

Junior Ambassadors Return From Two-Week Trip to Fukuoka

From July 12-25, the Society's eight Junior Ambassadors (JAs) traveled to Fukuoka, Japan to participate in the 18th Annual Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC). During the first week of their trip, the JAs stayed at a camp where they were able to meet over 350 other 11-year-old students from 46 countries and regions along the Pacific Rim. Our JAs personally experienced and learned about different cultures as they roomed with students from places like Sri Lanka, Fiji, Tonga and Japan. One of our JAs expressed that, "meeting new people changed me and how I act. I would like to see



APCC Junior Ambassadors prepare to leave Honolulu

and know people from different countries better, and befriend most of the people I meet."

During the second week, the JAs stayed with host families and were able to experience Japanese school life for a few days at Akasaka Elementary School in Fukuoka City. They enjoyed learning about the Japanese culture and spending time with Japanese families and students. In addition, they were able to visit shrines and temples, amusement parks, hot springs and professional baseball games. On Saturday, July 22, the




Junior Ambassador Evan Lin introduces himself to a Japanese Student

JAs participated in the APCC "We are the Bridge" Cultural Festival and performed a hula to the song, "He Aloha Mele" in front of Fukuoka City Hall. The JAs had such a great time in Fukuoka that many of them were not ready to return to Hawaii at the end of the two weeks! We are very proud of our JAs for demonstrating themselves to be the future leaders of Hawaii and the world and are thrilled about how much they learned during their adventure to Japan.



Junior Ambassadors share their hula at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention

Before and after their trip, the students were fortunate to meet with Governor Linda Lingle at the State Capitol. They all received official commendations for representing Hawaii at the APCC and were able to discuss the highlights of their trip with her. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Governor has met with the JAs and we greatly appreciate her support!

Applications for the 19th APCC will be sent to all elementary schools in early December. Please contact the Society at 524-4450 or eileen@jashawaii.org if you should have any questions about the APCC program. 



APCC Chaperone Eileen Beamis with Junior Ambassadors and new friends in Japan

Chair's Message

*A*loha! This year is the Society's 30th Anniversary and we are taking time to recognize the Founding Members of the Society, the Society's Past Chairs of the Board, and those corporate members that joined the Society in the 1980s when we first began having corporate members and remain members to this day. The names of those we will be recognizing are listed on the next page. As we reviewed the history and achievements of the Society, all of us who are a part of the Society can feel very proud. The Society, which was established on September 28, 1976, had very rough beginnings. The office moved from place to place, taking advantage of benefactors that provided free space. Sometimes, it was more like a closet as related by a past chair.

But it was the perseverance of many who were dedicated to the mission that saw the Society emerge as a major contributor to our community in Hawaii and to the United States-Japan relationship. Today your Society is well recognized in Japan and by organizations in the U.S. As a result the office staff receives calls from many different constituents asking for assistance. And because the Society is administered well, these people are helped. It stretches the staff but what they do helps to further the Society's reach and assistance.

In November we will have our Annual General Membership Meeting. At this meeting I will provide a "State of the Society" message to inform you of where we are and what is in store for the Society's future.

The year has gone by very quickly and we continue to hear good stories about our programs, especially the school

programs. As a follow-on to Japan Wizards winner Christopher Antonio's story (see Summer 2005 Journal), the following year he became class valedictorian and earned a full scholarship to Illinois Institute of Technology where he is now studying to become an engineer. As he wrote in the Journal, the Japan trip gave him a "more fervid eagerness to learn." Another Japan Bowl (predecessor to Japan Wizards) winner is now a law student at the University of Hawaii's Richardson School of Law. Another is studying Japanese at Harvard University.

I am sure there are other similar stories we haven't heard about. But through your support of the Society, you make these stories of Hawaii's students possible. The opportunity you give to students throughout the state will continue to multiply as the Society reaches ever more students.

The Society's network continues to expand as well. Since the addition of Ed Hawkins, the Society has been able to place more emphasis on membership recruitment and working with other organizations. The expansion of networks locally and internationally, has helped the Society to further its mission—promoting friendships and understanding.

Thank you, our members, directors, and volunteers who have worked so hard to bring the Society successfully this far. We have a bright future ahead but the Society will continue to need the attention and support of all. I look forward to working with all of you to light the way to that bright future. Mahalo!

