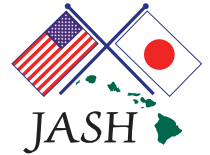




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JASH Holds Annual New Year Reception at Historic Washington Place

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) welcomed in the New Year at its annual Reception on Tuesday, January 26 at the Official Residence of the Governor, Washington Place. Though not able to attend in person, Governor Linda Lingle graciously opened Washington Place to about 200 Society members and guests and sent well wishes. Sponsored again by Stanford Carr Development, attendees enjoyed an evening of camaraderie and good food, catered by Shuji Abe's Takumi Catering.

The program opened with a blessing given by Reverend Irene Matsumoto of Palolo Kwannon Temple, followed by opening remarks from JASH Chair Allen Uyeda, event sponsor Stanford Carr, and finally Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann who attended the event with his wife Mrs. Gail Hannemann. Throughout the evening attendees enjoyed elegant background music provided by the Azami String Quartet.

After the Mayor's remarks, the guests were treated to several Okinawan dances performed by Frances Nakachi *sensei* and the members of the Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo to the accompaniment by the Afuso Ryu Gensei Kai Hawaii Shibu. The evening was capped by the traditional *kagamiwari sake* opening ceremony to mark the new year and Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo led a *kampai* toast to wish all good fortune.

The *shishimai* lion dance concluded the evening's events, performed by Jon Itomura and Eric Nitta of the Young Okinawans of Hawaii. JASH would like to thank Stanford Carr and Stanford Carr Development for sponsoring this annual event, and The Cherry Company for donating the *sake* and equipment for the *kagamiwari* ceremony. A special thanks to Obubu Chaen's Matsumoto-san for providing a tea tasting experience to all assembled with tea brought specially from Kyoto. 協日会米




Clockwise from top left: Event Sponsor Stanford Carr, Mrs. Gail Hannemann, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, JASH President Ed Hawkins; Major General Doug Owens, Stanford Carr, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, Major General Robert Lee, and JASH Chair Allen Uyeda readies for the *kagamiwari* ceremony; Young Okinawans of Hawaii Jon Itomura and Eric Nitta perform the *shishimai*; Frances Nakachi *sensei* and the Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai members perform.

Memorial Service takes place on Anniversary of the Ehime Maru Incident

Bereaved family members from Uwajima City, Ehime Prefecture, gathered for a memorial service at the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park on February 9th to mark the anniversary of the tragic sinking of the Uwajima Fisheries High School training ship *Ehime Maru*. Nine crew members including four high school students died on that tragic day in 2001.

The bereaved members included the Mizuguchi, Nishida, and Segawa families. Also joining the service were Uwajima Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi, former Uwajima Fisheries High School Principal Mr. Kazumitsu Joko and family, Ehime-

Hawaii Friendship Association members Mr. Chiaki Horie and Mr. Shuzo Seike, and two visitors from Ehime Prefectural International Center, Mr. Yuichi Miyaue and Ms. Noriko Omori.

The members presented wreaths on behalf of the Governor of Ehime Prefecture, the City of Uwajima, the Ehime-Hawaii Friendship Association, and the three visiting bereaved families. Wreaths were also presented by the Ehime Maru Memorial Association, the United States Pacific Fleet, and on behalf of the Government of Japan by Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo. 



Bereaved family members gather in a joint prayer.



Consul General Kamo presents wreath.

Representatives of Ehime Prefectural International Center visit Hawaii

Officials from the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) visited Hawaii during the week of the Ehime Maru Memorial Service, held on February 9th. Mr. Yuichi Miyaue and Ms. Noriko Omori were in Hawaii to coordinate on the future of the summer internship EPIC provides to two University of Hawaii (UH) students in Matsuyama, the capital of Ehime Prefecture.

Under an arrangement established four years ago, EPIC provides the cost of hosting two UH students for a three month summer internship in Matsuyama to teach Hawaiian culture to the people of Ehime and participate as a teacher at an English language camp. This is one of the good will initiatives to bring the people of Hawaii and Ehime closer together following the tragic accident of the Uwajima Fisheries High School training ship *Ehime Maru*.

