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JASH attends 7th International Symposium of Japan-America Societies

Members of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) attended the Seventh International Symposium of Japan-America Societies in Akita, Japan. The International Symposium is held every two years and alternates its location between Japan and the United States. This was the first Symposium held in a rural region of Japan.

The Symposium was held at the Akita International University from August 6-9, 2010. It was held to coincide with the famous *kanto* lantern *matsuri* (festival) held in Akita each year. The Akita America-Japan Society hosted the event and several societies from both Japan and the United States attended.



Symposium seminar panel of experts, L-R: Dr. Kent Calder, Sarah Marie Cummings, Hirokazu Yoshikawa and Dr. Tesuro Kato.

JASH sent five representatives, including two of the JASH staff and two Directors, both from JTB Hawaii.

The theme of the Symposium was “Bridging Globalized Communities” and consisted of keynote addresses from Japan expert Dr. Kent Calder of Princeton University and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of the United States in Japan, Mr. James Zumwalt. Two seminar panels on Bridging Globalized Communities and Voices of Youth from “Cool Japan” were also held. JASH President Hawkins was requested to give a presentation on its many grassroots educational programs to include Japan-in-a-Suitcase, Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention, and Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition to show the delegates how these educational exchange programs develop and promote ties with counterpart societies and organizations in Japan. Mr. Zumwalt as well as other delegates praised this effort. Mr. Zumwalt was especially interested as the focus of his talk was promoting U.S.-Japan youth exchanges. 



Viewing the Kanto Matsuri.

JASH visits Nagaoka City to Further Japan-Hawaii Relationship

Members of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) visited Nagaoka City in Niigata Prefecture at the invitation of the Nagaoka International Exchange Association to promote a budding relationship between this Japanese city and the City and County of Honolulu. From August 2-3, 2010, five members of JASH visited Nagaoka City to view its famous fireworks festival, and visit its two war-related museums, Yamamoto Isoroku Museum and the Air Raid Museum. Nagaoka City is the home of the architect of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. Nagaoka City was also firebombed by U.S. forces close to the end of the Pacific War. As a result of that bombing, the citizens of Nagaoka City began a fireworks festival each year on the anniversary of that attack dedicating it to peace and reconciliation.

Mayor Tamio Mori wishes to promote a relationship between Nagaoka City and Honolulu because the two cities

share similar wartime experiences. Nagaoka City delegations have also visited Honolulu to work toward this goal. JASH helped initiate the process by hosting a delegation of junior high and high school students from the Nagaoka region this past April. The Nagaoka students visited Hawaii schools and participated in home-stay with host families.

One highlight of the visit was the signing of an agreement on exchanges and the pursuit of educational and peaceful relations between the Executive Committee for Developing a Bridge of Friendship between Japan and the U.S. and JASH. Mayor Mori signed as Chairman of the Committee and Mr. Hawkins signed on behalf of JASH. The agreement calls for both sides to actively promote education and exchange programs for youths from both Nagaoka and Honolulu. During the ceremony, Mr. Hawkins read a letter of greeting from Honolulu Acting Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

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The JASH delegates enjoyed the famous Nagaoka fireworks in the evening after signing the agreement. An estimated 80,000 people from across Japan and other countries attended the two-hour long fireworks display which included aerial



*JASH members at Nagaoka City fireworks festival
(Mayor Tamio Mori, center rear).*

projectiles of over three feet in diameter. Mayor Mori has stated his desire to bring a portion of this display to Honolulu as a gift to its people.

The following day, the JASH delegates were taken on a tour of the nearby Yamakoshi region of Nagaoka to see its famous *koi* farms and *togyu* (bull fighting) stadium. The Yamakoshi region was devastated by an earthquake six years



*Mayor Tamio Mori and JASH President Ed Hawkins sign
Educational and Exchange Agreement.*

ago, but the region has nearly recovered, a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Nagaoka people that also was manifest in the recovery from the war. 

