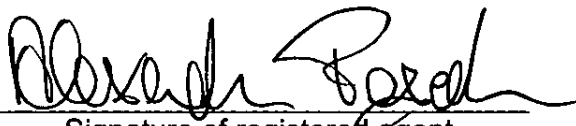
The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Alexander Pogede  
8345 NW 66th St # 2708  
Miami, FL 33166-2626  
United States

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity



Signature of registered agent

March 8, 2012

Date

## Article VII

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be

carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### Article VIII

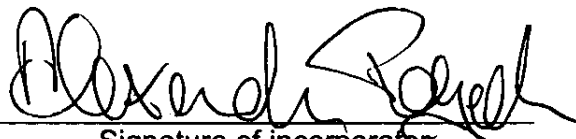
Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### Article IX

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Alexander Pogede  
P. O. Box 4181  
St. Petersburg, FL 33731-4181  
United States

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

  
Signature of incorporator

March 8, 2012  
Date

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