Peter H. Schall
Chairman of the Board



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All that glitters at the Tiffany & Co. 5:01

The doors were closed to regular shoppers as Society members and guests had exclusive access to Tiffany & Co.'s elegant jewelry collection for a Hawaii 5:01 program on August 16. Tiffany & Co. joined the extensive list of JASH corporate members to share in our mission of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States. Guests at the 5:01 had a chance to network with one another over cocktails and pupus while learning about the design inspiration of four of Tiffany & Co.'s designers - including the newest designs by legendary architect Frank Gehry.


Society President Earl Okawa began the evening by introducing John Geppert, Vice President - Oahu Market for Tiffany & Co. and Gayle Yamada, Director of the Ala Moana store, who shared a slideshow presentation with those in attendance. Society members and guests were fascinated to learn about four of Tiffany & Co.'s own jewelry designers and the source of their inspiration. The first, Parisian master jewelry designer Jean Schlumberger, opened his salon at Tiffany & Co. in 1958. In 1995, the Musee des Arts Decoratifs at the Louvre Museum in Paris honored Schlumberger with a retrospective entitled, "A Diamond in the City." The posthumous tribute was only the third time a jewelry designer had been so honored by the museum. The second designer to join the designer ranks of Tiffany & Co. was Elsa Peretti. Her exclusive jewelry and home collections, distinguished by sinuous, sculptural shapes, caused a sensation throughout the jewelry world. In 1996, the Council of Fashion Designers of America named her the Accessories Designer of the Year. The next designer highlighted in the presentation, Paloma Picasso (daughter of Pablo Picasso), joined Tiffany & Co. in 1980.



Chairman Peter Schall and Tiffany & Co. Ala Moana Store Director Gayle Yamada at the Tiffany & Co. 5:01

She is well known for her bold jewelry designs.

The newest designer to join Tiffany & Co. is Frank Gehry, winner of the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize (1989), and one of the world's greatest living architects. His masterpieces include the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, and the Nationale-Nederlanden in Prague. His collaboration with Tiffany & Co. has resulted in a collection of extraordinary jewelry reflective of Gehry's lifelong passion.

The Society would like to extend a warm MAHALO to Mr. John Geppert, Ms. Gayle Yamada and the staff of Tiffany & Co. for opening their doors to our members for a Hawaii 5:01 program which allowed all in attendance to open minds and hearts in friendship. It was an evening to remember for all. 

Sister School Relationship Program continues to expand


August marked the beginning of the teacher exchanges between our next pair of sister schools, as the principal and three teachers from Kin Junior High School came to Hawaii to visit Kapolei Middle School. The Kin delegation spent half a day touring the school, becoming familiar with its faculty, staff, students, and facilities. They also spent some time traveling to potential places for their students to visit during their stay on the island.

Arrangements were also made for the Kin group to meet with Randal Yee, Chairman of the Board of Education, and Clayton Fujie, Deputy Superintendent of the Department of Education, both of whom expressed their support for the program. In addition, they were treated to a tour of the Hawaii Okinawa Center by Hawaii United Okinawa Association Acting Director Jane Serikaku, who also hosted them for dinner later that evening.

The principal and three teachers from Kapolei Middle are scheduled to travel to Okinawa to visit Kin Junior High in early November with JASH Sister School Coordinator Matt Ackerman, at which time the schedule for the student exchanges will be set.



The new partners pose for a photo after dinner

We are all looking forward to making this sister school relationship a meaningful and lasting one. 

Where is Japan Headed?