EMMA President Hawkins visits Ehime Prefecture

JASH and Ehime Maru Memorial Association (EMMA) President Hawkins visited Ehime Prefecture in conjunction with this year's International Symposium of Japan-America Societies in Akita, Japan. The purpose of the visit was threefold: to meet with the Japanese Directors of EMMA and update them on planning for next year's anniversary event, to meet with the Director of the Ehime Prefecture International Center (EPIC) and discuss the future of its summer internship program, and finally to visit Uwajima City and Uwajima Fisheries High School, home port of the *Ehime Maru*, and meet with the bereaved family members and discuss next year's anniversary event.

In Ehime's capital city Matsuyama, Mr. Hawkins attended Ehime-Hawaii Day, an annual celebration of things Hawaiian, showcasing *hula* performances from local Japanese

groups and a craft fair. Ehime-Hawaii Day has been held annually since the Ehime Maru accident nearly ten years ago as a way for the people of Ehime Prefecture to establish good will with the people of Hawaii. Mr. Hawkins delivered a special message from Governor Linda Lingle, as Ehime is the sister prefecture (State) of Hawaii. Mr. Hawkins



*Mr. Hawkins meets with
Ehime Governor Moriyuki Kato.*

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Correction:

In the last edition of the Japan-America Journal, The Boeing Company was not listed as a Graphite Team Sponsor.

We would also like to identify the following donors in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Midkiff who were not included in the last edition of the Japan-America Journal: Mr. & Mrs. George Sullivan, Ms. Beatrice Yamasaki, Sogetsu Hawaii Branch. 

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met with Ehime’s Board of Education (EMMA Directors) and Ehime Prefecture Governor Moriyuki Kato, during which he discussed preparations for next year’s 10th anniversary of the Ehime Maru accident. Afterwards Mr. Hawkins met with the Director of EPIC, Mr. Morimoto. EPIC has been sponsoring two UH students on a three-month summer internship for five years and now wishes to review the future structure of this program. Mr. Morimoto will visit Honolulu next February to discuss the program’s future with its partner, UH’s Center for Japanese Studies.

At Uwajima City, Mr. Hawkins met with Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi, Fishery High School President Nogami, and bereaved family members. During these meetings, Mr. Hawkins discussed next year’s anniversary to include a special memorial event. He also took time to present flowers at the Ehime Maru Memorial located at the high school. 留日
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Mr. Hawkins meets with bereaved family members.

JASH Assists with Reconciliation Visit of Japanese Pilots

June 4, 2010 marked the 68th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, what most historians call the turning point of the Pacific War between the U.S. and Japan. On this day in 1942 began the battle that culminated in the sinking of four aircraft carriers of the Japanese Imperial Fleet, effectively ending Japan’s ability to project military power across the expanses of the Pacific. The Pacific Aviation Museum (PAM) in collaboration with Virginia-based Military Historical Tours (MHT) planned an ambitious one-week program bringing 21 members of the Japanese Navy Pilots Association called *Unabarakai* to Hawaii and Midway, including veterans of the Battle of Midway. A chartered flight to Midway Atoll took place on June 2nd during which the Japanese visitors joined in a memorial tribute to fallen heroes from both sides. JASH hosted the group at a reception on June 3rd at the historic Natsunoya Teahouse. A symposium was held at PAM on Ford Island on June 4th.



Unabarakai members at Natsunoya Teahouse with MHT reps and local guests (Lt. JG Harada is fourth from left, middle row); Mr. Jiro Yoshida is to Mr. Harada’s left.