As the program is ending its first five years, the visitors were here to meet with UH Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) and JASH, who assist with recruiting and selecting students for internship, to discuss whether to continue the program



National Park Service Ranger Frank Middleton and Arizona Memorial Museum Association Education Director Paul Heintz with EPIC visitors Mr. Miyaue and Ms. Omori.

and how to structure it (CJS and JASH support its continuance). Mr. Miyaue and Ms. Omori will return to EPIC and report

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Students Showcase Academic Talent at Japan Wizards Competition

Roosevelt High School got its redemption. After being edged out in a tiebreaker with Waipahu High School last year, Roosevelt High School was the top scoring public school in Level B in the Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition, earning them a trip to Japan. Three other schools earned trips to Japan: Hanalani Schools

of 2010. To allow more schools to compete and benefit, a school that wins a Japan trip cannot compete the following year.

During competition intervals, volunteers held various activities in the Activity Center to keep the students occupied and entertained, as well as to teach them aspects of Japanese culture. These activities included Jeopardy-styled Q & A games, *origami*, Japanese writing and character recognition games, and *gyotaku* fish printing. Members of Oahu Ghost Tours also entertained the students with obake storytelling.

As in last year, Mrs. Ina Tateuchi of the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, a major sponsor of the event, was there to present the Atsuhiko Tateuchi Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship, in honor of her late husband, to the top scoring team in the competition. This year Punahou School's Level B team was the recipient of this prestigious award.

Also on hand were JASH Chair Mr. Allen Uyeda, President and CEO of First Insurance Company of Hawaii, JASH Director and Vice President of JTB Hawaii (another major sponsor) Mr. Keiichi Tsujino of JTB Goodwill Foundation, JASH Director and JTB Hawaii Community Relations Chair Mr. David Asanuma of JTB Goodwill Foundation, JASH Director and Outrigger Hotels and Resorts Vice President



Competition winners pose with JASH President, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, and other guests and attendees.

(Level A private school category), McKinley High School (Level A public school category), and Punahou School (Level B private school category).

Held this year on February 20th at Kapiolani Community College near Diamond Head on Oahu, Japan Wizards is a challenging, fun-filled annual competition for Hawaii's high school students. It helps motivate students throughout Hawaii to learn more about Japan and develop lifelong skills in research, teamwork, personal responsibility, and operating under pressure. Students spend the fall term preparing for the competition studying a wide range of topics including arts, culture and traditions, geography, history, food, contemporary Japan, literature, politics, government, sports, and of course, language.

For 2010, a total of 135 students competed from 26 schools (including nine neighbor island schools from Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) composing 45 teams of three students each. The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) awarded plaques to the three top scoring teams from each level, Level A and Level B, which are based on the language capability of the students. In Level A, these were Hanalani Schools (1st place), Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama (2nd place) and McKinley High School (3rd place). The Level B winners were Punahou School (1st place), Roosevelt High School (2nd place), and King Kekaulike High School (3rd place). The top scoring public and private school in each level earn a trip to Japan in the summer



Students try gyotaku fish printing in the Activity Center as demonstrated by Brandon Tengan.

for Community Relations Ms. Jean Rolles, and JASH Vice Chair/Secretary and Vice Chairman of Media5 Architecture Dr. Mike Leineweber. The competition was also fortunate to have in attendance Japan's Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo accompanied by his wife Etsuko Kamo who gave encouraging remarks to the students.

JASH would like to thank all the sponsors for their generous support. JASH would also like to thank the faculty and staff at Kapiolani Community College for the generous

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2010 APCC Junior Ambassadors Selected

The 22nd Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) will be held in Fukuoka, Japan from July 16- 27, 2010. JASH has selected six 11-year-old students (three boys and three girls) from across the state to represent Hawaii as Junior Ambassadors (JAs) at the APCC.

Hosted by the Fukuoka government, the APCC promotes international relationships between children with the goal of them becoming adults with a strong social responsibility for the world. A total of 226 children from 44 countries and cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region have been invited to participate this year. The students will travel to Japan with a JASH volunteer chaperone, Cheryl Parker, as parents are not allowed to accompany the JAs.

This year, JASH received a total of 22 candidates from



Back row (L-R): Kristen Izuo, Mari Alice Shaw, Calais Nobuhara, and chaperone Cheryl Parker; Front row (L-R): Reyn Tao, Jonah Yamato, and Joshua Nakanishi.

two islands — Oahu and the Big Island. After a long day of interviews and team activities held at the JASH office, the final six JAs were selected: Joshua Nakanishi (Hawaii Baptist Academy); Reyn Tao (Mililani Mauka Elementary); Jonah Yamato (Pearlridge Elementary); Kristen Izuo (Iolani School) Calais Nobuhara (Punahou School); and Mari Alice Shaw (Moanalua Elementary).