Politics, Economy, and Foreign Policy in the Post-Koizumi Era

As one of the longest serving prime ministers in post-war Japan prepares to step down, speculation abounds as to what direction Japan will take once Junichiro Koizumi's term ends in September. On August 4 at the Hale Koa Hotel, the Society was honored once again to have Mr. Glen Fukushima share his insight on this important topic with our members. Glen S. Fukushima, President and CEO of Airbus Japan, has been a resident of Tokyo for nearly 15 years, and has had an extensive career with multinational corporations. Prior to joining Airbus in 2005, he worked for the NCR Corporation, Cadence Design Systems, Arthur D. Little, and AT&T. From 1985 to 1990, he was a senior official at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in Washington, D.C. and also served as Vice President (1993-1997) and President (1998-1999) of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Mr. Fukushima began his speech by giving the audience some background on the current political situation in Japan. Although not many expected Mr. Koizumi to become prime minister, he has enjoyed high approval ratings for much of his term, the third longest in post-war Japan. Mr. Koizumi's tenure has seen the revitalization of Japan's economy, with unemployment and non-performing loans down, and corporate profits and the stock market up. Politically, Koizumi is somewhat of a maverick who has made great efforts to destroy the traditional "faction system" within the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Also, while met with resistance from within the LDP, his postal reform plan garnered a great deal of popular support, ultimately allowing its successful passage.

The foreign policy of the Koizumi administration has not been as successful, however. Despite overwhelming public opposition, Koizumi deployed the Japanese Self Defense Forces in Iraq, a move seen by many as an attempt to gain U.S. support for North Korea related issues. In addition, his


visits to the controversial Yasukuni Shrine have strained Japan's relationship with China, North and South Korea, and Russia, although the long-term effects of these visits are not yet known.

Although there are at least six candidates vying to replace Mr. Koizumi, the frontrunner is the relatively inexperienced Shinzo Abe, the current Chief Cabinet Secretary. Abe's popularity stems from his hard-line stance against North Korea concerning the abduction of Japanese citizens, and recent North Korean missile tests have only strengthened this popularity. Abe is expected to pursue most of



Glen Fukushima speaks about what to expect in Post-Koizumi Japan


Koizumi's policies, and with more of a focus on foreign policy. Regardless of Koizumi's successor, the 2007 Upper House election will be a critical one. The LDP is expected to lose seats, and the leader of the opposition Democratic Party of Japan, Ichiro Ozawa (a former LDP member), is seen as very competent. There are a multitude of domestic and foreign issues at play, the most debated of which are educational reform and the revision of Article 9 of the Japanese constitution. Overall, Mr. Fukushima believes the Koizumi era was a quite interesting one, which has set the stage for an equally interesting future.

The Society would like to thank Mr. Fukushima for generously taking the time to give this informative and thought-provoking speech. 

"Let's Talk" at Wasabi Bistro

I was a singer for the Ginza Orchestra... I have personally met Jack Webb, Jimmy Stewart, Frank Sinatra, Liberace and President Eisenhower... I traveled through Africa when I was in college... I have a great grandson who is a year older than my newest grandchild... Does this sound like anyone you know? These interesting details and more were shared at the Society's "talk story" session on August 2. About 20 Society members and guests attended an informal luncheon at Wasabi Bistro where the focus was on getting to know each other. To start the afternoon off, Tomodachi chair Kazuko Love asked everyone to write down

an interesting item about him or herself and place the fact in a bag. As she read out each card, guests had to guess who had written the bit of information. By the end of the luncheon, everyone had shared something of themselves and learned new and interesting tidbits about their old and newly made friends.

The Tomodachi Committee holds events like these to facilitate friendships and allow new members and friends to acclimate themselves more easily to life in Hawaii. We look forward to seeing you at the next "talk story" session. 

JASH accompanies Hawaii Youth Soccer Team to Hiroshima

It was hot and muggy in Hiroshima — typical post *tsuyu* Japan. The seasonal rains had lifted and the temperature rose to nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit, not ideal conditions for a soccer match but the kids from Hawaii persevered. Representing USA and Hawaii, Team *Lokahi* (unity) was one of 10 teams from eight countries invited for this first Peace Kids World Soccer Festival (PKWSF) tournament held in Hiroshima. A non-profit organization,

which included dorm living for the invited teams. Through the generosity and support of First Hawaiian Bank and its Chairman and CEO Don Horner, the Japan–America Society of Hawaii acted as team sponsor and provided event coordination, Japanese translation, and advice. Society Vice President for Development Ed Hawkins also accompanied Team *Lokahi*, which included two coaches, a medical doctor and two adult supervisors.