Natsunoya Teahouse is where Imperial Japanese Navy Lt. Yoshikawa spied on the U.S. Pacific Fleet in preparation for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. At this historic place, the Japanese and American veterans joined in a reconciliation banquet, sharing stories and dedicating each other to the pursuit of peace and continued friendly relations between their peoples. Senior military officer, retired Admiral Ron Hays, PAM’s Chairman of the Board and JASH Senior Advisory Council member, welcomed the Japanese visitors by recognizing their commitment to maintain these good relations. WWII Zero Fighter pilot and Battle of Midway veteran Lt. JG Kaname Harada related his personal story of battle and reconciliation. Mr. Harada flew fighter cover for the fleet during this historic battle, attacking American torpedo bombers. When his aircraft carrier *Soryu* sank, he crash landed in the ocean. He was rescued four hours later by a passing Japanese destroyer. Harada was later wounded in the battle of Guadalcanal, losing the ability to fly. After the war, Mr. Harada opened a kindergarten in Nagano, dedicating himself to developing a peaceful mindset in young people so they will not resort to fighting to solve personal differences. He has been its Principal for 40 years. Now 94, Mr. Harada recently celebrated his 70th wedding anniversary.

JASH is pleased to assist these reconciliation events. Thanks to MHT, members of the PAM including Admiral Hays and Mrs. Jane Hays, and *Unabarakai* Director of Communications Jiro Yoshida for working to make this opportunity possible for the Japanese veterans. Thanks also to historian Dan King who provided translation service for the entire week. 留日
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JASH Visits Pacific Command Headquarters

On August 30, 2010, Directors of Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) and Trustees of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation (CPASF) were hosted by the Commander of Pacific Command, Admiral Robert F. Willard, at his office in Camp Smith. The visit was the result of an invitation extended to JASH and CPASF by Admiral Willard to engage in an informal roundtable discussion regarding politico-military topics in his area of responsibility.



*Commander, Pacific Command
Admiral Robert Willard.*

The United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR) encompasses about half the earth's surface, stretching from the waters off the west coast of the U.S. to the western border of India, and from Antarctica to the North Pole. There are few regions as culturally, socially, economically, and geo-politically diverse as the Asia-Pacific. The 36 nations that comprise the Asia-Pacific region are home

to more than 50% of the world's population, 3,000 different languages, several of the world's largest militaries, and five nations allied with the U.S. through mutual defense treaties. Two of the three largest economies are located in the Asia-Pacific along with 10 of the 14 smallest. The AOR includes the most populous nation in the world, the largest democracy, and the largest Muslim-majority nation. More than one third of Asia-Pacific nations are smaller, island nations that include the smallest republic in the world and the smallest nation in Asia.

Admiral Willard outlined how USPACOM executes the five “must get right” focus areas in the region: China, North Korea, India, Allies and Partnerships, and Strategic Relationships. Admiral Willard walked through these relationships, adding personal perspectives gained through his extensive experience in the region and the opportunity he has to meet directly with top military and political leaders. Afterwards, Admiral Willard answered questions from the attendees. The meeting provided insight into the great work the men and women of USPACOM are doing to maintain security in the region as well as the massive responsibility of command in such a key region of the globe. Admiral Willard complimented the work JASH, CPASF, and similar organizations in Hawaii do to help maintain the important U.S.-Japan relationship. 

JASH Brown Bag Luncheon Talk with Bill Sharp

On September 15, 2010, Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) instructor Bill Sharp was the guest speaker for the monthly “Brown Bag” luncheon talk for JASH corporate and lifetime members and their guests. Sachi Braden and Sachi Hawaii Pacific Century Properties again played host to the event providing pizza and refreshments.

Bill Sharp is a former Army intelligence officer with service in Vietnam. He received his A.B. degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, followed by an

M.A. degree in Asian Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He also holds an M.E. degree in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy from Harvard University. He currently teaches East Asian politics at HPU and hosts Asia in Review, a weekly TV show dedicated to substantive discussions of contemporary Asian affairs. In pursuit of his interests, he often travels to Asia, meeting with top government and academic officials.