When they arrive in Fukuoka, their first day will be a Global Exchange Camp where all APCC delegates will have a chance to interact with each other. The next ten days will then be spent in a homestay with Japanese host families.

The students will spend one Saturday each month from now until July preparing for their trip to Fukuoka. The workshops are designed to develop teamwork skills and build students' knowledge about Japan, Hawaii-Japan ties, cultural etiquette and the 44 other countries and cities that will be sending delegates to the Convention. Each delegation is required to give a cultural performance unique to that country or region. The Hawaii delegation will be performing a hula, taught by Makua Dori Kim, a Hawaiian studies teacher at Aina Haina Elementary.

The delegates had the opportunity to get together to learn more about Japan and the Pacific at a “Behind the Scenes” tour of the Honolulu Festival on Friday, March 12 at the Hawaii Convention Center. The group was taken on a personalized 90 minute tour where they had a chance to see performances by Alaskan and Australian dance troupes, play the drums with a *taiko* group from Tokyo, and play some original Japanese games at the “En-nichi corner.” They also saw up close the Daijyama float that will be in the Grand Parade on Sunday of the Honolulu Festival. What a unique opportunity for the kids!

At the first workshop on March 13, 2010, the 2010 JAs



2010 JA Reyn Tao plays the taiko drum.

and parents had a chance to meet some of the 2009 delegates to hear about their experiences and perspectives from participating last year. They will meet again on April 17 for their second workshop where they will learn more about Japan by watching a “Japan-in-a Suitcase” presentation. ㊦

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use of their facilities and for their support of the competition. Finally, JASH would like to recognize the 70 volunteers and

30 contributors, without whose service and hard work, this competition would not have been possible. ㊦

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The Japan-America Society of Hawaii wishes to thank its many generous and dedicated sponsors and contributors for their support of the Japan Wizards Competition.

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The Japan-America Society of Hawaii wishes to thank Kapiolani Community College for the generous use of its facilities and for its support of the Japan Wizards Competition.

Nagaoka Student Delegation Visits Honolulu to Promote Friendship

Twenty-two students and four teachers from Nagaoka city in Niigata Prefecture, Japan were greeted with lei by Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) staff upon arrival in Honolulu on Monday, March 29, 2010. Their six-day visit marked the first of potentially many visits to Honolulu in hopes of fostering a friendship between Nagaoka and Honolulu. The Nagaoka delegation's busy schedule included a homestay experience with a local host family, a day at school with their host sibling, and visits to popular tourist attractions around the island.

On the day of their arrival, the delegation visited Bishop Museum and Moanalua Gardens, presented a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl, and took pictures in front of King Kamehameha's statue and Iolani Palace before heading over to City Hall for a courtesy visit with Mr. Kirk Caldwell, Managing Director, City and County of Honolulu.

The students rehearsed their speeches and questions for Mr. Caldwell as they anxiously awaited his arrival. When Mr. Caldwell arrived, he greeted them with kind words and told them of the great time he had when he visited Nagaoka last

year and saw the city's famous fireworks display. The students presented Mr. Caldwell with a framed photo of the fireworks display and thanked him for his time. During the question-and-answer portion of the visit, all hands were raised as the students patiently waited for the opportunity to learn more about Mr. Caldwell and Honolulu. At the end of the visit, Mr. Caldwell handed each student and teacher with a City and County of Honolulu pin as well!

The visit with Mr. Caldwell was only the beginning of their Honolulu experience. From March 31 to April 2, 2010, the Na-



Yuna Kaneuchi and Marin Oya (front L-R) pose with their host sisters Megan Martin and Amanda Ng (back L-R).

gaoka students participated in a homestay with local families, arranged by JASH. They were able to experience a day of school with their host sibling, attend classes together, and give short presentations about Japan and their customs. April 2nd was a holiday (Good Friday) so the students were able to sightsee with their host families before saying goodbye later that afternoon.


