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Visit to Tsunami Damaged Ishinomaki City



Besides the tremendous destruction, everywhere you turn mounds of debris and cars dot the landscape as the city works to recover from this devastating event. News footages show the widespread destruction graphically, but one cannot appreciate the full extent of the tragedy unless seen directly from the ground. You realize it is homes, factories, hospitals, and schools you are seeing... people's lives and livelihood have been swept away. Large numbers of people are gone, never to return, and more have been made homeless and jobless. And seeing the twisted remains of street lamps, vacant lots, and foundations where houses once stood, you understand the massive effort needed to rebuild.

But the Japanese people are proving to be resilient and industrious, as they go about clearing the rubble and rebuilding with quiet dignity and resolve. Major thoroughfares now devoid of stoplights (there is no power) are guarded by security officers who efficiently direct traffic. The area is abuzz with earthmovers and dump trucks clearing lots to rebuild, hauling away debris, and repairing sea levees. One senses that Japan will rebound from this tragedy.

I was shown Ishinomaki City's Watanoha Junior High School...or what remained of it. The school suffered the full brunt of the *tsunami* as it is located near the coast. Twisted debris pushed against the building walls and thick, putrid sand covered its grounds. The first floor was essentially gutted, windows totally missing, sign of the *tsunami's* power. This was the

building where one selected student for the Rainbow for Japan Kids project huddled on its upper floor as she witnessed the *tsunami* engulf the school and the town. She then spent two days without food or contact from her family, not knowing what had happened to them. Fortunately, her parents had been out of town and came to claim her, calling out her name in a touching reunion. Her house had been swept away but all in her family were safe. I was told the school will not be repaired or rebuilt at its current location. I wondered what kind of dreams she has.

My thoughts turned to the Rainbow for Japan Kids project and what we could do for her and others like her. Can we help ease some of their mental anguish? Can we help them dream again? Through the Rainbow for Japan Kids project, we will give them a respite from their current ordeal. We want their experiences in Hawaii to help them dream of a brighter future, to return to Japan committed to bettering themselves and their community, secure in knowing that friends and supporters in Hawaii will urge them along. We want to give them new dreams that are bright and positive... to dream again.


Those who are interested in supporting this project should see the JASH website at www.jashawaii.org and click on Rainbow for Japan Kids. Donations are being accepted.

Written by JASH President Ed Hawkins

Operation Tomodachi: Pacific Fleet Commander Hosts JASH

June 10, 2011 was a special day for JASH Directors and members and other community leaders. At the invitation of U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Admiral Patrick Walsh, JASH and other community leaders from the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation and East-West Center attended a military briefing by Admiral Walsh on his role as

Joint Support Commander during Operation Tomodachi, the U.S. military’s disaster relief operation in support of the Japan Self Defense Forces and the Japanese government following the recent tragic earthquake and *tsunami* in northeastern Japan. Admiral Walsh also covered the strategic situation in the Asia-Pacific region, putting the U.S. military response to the Japan disaster in perspective. Admiral Walsh then took questions from the attendees, and pointed to the importance of the U.S. - Japan alliance as underscored during Operation Tomodachi. Japanese Consulate staff as well as Japanese Self Defense Force Liaison Officers also attended.

This visit with Admiral Walsh is an example of how JASH promotes the important relationship with the local U.S. military. The visit provided the community leaders with an opportunity to hear about Operation Tomodachi directly from the operation’s Commander. At the same time, the attendees learned the importance of the U.S. military and its role in maintaining regional security. JASH would like to thank Admiral Walsh and all the members of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and the other services who supported Operation Tomodachi, and who protect our precious freedoms each day. 



JASH Directors, members, CPASF Trustees, EWC reps, and other community leaders with Admiral Walsh at his Headquarters.

Junior Ambassadors Busy Preparing for their Trip to Fukuoka

In January this year, JASH selected six 11-year-old students to represent Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) in Fukuoka, Japan from July 14- 25, 2011. Since being selected as Junior Ambassadors (JAs), the six students have been busy preparing for their trip this summer. Hosted by the Fukuoka government, the APCC promotes international relationships between children so that they will become adults with a strong social responsibility for the world.

This year, 222 children from 43 countries and cities throughout the Asia-Pacific region have been invited to participate as Junior Ambassadors. Upon arrival in Fukuoka, the Hawaii JAs will spend three days at a Global Exchange Camp with the other delegates and seven days with a Japanese host family. Each month, they have gathered together for a workshop at the JASH office where they have learned more about Japan and the different countries that will also take part in the APCC in July.