Bill Sharp addressed the relationship between Japan and Taiwan while exploring aspects of the Japanese-American and Sino-Japanese relationships. He discussed the developing Chinese geo-political strategy especially in the surrounding seas of China, showing how China is growing its military power to match its outlined goals. Following his talk, he fielded questions from the attendees, one of which was “What would Japan do if China attacked Taiwan?” Bill Sharp responded that, while an attack by China against Taiwan is unlikely in the near future, Japan has little capacity to do anything, except follow the U.S.'s strategy which has been stated as opposing a Chinese invasion of Taiwan and provide assistance as requested.

JASH would like to thank Bill Sharp for an interesting and engaging lecture and Sachi Braden and Sachi Hawaii Pacific Century Properties for hosting this event. 



Bill Sharp speaks with JASH members.

Governor Linda Lingle meets Junior Ambassadors

For the seventh year in a row, Governor Linda Lingle met with the Junior Ambassadors (JAs), chaperones and their families both before and after the JAs' trip to the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan. For many, this was the first time to meet the Governor and all were honored and excited to shake her hand. When asked what they were most looking forward to discovering in

Japan, one of the JAs responded, "everything!" But for the most part, the JAs were relatively quiet, no doubt in awe of the unique role they would play as ambassadors of Hawaii. Governor Lingle responded that she was looking forward to hearing about what they discovered in Japan when they meet again after the delegates return to Honolulu.

After returning from Japan, the JAs related all their experiences to Governor Lingle. This time, ALL of the Junior Ambassadors spoke up and each had something unique to say about their experiences in Japan. The Governor eagerly listened to each JA's story, asking follow-up questions. She spent nearly an hour with the JAs and their parents, clearly enjoying her time with them.

Meeting the Governor has been a wonderful experience for the delegates each year and is a highlight of their time as APCC delegates. JASH would like to extend a big *mahalo* to Governor Lingle for taking time from her busy schedule each year to meet these children. Her words have proved to be an inspiration to the JAs and have remained with them through the years. As this was the final meeting with the JAs, the Governor was presented with a gift of a Hakata Doll to thank her for her support of this important program and as a reminder of the connection with Fukuoka, Japan. 日本



APCC delegates, Chaperone Cheryl Parker and JASH President Ed Hawkins meet with Governor Linda Lingle.

Hawaii Delegates attend the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka

After six months of JASH workshops preparing for the APCC, Hawaii's six JAs (Calais Nobuhara, Kristen Izuo, Mari Alice Shaw, Justin Ho, Joshua Nakanishi and Reyn Tao), Peace Ambassador Serena Li and chaperone Cheryl Parker departed on Friday, July 16 for Fukuoka, Japan. They spent a total of 11 days in Fukuoka - nine days with a Japanese host family in the city of Kasuya and two days at a camp with 218 children from 42 countries and cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region - before returning to Honolulu on July 27 with many exciting stories to share.

The delegates were warmly received by their host families and even had a chance to meet the Mayor of Kasuya, Mr. Hisayoshi Shinozaki, at the welcome party given in their honor upon their arrival in Kasuya. In appreciation to the host families, the Hawaii delegates shared their Aloha spirit by performing their hula, *Holoholo Kaa*. JASH was also pleased to learn that former Crown Prince Akihito Scholar Kanako Cho was there to greet the delegation in Kasuya. What a small world! Those touched by JASH's programs continue to make connections around the globe as ambassadors of goodwill.

During the week of their home stay, the JAs had the opportunity to attend school with their Japanese host siblings

and were also only one of two delegations selected to meet the Vice-Governor of Fukuoka, Etsuko Ebii. They were truly treated as celebrities in the city of Kasuya.

On Friday, July 23, all of the JAs and chaperones taking part in the APCC gathered at Noko Island, where they spent



Junior Ambassadors with their parents at the final APCC workshop.