Selection of a youth soccer team from Hawaii as the US representative was tied to established relations between former Hawaii Governor Ariyoshi and Mr. Kando Kato, President of the East West Federation and the Israel Palestine Children’s Cherry Parks Commission, who was acquainted with the sister city relationship between the cities of Hiroshima and Honolulu. Through Governor Ariyoshi’s and First Hawaiian Bank CEO Don Horner’s support, an all-star team from various Oahu soccer teams was selected composed of eight boys and seven girls. Team *Lokahi* was one of only two coed teams, the other being the Moston Juniors from the UK. Cheered on by a number of parents who accompanied the team, Team *Lokahi* played brilliantly, scoring goals as well as spreading *aloha* to all the other players and fans.



JASH VP Ed Hawkins presents proclamation from Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle to PKWSF Executive Director Mr. Koizumi


Peace Kids Soccer was established in 2005 to develop a “Culture of Peace” through soccer matches between the children of Israel, Palestine, and Japan. For 2006, the organizers expanded the field to 10 teams from eight countries and moved the venue to Hiroshima coinciding with the August 6th atomic bombing memorial ceremony there. Team *Lokahi* represented USA and Hawaii and competed with teams composed of 11-year-old elementary school children from the United Kingdom, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Israel, Palestine, China, South Korea and Japan.

Over three days of tournament play August 3-5, Team *Lokahi* played four elimination matches, capped by a final placement match on the last day against the “Moston Juniors,” the UK team. Team *Lokahi* won the placement match and finished the tournament in seventh place with an overall record of one win, three losses and one tie. But the win-loss record and placement were not the main focus of the tournament. As the event organizers stated at the opening ceremony, the goal was to foster closer relations between children of different cultures and develop good will, providing a foundation for developing a culture of peace.

PKWSF bore the brunt of the funding for this event,



Team USA/Hawaii Lokahi at Atomic Bomb Memorial Museum

The teams visited Hiroshima’s Atomic Bomb Memorial Museum during one day and attended the Peace Memorial Ceremony on August 6 to gain an appreciation for the tragic events of World War II. These visits and the interaction with children of other countries through activities surrounding the soccer matches no doubt impressed upon the children the importance of developing a culture of peace for life. 

Sister Societies Reunite

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii took the opportunity of a visit to Hiroshima to rekindle the sister-society relationship with its counterpart. Traveling to Hiroshima as part of an international youth soccer festival (see article on page 6), JASH Vice President for Development Ed Hawkins paid a visit to the Hiroshima Japan-America Society led by its new President Kazutaka Yamamoto. It was an opportunity to discuss the state of the programs enumerated in the sister-society agreement signed nearly ten years ago.

Established in May 1997, the Hawaii-Hiroshima Sister-Society agreement declares as mutual goals to "Support the Society's mission of promoting the U.S.-Japan relationship by creating additional linkages between the societies and other organizations in respective cities," "Develop programs that are mutually beneficial (societies/cities)," and "Identify Candidate programs for development." Candidate programs for development include people and information exchange programs, and hosting programs to include assisting with educational visits, professional visits, and sports/culture competitions. Additionally, the agreement called upon each Society to look for ways to coordinate their respective agendas.


As an initiative to share information and coordinate agendas, the Societies agreed to reemphasize sharing of periodic news journals but with the added element of translating each other's journal into the other's language. This process will allow the two Societies to be kept abreast of each other's events and programs while making each other's Journal available for reading by English and Japanese speakers in each country. Mr. Hawkins also showed a recently published brochure highlighting JASH's mission, programs, and accomplishments. The Hiroshima Society was asked to look into the possibility of assisting with the translation of this document to make it available to Japanese speakers in each country.

Discussion on hosting programs turned to educational, sports, professional and business areas. While noting that his Society's staff is small, Mr. Yamamoto noted that Hiroshima has many already well-established educational and sports exchange programs with Honolulu and Hawaii and these are assisted by the Hiroshima Prefecture and Hiroshima City international offices. Mr. Yamamoto wanted to look at developing exchange and hosting programs in the professional and business areas.

Another topic of discussion regarded the planned visit of the Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS) voyaging canoe

Hokule'a to Japan early next year. Mr. Hawkins pointed out that JASH is assisting the PVS with planning and coordination for this event in partnership with the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii and the United Japanese Society of Hawaii and its various *Kenjinkai*. Hiroshima City is an intended port of visit for the *Hokule'a* and the Hiroshima Society may want to consider participating in planning for events surrounding its visit. Mr. Yamamoto stated that *Chuugoku Shimbun* (of which he is its Vice President) would likely cover the event.