During the workshops held at the JASH office, the JAs have been practicing two *oli* (Hawaiian chants) and a *bula* to Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai. They have also learned about Japanese customs, homestay etiquette and school life in Japan from Kristi Mitchell, JASH Program Assistant. In addition, each JA has had to turn in a report each workshop about the other countries participating in the APCC.

In addition to their monthly workshops, the JAs have been able to participate in some other fun activities, all designed to help them learn to rely on each other as part of a team. During the weekend of April 30 – May 1, the six JAs accompanied by 2011 chaperone Daniel Hwang and 2012 chaperone Cheryl Parker, along with JASH staff took part in an overnight stay at Camp Erdman in Waialua. This annual outing helps the JAs bond with one another through outdoor



The APCC delegates ready for their scavenger hunt in Shirokiya.

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activities and team building exercises. While at the camp, the JAs took part in a team development course, had fun at the pool, played volleyball, saw a wild boar, ate s'mores and shared stories around a campfire, and practiced their *hula* performance. For several of the JAs, this was their first overnight experience at a camp away from their families.

On June 10, at the JASH Hilton 5:01, the JAs performed the two *oli* and danced the *hula* to Ka Uluwehi O Ke Kai. The following morning, they woke up early to participate in the Waikiki Beach Clean up along with other JASH members and former Junior Ambassadors who are members of the APCC alumni association, Bridge Club Hawaii.

On Saturday, June 25, the six JAs were joined by Peace Ambassador Kara Tsuzaki, Bridge Club Hawaii founder Colby Takeda, chaperones, and JASH staff for a special workshop on “Tasting Japanese Food.” The JAs were divided into three groups and went on a scavenger hunt in Shirokiya at Ala Moana Center. Each group was in charge of purchasing designated Japanese food from Shirokiya—chicken *karaage*, *taiyaki*, and *takoyaki*. They also had to explore and discover other traditional Japanese foods such as *bijiki*, *natto*, and *oden*. After returning to the JASH office, each group shared their

findings with the other groups. In addition to sampling the Japanese food, the JAs learned that they should always be honest with their host families regarding foods they like or dislike. Not being honest may encourage the host family to serve them a food item that they'd rather not eat on a daily basis.

The JAs will have one more workshop in July before they depart Honolulu on July 14. 



The APCC delegates at Camp Erdman.

Two Peace Ambassadors Selected to Represent Hawaii at the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention


Two Peace Ambassadors (PAs) have been chosen to represent Hawaii at the 23rd annual APCC in Fukuoka this July. Hosted by the Fukuoka government, the APCC promotes international relationships between children so that they will become adults with a strong social responsibility for the world. Since 1998, in addition to the

Junior Ambassadors (JAs), the APCC began inviting former JAs back to the APCC as Peace Ambassadors. Peace Ambassadors are former JAs who are active members of their local Bridge Clubs. Here in Hawaii, Bridge Club Hawaii (BCH) was founded in 2009 and membership is open to all former JAs and any other persons who wish to be a part of promoting international relations.



Jacob Saiki

The two PAs who have been selected are Jacob Saiki, an 11th grader at Hawaii Baptist

Academy and Kara Tsuzaki, an 11th grader at Punahou School. Jacob currently serves as the Bridge Club Hawaii President, while Kara is its Public Relations Coordinator. While at the APCC this summer, they will share their BCH activities with other Peace Ambassadors from around the world in order to promote understanding and friendship and expand the network of worldwide JAs. Overall, 47 Peace Ambassadors were selected world-wide – only three were selected from the United States. Jacob and Kara will be traveling with the six 2011 APCC Junior Ambassadors from Hawaii that JASH has been training since February. Both Jacob and Kara originally participated as Junior Ambassadors with the APCC in 2005. They are looking forward to returning to Fukuoka and re-connecting with the families and friends that they made six years ago. 




Kara Tsuzaki

Professor Takeo Iguchi Talks About “Demystifying Pearl Harbor”

Together with co-sponsors East-West Center, Pacific Aviation Museum, and Pacific Historic Parks, the Japan–America Society of Hawaii welcomed Professor Takeo Iguchi, Professor Emeritus of Shobi Gakuen University in Japan, to speak on the subject “Japan’s Road to Pearl Harbor.” Professor Iguchi, former Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, Bangladesh, and New Zealand, is the son of a Japanese diplomat stationed in Washington, D.C. when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Consequently, he has a unique insight into the way diplomatic cables between Tokyo and its Embassy in Washington were handled.