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2010 Japan Wizards Japan Trip Winners Visit Tokyo

This summer, four winning teams from Hanalani Schools, McKinley High School, Punahou School, and Roosevelt High School traveled to Japan as their reward for winning the 2010 Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition in February. On June 8, 2010, student team members Andrea Kim, Chanel Louie, Nicole Ogawa-Yukitomo, and advisor Mrs. Naomi Hirano-Omizo from Punahou School (Level B First Place winners) were graciously hosted by sister society America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo and Mr. Shoichi Suzuki, the Society’s Executive Director. This is the third year that Mr. Suzuki has hosted our Japan Wizards Japan trip prize winners. On this full-day educational program, the team visited the Edo Museum and learned about the transformation of Edo into Tokyo. They then visited the Oedo Onsen Monogatari, a traditional Japanese *onsen* (hot spring) located in the heart of Tokyo where many of them experienced the *onsen* culture for the first time.

On July 10, 2010, student team members Garion Park, Daralyn Yee, and advisor Ms. Grace Shinohara from Roosevelt High School (Level B Second Place winners) along with Jennis Hatakenaka, Maggie Kwock, Kyung-Soo Lee, and advisor Ms. Sandra Oda from McKinley High School (Level A Third Place winners) also experienced this educational program, sponsored and hosted by Mr. Suzuki and the America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo. Visiting the Edo Museum and Oedo Onsen Monogatari provided the students with valuable cross-cultural education and a closer glimpse into Japan’s history, culture, and customs. Daralyn Yee of Roosevelt High School remarked, “It was always a dream of mine to go to Japan...I never thought this dream would come true until I joined the Japan Wizards team. We were able to learn so much... Learning about Japan is one thing, but experiencing it is another. Being able to experience has really changed my thoughts on nearly everything about [Japan].” 日本文化



Punahou School students and advisor Mrs. Naomi Hirano-Omizo with America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo’s Executive Director Mr. Shoichi Suzuki and other staff members at the Edo Museum and Oedo Onsen Monogatari.



McKinley High School and Roosevelt High School students and advisors Ms. Sandra Oda and Ms. Grace Shinohara with America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo’s Executive Director Mr. Shoichi Suzuki and other staff members at the Edo Museum and Oedo Onsen Monogatari.

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the night participating in cultural activities while getting to know one another. The following day all participating delegations headed to the Fukuoka City Hall to take part in the 22nd Annual “We are the Bridge” festival.



Justin Ho and Calais Nobubara talk to students at a Japanese elementary school.

The Hawaii delegation again performed their *hula, Holo-holo Kaa*. Earlier that day, JA Kristen Izuo took part in the APCC’s first annual “Mirai Summit” where she gave a speech on promoting international peace.

For all six of the Junior Ambassadors, participation in the Asian-Pacific Children’s Covention was the first time away from their parents for an extended period of time. We can truly say that it was a life changing opportunity for all of them.

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii would like to thank all of the families and volunteers who helped to prepare the delegation for their trip. 日本文化

Crown Prince Akihito Scholars meet with The Emperor and Empress

Four recipients of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship (CPAS) met with Their Majesties The Emperor and Empress of Japan on June 28, 2010 at their Tokyo Imperial Palace residence. As part of the scholarship, awardees are honored with a personal audience with The Emperor and Empress.

Since inception, 139 scholars have been selected for this prestigious scholarship that awards either one or two years of study in Japan to a University of Hawaii (UH) student, and to a Japanese student to study at UH. Since 2008, the scholarship has also included scholarships for Japanese students to study at the UH's Shidler College of Business leading to a Masters in Financial Engineering degree.

The CPAS was established in 1959 to commemorate the wedding of then Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote better understanding between the peoples of Japan and the United States by providing scholarships to UH scholars to study in Japan and Japanese scholars to study at UH. Those interested in applying for this scholarship are directed to the Japan-

America Society of Hawaii website at www.jashawaii.org under “CPASF” or call the office at 524-4450. 