Mr. Hawkins also noted that a private party in Hawaii expressed interest in sponsoring a youth baseball team for a match with a Japanese team in Hiroshima. The Hiroshima Society directed attention to the Prefecture and the City International Divisions who already are involved with educational and sports exchange programs with the State of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu.

Mr. Yamamoto mentioned that 2007 is the 10th anniversary of the signing of the sister-society agreement and is looking to plan a special event along with the Hiroshima-Honolulu sister-city anniversary. The Hiroshima Society would like to have JASH's participation in this event. Mr. Hawkins informed Mr. Yamamoto of JASH's 30th Anniversary Dinner this November and invited the Hiroshima Society to attend as well. It appears that the future of cooperation and collaboration between the Japan-America Societies of Hiroshima and Hawaii is bright. 



JASH VP Ed Hawkins meets with Japan-America Society of Hiroshima President and staff (L-R: Mr. Ando, Exec Dir; Mr. Kadota; Mr. Hawkins; Mr. Yamamoto, President; Ms. Yamamoto; Mr. Fukazaki)

JASH Assists with Honolulu-Hiroshima Sister-City Program

Events surrounding the August 6 atomic bombing anniversary in Hiroshima, Japan provided the background for the Japan-America Society of Hawaii to assist the City of Honolulu with maintaining its sister-city relationship with the City of Hiroshima. Traveling to Hiroshima as sponsor for the first Peace Kids World Soccer Festival (PKWSF) tournament (see page 6), JASH was asked to represent the Mayor of the City of Honolulu to pay a special tribute at the Atomic Bomb Memorial to those who were lost as a result of the bombing of Hiroshima in the waning days of World War II.

The sister-city relationship between Honolulu and Hiroshima has a long history, stretching back to June 1959. It is a logical cementing of the relationship due to two defining events of the Pacific War embodied in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 and the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. But also, the two cities share a close relationship because it was Hiroshima Prefecture that provided the largest percentage of initial Japanese immigrants to Hawaii when Hawaiian King David Kalakaua signed a treaty of friendship with the Japanese Meiji government in 1885 that opened immigration of Japanese to the Hawaiian Islands.

On this August 5th, one day before the official ceremony, a JASH representative visited the Atomic Bomb Memorial cenotaph at the center of the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima. A wreath was laid at the monument on behalf of

the Mayor of Honolulu and the people of the City and County of Honolulu. In attendance at the ceremony were Mr. Shinichiro Murakami and Ms. Yasuko Okane of the Hiroshima City International Relations Division who arranged for the purchase of the special wreath, and the Deputy Director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, Mr. Kazuhiko Takano, who escorted the presentation party.



JASH VP Ed Hawkins presents a wreath at Hiroshima Peace Memorial cenotaph on behalf of the Mayor and the people of the City of Honolulu. Accompanying are Mr. Murakami (L) and Mr. Takano (R)

The Japan Wizards Questions Committee - Off to a Great Start

During the summer months, while high school students were enjoying their vacation, the Japan Wizards Questions Committee met and started the process of writing questions for the Japan Wizards Competition, to be held on February 24, 2007 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. It takes many months of creating, writing and editing to come up with the final questions that are used in the competition. The committee is made up of dedicated members of the community who have knowledge of Japan and are willing to spend time helping the students of Hawaii. They do their best to devise questions that will further develop the students' interest in Japan. We'd like to thank all of the committee members who have spent the last few months working with the Society in formulating the Japan Wizards Competition questions.

The Japan Wizards Competition is part of the Society's *Continuum of School Programs Project* and is a statewide aca-

demical team competition at the high school level that tests students' knowledge of Japan. In preparing for the competition, students spend many hours learning and studying about Japan. By doing so, they gain the lifelong skills of teamwork, personal responsibility, learning to research and operating under pressure. To prepare, they must study an extensive range of topics including transportation, history, pop culture, sports, education, geography, government, language and cultural traditions. As they study, they learn how people in Japan may have different perspectives than their own.