As many tears were shed, it was obvious to see the connection made between the students and their host families despite the short duration of the homestay. JASH wishes to thank Mr. Caldwell, the Nagaoka delegation, JTB Hawaii, and the following schools, teachers, and host families for their generosity, hospitality, and support in providing these students with what may be for some of them a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of living with an American host family:



Nagaoka students and teachers listen intently as Mr. Caldwell (far left) shares his wonderful experiences in Nagaoka.

Participating Schools: Hanalani Schools, Hawaii Baptist Academy (HBA), Punahou School, Sacred Hearts Academy (SHA)

Participating Teachers: Yumiko Mattison – Hanalani Schools, Toni Normand – SHA, Yuriko Tcheou – HBA, Masa Yamaguchi – SHA, Yoko Yamaguchi – SHA

Host Families: Davey Andrew and family, Jacqueline Arelliano and family, Bryeana Fajota and family, Erica Fang and family, Megan Martin and family, Bryce Matsuda and family, Amanda Ng and family, Jennifer Nishida and family, Christopher Nishijima and family, Kellianne Pang and family, Kristen Pang and family, Ashley and Courtney Seki and family, Brad Suenishi, Jordann Tamayo and family, Michelle Uchida and family, Charles Yamashiro and family 

JASH Members Celebrate the Annual Tomodachi Committee Hinamatsuri

On Tuesday, February 23rd, Consul General and Mrs. Yoshihiko Kamo graciously opened their residence to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii's (JASH) Tomodachi Committee for an annual Hinamatsuri program



Tomodachi Committee Co-Chairs Mrs. Shizue Goldblatt and Mrs. Kazuko Love present omiyage to Consul General Kamo and Mrs. Kamo.

in celebration of Girls' Day. Traditionally held on March 3rd, *hinamatsuri* is marked by families praying for the happiness and prosperity for their girls.

Upon entrance into the residence, guests enjoyed a beautiful seven-tiered *hinaningyo* display, a traditional Girls' Day doll display. After warm welcome remarks by Mrs. Etsuko Kamo, guests were treated to a brilliant musical performance

by Na Hoku Hanohano Award winners Randall and Gay Hongo, along with Kamehameha Schools student and former Asian-Pacific Children's Convention Junior Ambassador, boy soprano TX Tario.


After the performance, Consul General and Mrs. Kamo invited guests to partake in special *hinamatsuri* refreshments. Guests enjoyed delicious treats including *chichi dango*, *sakura* cookies, cheesecake, finger sandwiches, fresh strawberries and ice cream. Tomodachi Committee members also generously



JASH members and friends enjoyed the beautiful *hinaningyo* display.

donated delicious *bara zushi*, fresh fruit, *mochi*, and *hina arare*.

JASH and the Tomodachi Committee would like to send a big *mahalo* to Consul General and Mrs. Kamo for hosting this special event. We would also

like to thank Randall and Gay Hongo, and TX Tario for their performance. Thank you also to the Tomodachi Committee members who generously donated refreshments and to Tomodachi Co-Chair Mrs. Kazuko Love for chairing this event. 

NHK Interviews JASH Member General Stackpole

On February 11th, Okinawa's office of the Japan Broadcasting Company (NHK) Reporter Mr. Masaki Suda interviewed JASH member Lieutenant General (USMC Retired) Henry "Hank" Stackpole in the JASH office. NHK is Japan's public broadcasting station and is noted for its probing, expository documentaries on global issues. Mr. Suda was on assignment to develop a story on the presence of U.S. Marines on Okinawa and the agreement between Japan and the U. S. to transfer 8,000 Marines and their families to Guam. The agreement also addresses the status of Futenma Air Base and the location of its replacement base.

General Stackpole is the former Commander of Marine Forces Pacific and the first Director of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. The General has served numerous tours of duty in the Pacific region, having himself commanded units in Okinawa, and has extensive experience in humanitarian relief operations as well. It is because of his vast experience that

NHK interviewed him.

Mr. Suda and the NHK team then headed off to Camp Pendleton in California to interview the U.S. Marines there. 



L-R: NHK reporter assistant, Mr. Suda, General Stackpole, JASH President Hawkins, NHK camerawoman.