Scholars meet with Their Majesties (from left, Scholars Michael Dzieszinski, John Oglevee, Pamela Runestad, Madoka Nagado; CPASF Trustee Mr. Mark Fukunaga; Nippon Keidanren Director General Mr. Yoshio Nakamura; Their Majesties The Emperor & Empress of Japan).

Let's Talk Story Luncheon featuring Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D.

JASH members and guests enjoyed the annual Tomodachi “Let's Talk” luncheon in a private tea room at The Willows Restaurant on Thursday, September 2, 2010. This event, hosted by the Tomodachi Committee, provides opportunities for members to re-establish old acquaintances and make new friends while learning something new.

This year's talk-story session featured special guest speaker Saleem Ahmed, Ph.D. Dr. Ahmed was born in India, raised in Pakistan, and came to Hawaii as an East-West Center grantee. Japanese and Pakistani cultures came together when he met his wife as a student at the University of Hawaii. He is the founder of the All Believers Network which emphasizes the equality of religions and that every religion has a message of peace. He is also the author of “Beyond the Veil & Holy War.”

After enjoying a delicious buffet lunch, attendees listened to Dr. Ahmed speak of cross-cultural experiences and how it affected him and his third generation Japanese wife and their children. He spoke of their hardships during their time spent in Pakistan during the



Dr. Ahmed shares his story with luncheon attendees at The Willows.

1965 and 1972 Indo-Pakistani wars. As a foreigner in Pakistan, his wife was questioned for supposed anti-state activity for which she was later proved innocent. Even when he wanted to take time off from work to have a family, his company made him postpone his plans which postponed the birth of his daughter.

Although he was raised in Pakistan, Dr. Ahmed was schooled in Catholic schools. This upbringing led him to look at the beauty of all religions which later served as the inspiration for the All Believers Network. He spoke of how all religions view the same reality so we should cooperate with each other. He called Hawaii an “interfaith capital” because we take part in all culture's religious celebrations regardless of our own beliefs. He emphasized that this sort of thing doesn't happen in other parts of the world. His hope for the Tomodachi Committee is to continue to make more friends and keep an open mind as they meet others and appreciate more cultures. Following Dr. Ahmed's talk, attendees had many questions about the portrayal of Muslims in the news and the Mosque issue in New York City. Dr. Ahmed explained that “Muslims have unintentionally let radicals become their spokespeople which has fueled irrational American beliefs.” He described it as similar to how Japanese people were viewed after WWII.

JASH would like to thank Dr. Ahmed for sharing his story. Thank you also to Tomodachi Committee co-chair Kazuko Love for arranging for Dr. Ahmed to speak with us. 

The Tomodachi Committee Learns about Natural Indigo Dyeing

From Japanese *kimono* to American blue jeans, indigo dye is an essential part of textile dyeing and printing processes worldwide. Among the world’s oldest dyes, natural indigo has since been synthesized and almost entirely replaced by synthetic dye. Natural indigo however is better for the skin and holds germ-killing properties. Indigo plants can be found growing wild in many areas, including Hawaii. During the Edo Period (1603-1868) in Japan, indigo became particularly important to commoners who were forbidden to use silk. The prohibition of silk led the commoners to import and plant cotton. As it turned out, cotton did not easily absorb traditional dyes except for indigo.

Members and guests of the Tomodachi Committee experienced a hands-on natural indigo dyeing demonstration at the Oahu Urban Garden Center by Fujibayashi Tokunari *sensei* on September 16, 2010. He is the son of the 12th Fujibayashi Tokusen. Under the tutelage of his father, Tokunari *sensei* mastered the traditional arts of dyeing, weaving, embroidery

and the techniques of gold, platinum and silver leaf.

Tokunari *sensei* started with a brief history of natural indigo dyeing and the long multi-step process it takes to extract the dye from its plant form. Roughly 50 pounds of leaves are needed to produce just one pound of dye. Attendees then headed outside to see his indigo plants.