If you are interested in helping with the Japan Wizards Competition, please contact Program Director Elizabeth Stanton-Barrera at sbarrera@jashawaii.org. We need about 50 volunteers to help out on February 24, 2007 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel - either in the competition rooms or in the Activity Center. Mahalo to all of you for your support!

Enter the Post-Koizumi era

A Discussion on new Prime Minister Shinzo Abe


In September 28, just two days after Japan's 70th Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office, Dr. Sheila Smith led Society members and guests at the East-West Center Burns Gallery in a lively dialogue on Japan's youngest postwar premier. Those in attendance were quite interested to hear Dr. Smith's views on the new prime minister. Dr. Smith, a research fellow at the East-West Center, began the discussion by stating that there is a deep disconnect in the political perception of Prime Minister Abe within Japan versus outside of Japan. This disconnect has been demonstrated by the difference tone of the Japanese press and that of the international press. Within Japan, his image is of a young, dynamic and energetic prime minister. Outside of Japan, however, Prime Minister Abe is viewed as a nationalistic conservative, which is worrisome for those who feel a nationalistic Japan will lead to the country's isolation in Asia.

Even though Prime Minister Abe has been in office for only two days, he is already preparing his reforms in education. He intends to make public schools better and encourage people to be more patriotic. He has appointed individu-

als with ideas very similar to his own to the three key leadership positions within the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). His cabinet is comprised of a broad range of advisors (8 are younger than 60 years; 11 have no government experience)

With regards to the U.S.–Japan relationship, Dr. Smith predicts that Abe will maintain good relations with the United States. He will meet with President Bush at the upcoming Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Discussion from the audience ranged from the China-Japan and South Korea-Japan relationships, Japan's policy on North Korea, and the chance for constitutional reform, especially related to Article 9. Those in attendance were interested to learn more about the new Prime Minister and the direction in which he will lead Japan.

The Society would like to thank Dr. Smith for sharing her predictions and observations of Prime Minister Abe with Society members and guests. Mahalo also to the Friends of the East-West Center and the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council for co-sponsoring this educational dialogue. 

New Japan in a Suitcase

Program Expands in Response to Overwhelming Demand


The 2005-2006 school year was a whirlwind tour of elementary schools across the island for Society staff and volunteers who were a part of the Japan in a Suitcase program. With the program's growing popularity came unprecedented demand, and by the end of the academic year 267 presentations had been given to over 5,600 students in grades K-5. Evaluations were given to teachers at the end of each presentation, and the response was overwhelmingly positive. At the end of the school year, one first grade teacher wrote to inquire about openings for the coming year, saying, “The students enjoyed the presentation immensely and it was so exciting to see their interest. My students insisted on using their free time to clean our classroom after learning that was something that was expected of the Japanese students! Your presentation also ties in directly with our social studies standards.”

We are always striving to improve, so using feedback from the teachers, the Society decided to create another program to add to the Suitcase series for the 2006-2007 school year. In order to broaden the scope of material taught and better suit the needs of the different age groups, we developed a new program (Japan in a Suitcase II) for grades 2 and 3 while adding minor modifications to the two existing programs for K-1 and

grades 4-5.

We have spent the summer planning and are currently putting the finishing touches on JIAS II. As with JIAS I and III, it uses simple and fun examples to emphasize the concept of different perspectives; it teaches students to think critically and look at ideas and issues from all viewpoints, which in turn helps them become better decision makers and risk-takers. The programs aim to make students more open-minded and accepting of others, something that is crucial in our increasingly interdependent world today.

JIAS II was created with the help of current and retired educators and is aligned with the Department of Education's Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. Like JIAS I and III it is completely free of charge for schools.

As we prepare to begin our school visits for the new school year, we look forward to incorporating JIAS II as a large part of the Suitcase series and *Continuum of School Programs Project*. We anticipate a record number of requests and look forward to a busy and exciting year. Volunteers are needed to help keep the program running, so please contact Volunteer Coordinator Allison Murata at amurata@jashawaii.org for more information. 