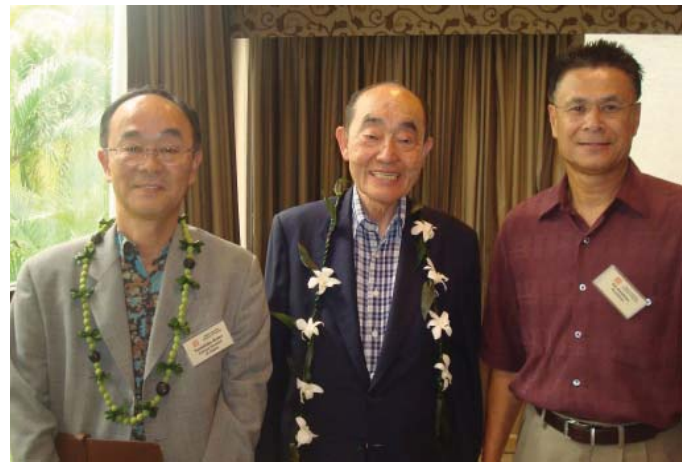
According to Professor Iguchi’s research, diplomatic cables were heavily influenced by the Japanese Army in its

attempt to maintain secrecy of its preparations for military movements into Southeast Asia at the start of hostilities against the U.S. and its allies. Professor Iguchi maintains that the Japanese Army thwarted a declaration of war before the onset of hostilities in an attempt to insure its success. Professor Iguchi also took time to debunk theories on how the U.S. may have known about Japanese actions but purposely did not take action in order to label Japan as aggressor. These points are included in his book, “Demystifying Pearl Harbor.”

JASH would like to thank Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo of the Consulate General of Japan at Honolulu for arranging Professor Iguchi’s talk to JASH members, co-sponsoring organizations, and members of the community. 



Professor Iguchi (R) speaks with co-sponsors Jeff White, East–West Center; Ken DeHoff, Pacific Aviation Museum, Karen Knudsen, East–West Center.



(L–R): Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo, Professor Takeo Iguchi, JASH President Ed Hawkins.

Tomodachi Special Tour of the Battleship Missouri

On Tuesday, June 21, JASH members and their guests enjoyed an exclusive 45 minute long tour on board the USS Missouri. Attendees had the rare opportunity to see areas not available on regular public tours. Even members who had previously been on the ship were impressed by the special tour. The highlight of the afternoon was tea and refreshments inside the Captain’s Cabin. The Captain’s Cabin is the ship captain’s quarters and where he would entertain distinguished guests. VIP guests such as President Harry Truman and President George W. Bush have frequented the Captain’s Cabin.

The Mighty Mo was built from 1941–1944 at a cost of \$100 million. It was the last battleship built by the United States, and was active during three wars—World War II, Korean War, and the Gulf War. Her most famous role was as the site of Japan’s unconditional surrender to the Allied Forces on September 2, 1945, marking the end of World War II. The ship was chosen for the surrender site for two reasons - then



Mighty Mo’s trademark feature is her 16 inch guns. Each gun barrel is approximately 67 feet long, weighs 116 tons, and can accurately fire a 2,700–pound shell 23 miles in about one minute.

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Japan-America Society of Hawaii holds Spring 2011 Japan Day

The Spring 2011 Japan Day was held at Hawaii Tokai International College on Wednesday, April 13, thanks to the generous grant provided by the McNerny Foundation. A total of 122 students representing Campbell High School, Kailua High School, Lanai High School, Molokai High School, and Sacred Hearts Academy were provided with the unique opportunity to experience traditional Japanese culture through various cultural classes including *bonsai* tree planting, calligraphy, traditional crafts, *ikebana* flower arranging, *kimono* wear, *soroban* (abacus), and tea ceremony. For many students, especially those from the neighbor islands, this was their first exposure to the culture and an invaluable experience for all. Everyone was in for a treat with the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble’s inspiring performance and *taiko* sound demonstrations in the Welcome Ceremony!

Since its inception in 1993, over 4,800 students from 54 schools statewide have experienced Japan Day. This unique program is one of two programs offered by JASH to Hawaii’s high school students, with the other being the Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition. Japan Day provides students with hands-on experience with traditional Japanese arts and culture while reinforcing and complementing what

is taught in the classroom setting. Japan Day also illustrates how art and culture in different societies can influence and enhance people’s lives. Through understanding different cultures and customs, we continue to bridge the gap that leads to friendship and cultural appreciation.