The APCC Mission Project in Hawaii

After months of planning and preparation, 15 Japanese students and three chaperones from Fukuoka, Japan arrived in Honolulu for a homestay as part of the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) Mission Project program from March 25-31, 2010. Each summer, the APCC generously sponsors Hawaii's Junior Ambassadors (JAs) for a global youth camp and homestay with host families in Fukuoka. This is the second time JASH has hosted a return Mission Project of Fukuoka students to Hawaii. In addition to Hawaii, other Mission Project program delegates were sent to Thailand, Bhutan, Nepal, Australia and the Maldives.

Established in 1994, the Mission Project sends Japanese students each spring to different Asian and Pacific countries and cities for homestay experiences. The goal is to enhance the children's understanding of their Asian-Pacific neighbors through first-hand cultural experiences. The APCC hopes that the friendships established through this program will continue into the future. This is part of the APCC's overall mission of strengthening the network among the participating members of the APCC and extending it toward the development of meaningful international cooperation.

The students ages 9-17 stayed with host families selected by JASH, and experienced local culture, food, excursions to the beach and many other fun activities. A highlight of their visit was the opportunity for the students to attend school with their American host brother or sister. JASH would like to extend a warm *mahalo* to the principals of the hosting schools for

welcoming the Japanese students. Many of the host families have children who had previously served as JAs and thus had the experience of a homestay during their trip to Fukuoka in years past. Other host families were JASH members or those who had other connections to the APCC program.



Mission Project delegates roast marshmallows with their host sisters and brothers.

JASH sponsored a welcome ceremony on March 25th at the airport conference center, which was joined by Japanese Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo and Mrs. Etsuko Kamo who gave welcome remarks. JASH also hosted an appreciation luncheon for the host families and students at the New Town Recreation Center on March 28th. About 20 members of

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Mission Project delegates with their host families at the Welcome Ceremony.

Sharon Fukayama Selected as Akihito Scholar for 2010

University of Hawaii PhD candidate Sharon Fukayama has recently been awarded the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship for academic year 2010. Ms. Fukayama was selected from a pool of 10 outstanding applicants. The scholarship provides \$45,000 per year,




Sharon Fukayama, 2010 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship recipient.

The Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation

which includes up to \$15,000 allowance for tuition and one time round trip economy class airfare between Hawaii and Japan. Ms. Fukayama, majoring in Education, will be studying at Keio University's Graduate School of Human Relations in Tokyo. She will collect data on Japan's educational system and teaching methods as her ultimate goal is to establish a bilingual, bicultural school in Hawaii.

(CPASF) annually provides scholarships to one University of Hawaii graduate student for study in Japan, and two graduate students in Japan for study at the University of Hawaii. The Scholarship was established to commemorate the wedding of then Crown Prince Akihito to Michiko Shoda in 1959 to promote good relations between the United States and Japan, and so far has provided scholarships to 131 scholars who are now serving around the world as "ambassadors of good will."

A unique aspect of the scholarship is that the scholars are given an audience with Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan at their Imperial Palace residence in Tokyo. Their Majesties have maintained a special relationship with the scholars, evidenced by their visit to Hawaii in July 2009 to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Scholarship during which they met with the scholar alumni in attendance.


The scholarship is administered by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH), and those interested in the scholarship are directed to the JASH website under the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship link. 

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to the Ehime Government.

During their brief stay, JASH President Ed Hawkins escorted the visitors for a special tour of the Arizona Memorial arranged by the Arizona Memorial Museum Association and

the National Park Service, as well as to other historical places on Oahu. The visitors also attended the Ehime Maru Memorial Service held at Kakaako Waterfront Park, presenting a wreath on behalf of the Governor of Ehime Prefecture. 

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Bridge Club Hawaii (APCC Alumni Association) and the 2010 JAs were in attendance. Bridge Club Hawaii played a big role in helping to organize the program at the appreciation luncheon. The afternoon included games, performances by the Japanese delegation, a slideshow, and a magic show by 2004 JA Tyler Yafuso.

The students from Fukuoka received once in a lifetime

experiences because of the generosity and warm *aloha* of the sponsoring families. The program would not have been possible without them. These grassroots exchange programs are about developing friendships and promoting mutual understanding. We hope that the friendships developed between the students and the families will continue to be nurtured well into the future.