Big Island Students Fundraise to Participate in Japan Day

From the moment Kohala High School Japanese language teacher Evelyn Jittu told her students about Japan Day, the students were eager to attend. While Japan Day is free to all schools, the transportation costs are not covered by the Society. In order to participate, the Kohala students sold sweetbread to raise money for their airline tickets to Honolulu. For the 19 students who raised the money and flew in from the Big Island, Japan Day was an awesome opportunity to experience the Japanese culture first-hand. Throughout the morning of September 19th, students were seen getting their hands muddy in the Bonsai workshop, drinking tea in the Tea Ceremony workshop and exercising their minds in the Soroban workshop. These were just three of the eight hands-on activities that helped the students gain a greater appreciation for Japanese culture.



Keith Schultz demonstrates the proper care of the Bonsai at Japan Day

Students from Kohala High School were not the only ones taking part in the workshops at Japan Day. To engage more high school students in learning about Japan and the Japanese culture, the Society invited students from social studies classes along with their Japanese language classmates. Nearly 200 students from Campbell High School, Kohala High School, Mid-Pacific Institute and McKinley High School participated in the 28th Biannual Japan Day. For many of the students, this was their first experience with Japanese culture.

Following a welcome by Society President Earl Okawa, Mrs. Faye Komagata and the Hawaii Matsuri Taiko gave a lively demonstration to kick start the day. After the demonstration, students were split into groups to participate in the different activities. With the help of approximately 50 dedicated community volunteers, students participated in activities including bonsai, kimono wearing, calligraphy, paper crafts, Ikebana, bon dance, soroban and tea ceremony.

In the crafts workshop, Mrs. Kikuji Yonesato and members of the Kikufu Nippon Bunka Kenkyu Kai taught students how to fold and cut origami paper to create interesting and original designs. Mrs. Jean Sakihara and students from Kimono Project USA brought with them colorful yukata and helped the students try them on. In the soroban (abacus) workshop, Mr. Hideaki Oshima from Araki Hiroya Soroban School taught students how to use this ancient calculation tool. Mrs. Shokyoku Hashiro from Shienkai of Hawaii demonstrated the art of calligraphy and wrote each student's name in Japanese on a piece of washi, or traditional Japanese paper in the calligraphy workshop.

Students sampled tea and sweets as Mr. Yoshibumi Ogawa, Mr. Hiroyuki Ishikawa and members of Urasenke Foundation demonstrated the Japanese tea ceremony. Mrs.



Gail Kagiya of the Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club teaches students a traditional Bon-odori at Japan Day

Gail Kagiya of Honolulu Fukushima Bon Dance Club taught students the steps to three traditional bon dances. Mr. Dan Tenney and members of the Hawaii Bonsai Association helped students create their own bonsai trees, and Mrs. Jesse Nakata of MOA Hawaii taught the art of flower arrangement in the Ikebana workshop.

After experiencing Japan Day, one student wrote, “I enjoyed all the activities that were offered and I learned a lot... It really opened my eyes and gave me a larger interest in learning Japanese culture.” Another said, “This experience has got me very interested in Japanese culture and I wish to go to Japan one day and study its language in college.”

Domo Arigato to all of the volunteers who year after year donate their time, energy and supplies so Hawaii's students may experience Japanese culture at Japan Day, which is part of the Society's *Continuum of School Programs Project*. A big MAHALO also goes out to Hawaii Tokai International College for the use of their facilities and to its staff for their coordination efforts. 日本

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OCTOBER

- 6 India Trilogy, Hale Koa Hotel
- 10 Tomodachi Tour of Ansel Adams at Manzanar with Guest lecturer Dennis Ogawa, Honolulu Academy of Arts
- 11 Luncheon Lecture with David Heenan, First Hawaiian Bankers Club
- 17 *Bank of Hawaii 5:01, P.F. Chang's China Bistro

NOVEMBER

- 2 30th Anniversary Dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- 15 Annual General Membership Meeting Hawaii Tokai International College
- 16 *Benihana 5:01, Benihana of Tokyo

DECEMBER

- 5 Christmas 5:01 and Silent Auction, Halekulani Hotel
- 13 Tomodachi Christmas Tea, The Kahala Hotel

JANUARY

- 24 New Year's Reception, Washington Place

FEBRUARY

- 24 Japan Wizards Competition, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
- 28 Tomodachi Hinamatsuri

MARCH

- 10 Honolulu Festival Seminar on Baseball
- TBD Tomodachi Temple Tour

APRIL

- 4 Japan Day
- 26 17th Annual Friendship Golf Classic

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