JASH would like to thank all the volunteer experts for their dedication to the program: Mr. Jim Meyer and the Hawaii Bonsai Association, calligraphy master Mrs. Shokyoku Hashiro and Mrs. Setsusen Tokumine, Mrs. Kikuji Yonesato and members of the Kikufu Nippon Bunka Kenkyu Kai, Mrs. Jessie Nakata of MOA Hawaii, Mrs. Jean Sakihara and members of Kimono Project USA, Mr. and Mrs. Hideaki Oshima from Araki Hiroya Soroban School, and Mr. Yoshibumi Ogawa, Mr. Hiroaki Yoshida, and members of Urasenke Foundation. We would also like to thank Hawaii Tokai International College for the generous use of their facilities for this event, and the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble for their moving *taiko* performance and demonstration.

Please visit the JASH Facebook page for more photos of the event. For more information on this educational program, please contact Kelsey Soma Turek at 469-4646 or via email at ksoma@jashawaii.org. 



Students enjoy learning how to wear kimono.



Students learn how to plant and take care of their very own bonsai.

Palolo Elementary School Students Experience Artistic Endeavor

On April 29, first graders at Palolo Elementary School were in for a treat as artist Toshiaki Tomita visited from Japan to discuss the topics of family and food as part of the Department of Art and Art History’s Visiting Artist Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Mr. Tomita was very engaging with the students and encouraging of their artistic creativity. During the class period, each student

was handed a few paper plates on which they were first instructed to draw their most and least favorite food(s) along with a brief explanation. The students then shared their drawings and explanations with Mr. Tomita and their classmates. On another paper plate, Mr. Tomita asked the students to draw a picture of their family members around a dining room table,

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Japan in a Suitcase Visits Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary in Hilo

On Thursday, May 19, two JASH staff traveled to the Big Island to bring Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) to the fourth and fifth graders of Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary in Hilo. Hilo, best known for treats such as Big Island Candies and Rainbow Bread, is a small town where everything is only a five minute drive away. This was the first time for JIAS to visit Chiefess Kapiolani Elementary. This school was selected after careful research showed that a high percentage of the children at the school come from economically-disadvantaged families. JIAS is an example of a longstanding goal to bring JASH educational programs for grades K-12 to the neighbor islands.

It was “Spirit Week” at school and the theme was “Wacky Day.” Students were dressed in their wackiest outfits. All of the students were excited to participate during the presentation. You could see the light bulb above their heads click on as they discovered things that were familiar to them in their everyday lives — Nintendo, Sony PlayStation, Hello Kitty— all originated in Japan. The children enjoyed discovering the school items used by Japanese elementary school students.



Students in their “Wacky Day” outfits present a Japanese randoseru.

They were immediately able to locate Hawaii, Japan, and the U.S. on world maps to compare different perspectives. Hilo also has its own history of *tsunami* so students were very curious about the recent disasters in Japan. Some students were also curious about how to write their names in Japanese.

After the presentations, teachers approached the presenters and commented that it is such a great opportunity for the students.

JIAS is a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii. It is one of five JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned



A student shows off a Japanese winter P.E. uniform.

with the Hawaii Department of Education Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages. The major goal of JIAS is to nurture students’ sense of inquisitiveness and help them to look at objects and issues from different viewpoints. This is accomplished through a hands-on demonstration of items used by Japanese school

children in the classroom and challenging the children to explain the differences they see from how they learn. JASH believes teaching these concepts at an early age will make them more open-minded to new ideas and people of other cultures. The secondary purpose is to teach the children about Japan’s unique culture and to appreciate Hawaii’s special relationship with Japan.

Thanks to grants from donors such as the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, and JTB Goodwill Foundation that made this excursion possible. Also a special thanks to the new JASH intern Yuri Matsuoka who brought over a new *randoseru* (Japanese backpack) from Japan to use during JIAS presentations. 日本米

Akihito Scholar becomes Bishop of Honpa Hongwanji Mission

Eric Matsumoto, Crown Prince Akihito Scholar from 1984-1985 recently succeeded Bishop Thomas Okano as the new Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Bishop Matsumoto spent a year at the History department at Ryukoku University in Kyoto as an Akihito Scholar where, according to him, his interest in Buddhism was revived. Later, returning to Ryukoku University, Bishop Matsumoto completed his



Bishop Matsumoto

graduate studies in Shin Buddhism, became a minister and returned to Hawaii. Bishop Matsumoto sees his role as being a bridge between two cultures as he works to flow the Buddhist Dharma into Western culture.