The group returned to the classroom where the real fun began. They were given a choice of patterns for their handkerchiefs which were to be later dyed tie-dye style. The handkerchiefs were folded and tied accordingly, then soaked in natural indigo dye. After soaking, the handkerchiefs were taken outside and held to the wind to begin the oxygenation process. When exposed to oxygen, the color changes from a greenish color to a beautiful indigo. The handkerchiefs were then rinsed and air-dried. The attendees were excited to see their unique creations.



Indigo dyed handkerchiefs dry in the wind.

While waiting for their pieces to dry, attendees enjoyed a *bento* lunch in the Garden’s gazebo. Following lunch, they took a brief tour of the Garden where they had the opportunity to sample fresh-picked star fruit and guava.

JASH would like to thank Fujibayashi Tokunari *sensei* for presenting such an enjoyable and informative demonstration. We would also like to thank the Oahu Urban Garden Center for allowing our Society the use of their facilities for this event. 



Tokunari *sensei* teaches attendees about the indigo plant.

elle Couture Jewellers hosts Tomodachi Committee

On Thursday, August 19, 2010, JASH Corporate Member elle Couture Jewellers hosted the Tomodachi Committee to an afternoon tea gathering at the elle Couture Jewellers store located on the ground floor of the Nine O Nine Kapiolani residential condominium.

Attendees enjoyed delicious tea, *mochi* and *manju* varieties while learning more about Italian Jewelry designer Roberto Coin and pieces from his collections including the signature weave Appassionata collection. Roberto Coin has introduced this collection in Tokyo, Japan, with plans to expand into all major cities within the next several years. In appreciation to his loyal Japanese clients, Roberto Coin has recently launched a Japanese website.

JASH would like to thank elle Couture Jewellers Store Director, Lance Ishibashi and Marilyn Cariaga, Director of

Ark Marketing Group for hosting this event and providing each attendee with a complimentary gift bag. 



Marilyn Cariaga introduces the Roberto Coin line.

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 6 Annual General Membership Meeting & Annual Dinner, Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom
- 12 Utsushi: The Art of Copying, UH Manoa
- 27 Fall Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College

NOVEMBER

- 12 Tomodachi, An Afternoon with Film Director Irie Fumiko, Central Pacific Plaza 15th Floor Conference Room

DECEMBER

- 3 U.S.-Japan Security & Economic Alliance: Pathway to the Future, Hawaii Convention Center
- 9 Tomodachi Christmas Tea, Waioli Tea Room
- 16 Christmas 5:01 & Silent Auction, The Kahala Hotel & Resort

The Wedding Ring Shop Supports JASH

On Thursday, July 22, 2010 the Japan-America Society of Hawaii hosted *A Golden Opportunity*, a cash-for-gold buying event facilitated by The Wedding Ring Shop. This event benefitted the Society as The Wedding Ring Shop generously donated a portion of the proceeds.

For those who were unable to attend the event but still have unwanted jewelry to sell, The Wedding Ring Shop has generously extended this benefit to JASH. Please contact Jennifer Lieu, Marketing Coordinator at 945-2800 ext. 5 to schedule a meeting time.

We would like to thank the Society members and guests who generously donated their gold items for this event. We would also like to thank The Wedding Ring Shop for their generous donation. 

Membership Updates

July- September 2010

New Corporate Member

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Mr. Motoki P. Sakari	
The Learning Coalition	Regular
Ms. Deborah Berger	
Ms. Cheri Nakamura	

New General Members

Mr. James Jack	Student
Mr. Lee Knowlton	Student
Ms. Pauline LaBrie	Individual
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Ms. Madoka Nagado	Student

General Member Upgrade

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JASH members and Nagaoka City officials experienced traditional Japanese bull-fighting at the togyu stadium.



Junior Ambassadors from the Hawaii and Vietnam delegations meet at the Vice Governor's Office.



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