

## Crown Prince Akihito Scholars Meet with Ambassador Kennedy



July 5, 2015 — Crown Prince Akihito Scholars Takuya Saeki (far left) and John Seymour (second from right) meet U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy. CPAS Board Trustee Glenn Miyataki (far right) also attended. Annually, one to two trustees and the Crown Prince Scholars meet with the current U.S. Ambassador before meeting the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

## Gov. and Mrs. Ariyoshi Share Impressions from Trip to Buzen, Fukuoka



July 20, 2015 — Former Governor George Ariyoshi and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi shared highlights from their recent visit to Buzen, Fukuoka, the home of his father's birthplace.

In celebration of Buzen's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which coincided with the Ariyoshi's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, the visit to Japan allowed the Governor, Mrs. Ariyoshi and their eldest son, Ryozo, to ceremonially plant 60 dogwood trees along the main boulevard of the city, and enjoy exchanges with the city's community.

*Clockwise from top left: Pauline Chakmakjian (JASH Board member), Mari Erdman (JASH Intern), Lenny Yajima (JASH President), Mrs. Ariyoshi, and Gov. Ariyoshi.*

## Sheila Smith: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China



July 24, 2015— Dr. Sheila Smith, Japanese politics expert and author of *Intimate Rivals: Japanese Domestic Politics and a Rising China*, lectured on the

relationship between China and Japan and the constantly shifting political issues the two countries must resolve. This event was sponsored by East-West Center, JASH, and Pacific Forum.

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## TOMODACHI – Aloha Leadership Program Delegates visit Tohoku, Japan



*TALP Delegates reunite with RFJK students in Onagawa.*

July 7 – 15, 2015 — JASH sent six Hawaii students, ages 12 to 22, and their chaperone to the Tohoku region of Japan as part of the 2015 TOMODACHI – Aloha Leadership Program (TALP), a reciprocal exchange program with Rainbow for Japan Kids (RFJK) program. RFJK allows Japanese students affected by the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami to travel to Hawaii for mental and physical recuperation, and for learning about Hawaii. This was the third year that Hawaii students traveled to Tohoku to visit and reconnect with RFJK friends made here in Hawaii.

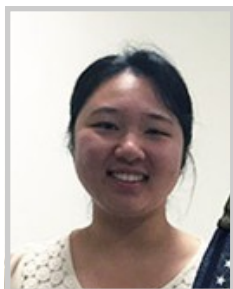


*Japanese volunteers of the Sea Monkey Project gather with Hawaii delegates for beach cleanup at Minami-Sanriku.*



*Hawaii delegates meet residents at the Shinchi Temporary Housing.*

## Mahalo to Emily Natori, Summer 2015 JASH Intern



A big thank you to Emily Natori for her contributions to JASH as an intern this summer. During her two-month internship, Emily enjoyed learning about JASH's

history, event-planning, and the day-to-day activities of running a non-profit organization. She helped with the website, the archiving photographs, and the preparations for the Annual Dinner and Holiday Gala.



## JASH Junior Ambassadors Participate in the 27th Asian-Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka



*APCC Delegates depart for Fukuoka, Japan (front row, l-r: Junior Ambassadors Luke Cisneros, Landon Kimura, Landon Hung, Gia Ma, Chloe Kwok and Tierra Nakamura; back row, l-r: Peace Ambassador Wesley Lum, Educational Program Director Liz Barrera, JASH President Lenny Yajima, chaperone Kevin Matsuda and Educational Assistant David Nakanishi)*



*APCC Delegates meet with Governor David Ige on June 30, 2015*

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The day finally arrived! After months of preparation, parents and children were both anxious and excited as the six Hawaii Junior Ambassadors (Luke Cisneros, Landon Hung, Landon Kimura, Chloe Kwok, Gia Ma and Tierra Nakamura) departed for the 27th Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. They were accompanied by chaperone Kevin Matsuda and Peace Ambassador Wesley Lum. For most of the Junior Ambassadors (JAs) this was their first trip overseas. They spent nearly two weeks in Fukuoka -- seven days with a host family and three days at camp with other 11-year olds from over 40 different countries.

Prior to their departure, the delegates appeared on local news stations with President Lenny Yajima. On each show, Ms. Yajima shared information about JASH and the APCC, and the Junior Ambassadors performed their hula to the song *Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai* that they performed at the "We are the Bridge Festival" on July 18 in Fukuoka, Japan. View video clips by visiting [jashawaii.org](http://jashawaii.org).

On June 30, the delegates met with Governor David Ige in his Executive Chambers. For many of the JAs and their families, this was the first time to meet the new governor. Governor Ige offered friendly advice to the JAs on what it means to be an ambassador and answered questions from the Ambassadors on topics ranging from food to politics.