JASH would like to thank the following schools and families who have helped to make the Mission Project a success:


Participating Schools: Assets School, Castle High School, Hanalani Schools, Hawaii Baptist Academy, Highlands Intermediate, Hongwanji Mission School, Kaimuki Christian School, Kaiser High School, Keoneula Elementary School, Mid-Pacific Institute, Moanalua Middle School and Punahou School

Host Families: Mariah Gairan and family, Samantha Hansford and family, Justin Ho and family, Simone Kauhane and family, Shayna Kim and family, Sophia Krivatsy and family, Calais Nobuhara and family, Tya Noor and the Parker family, Tara Okahara and family, Aya Robinson and family, Julia Shores and family, Adam Simon and family, Simone Sterling and family, Logan Takeda and family 

JASH Brings Together Boy Scouts from Japan and Hawaii

Ten Japanese Scouts from Kunitachi City, Tokyo visited Oahu during its year-end school recess this past December. This visit of Boy Scouts from the Tokyo Scout Council was the result of a collaboration taking advantage of a budding sister society relationship between JASH and the America-Japan Society of Tokyo Tama headquartered in Kunitachi City. Activities for this visit were planned with Mr. Jeff Woolsey, Executive Director of the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America during a previous visit of Tama Tokyo Society Executive Director Mr. Shoichi Suzuki. Aloha Council's Pacific Basin Scouting Field Director John Mills led the effort in Hawaii.

The Japanese group was led by Mr. Koji Takahashi, Group Committee Chairman of the Second Kunitachi Group, Tokyo Scout Council. The group consisted of ten scouts and five leaders. The scouts engaged in a camp at Pupukea on the North Shore with Aloha Council scouts, camping overnight and enjoying an evening campfire. The next day, JASH President Ed Hawkins escorted the Japanese scouts to Diamond Head State Monument where they hiked to the summit and enjoyed

a *bento* lunch afterwards. Later that evening, the visitors hosted the Aloha Council scouts and leaders to a dinner at Natsunoya Tea House. Friendships and lasting memories were made. JASH will continue to build bridges of understanding and friendship through these grassroots efforts to bring together the youths of Japan and Hawaii. 



Kunitachi Scouts leader Mr. Takahashi with JASH President Hawkins and Tama Tokyo Society Executive Director Mr. Suzuki, flanked by scouts.

7th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies August 6-8, 2010 Akita, Japan

The Akita Japan-America Society and the Japan-America Society, Inc. of Tokyo will host the 7th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies from August 6-8. The International Symposium is held alternately between the U.S. and Japan every two years. All Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) members are invited to attend.

This year's Symposium includes a public and youth forum focusing on bridging globalized communities, a joint session with representatives from The National Association of Japan-America Societies and The National Association of America-Japan Societies and symposium receptions. Participants will also experience the Kanto Lantern Festival and a one day sightseeing bus trip of beautiful Akita Prefecture. Those who are interested in attending this exclusive event are requested to notify JASH by May 1, 2010.

JASH has teamed with JTB Hawaii, Inc. to develop a tour package to the Tohoku region in conjunction with the International Symposium. The 9-day tour will include attending the world famous fireworks in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture at the invitation of the City of Nagaoka, as well as an overnight stay at an *onsen*, grape picking, and *sake* brewery activities in Niigata.

Those interested in attending just the Symposium, please arrange your registration and hotel accommodations directly with JTB Tohoku Inc. as well as your airfare separately. For those interested, JTB Hawaii, Inc has developed a basic fare package to include roundtrip airfare and transfer.

Please contact the JASH office for more information. 



Akita Kanto Lantern Festival.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 17 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
28 Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Hickam AFB
Mamala Bay Golf Course

MAY

- 1-2 APCC Overnight Camp, Camp Erdman
5 Spring Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International
College
7 Tomodachi Naginata Martial Arts Demonstration,
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii
15 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Ala Moana Park
18 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Hawaii 5:01,
Outrigger Canoe Club
22 APCC Workshop, JASH Office

JUNE

- 11 Hilton Hawaii 5:01, Hilton Hawaiian Village
12 Waikiki Beach Cleanup & JASH Potluck Picnic,
Waikiki Beach & Kakaako Makai Gateway Park
26 APCC Workshop, JASH Office

JULY

- 8 CPASF Trustees Meeting, First Hawaiian Bank,
Banker's Club
10 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
16-27 22nd APCC, Fukuoka, Japan

AUGUST

- 6-8 7th International Symposium of America-Japan
Societies, Akita, Japan
24-25 NAJAS Annual Meeting, San Francisco

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