All of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii and the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation congratulate Bishop Eric Matsumoto on this august occasion. Honpa Hongwanji Mission is the largest Buddhist denomination in the State of Hawaii and is also associated with the Pacific Buddhist Academy, a college preparatory school open to all faiths. 日本米

DFS Hosts Hawaii 5:01

JASH Corporate members and guests gathered in the third floor Luxury Room of the DFS Galleria Waikiki on Thursday, April 14 for a Hawaii 5:01 hosted by DFS Hawaii.

For many of the attendees, this was their first time stepping into the elegant Galleria since its major renovations. Attendees were able to shop around the Galleria and discover the wide range of retail items available tax-free on the 1st and 2nd floors, including extensive cosmetics and designer handbags departments, and a sweets department which includes select items from popular Big Island Candies, Honolulu Cookie Company and Godiva. The 3rd floor Luxury Room is designated for Duty Free shopping where an international boarding pass is required for purchases.


The evening started out with welcome remarks from JASH Chair and DFS Group Vice President Ms. Sharon Weiner. Attendees were then treated to delicious pupus and drinks provided by Kahala Caterers while enjoying traditional Japanese music performed by Ms. Yumiko Uyeno and Ms. Ayako Riggs on *koto* and Mr. Stanley Kawaguchi on *shakuhachi*.



JASH Chair and DFS Group Vice President Sharon Weiner welcomes guests.

At the end of the evening, attendees anxiously awaited for their *meishi* (business card) to be picked in a drawing. The three lucky winners, Mr. David Asanuma, Ms. Kana Aikawa and Mr. Darryl Toma, were each recipients of a \$50 DFS gift card.

JASH would like to send a big *mahalo* to Ms. Sharon Weiner and DFS Hawaii for generously hosting this Hawaii event. *Mahalo* also to Ms. Yumiko Uyeno, Ms. Ayako Riggs and Mr. Stanley Kawaguchi for their wonderful performances.

Hawaii 5:01 Programs are presented exclusively for Corporate, Board, Lifetime, and Senior Advisory Council members. The 5:01 provides an informal setting to meet new friends, renew acquaintances, and introduce potential members to the Society. 



L-R: Kana Aikawa, Sachiko Yamauchi, Godai Tokunaga, Hanako Hata and Mayuka Ogasawara.


Missouri...

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Led by tour guide George (center), JASH members explore inside the cramped quarters of the front gun turret.

President Harry Truman's home state was Missouri and his daughter Margaret Truman christened the USS Missouri in 1944. The surrender ceremony, led by General Douglas MacArthur, lasted for a mere 23 minutes. The ship was decommissioned on March 31, 1992.

JASH would like to extend a special thanks to Tomodachi Committee Co-chair Mrs. Hiroko Dewitz for arranging this special tour and the afternoon tea menu. We would also like to extend a big *mahalo* to the staff at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, especially USS Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. Special Events Manager Jackie McCormick, who arranged our event. Thank you to our informative tour guides Masaji, who led our Japanese speaking group, and George, who led our English speaking group. We would also like to thank Gourmet Events Hawaii for catering the afternoon tea event. 

21st Annual Friendship Golf Classic

It was a warm, sunny day for the Japan-America Society of Hawaii's Annual Friendship Golf Classic held on Wednesday, April 27. Participants enjoyed the sometimes challenging course at Pearl Country Club while supporting one of the Society's major fundraisers. Funds raised from the tournament support the Society's many programs including educational programs for Hawaii's youth.

Participants enjoyed several contests including a putting contest with a chance to win a \$5,000 cash split, a hole-in-one contest with a chance to win a \$10,000 cash split, as well as closest-to-the-pin and longest drive. Unfortunately, there was no putting contest or hole-in-one winner this year.

The first place team of Mr. Kent Sato and Mr. Ernie Tsubako with a net score of 63 received the perpetual trophy presented by Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo who also participated in the tournament. The team of Mr. Ken Garner

and Mr. Tsuneo Watanabe cheerfully received the booby prize with a net score of 90.

JASH would like to send a big *mahalo* to Tournament Sponsor First Insurance Company of Hawaii (FICOH) and all of the other major sponsors. *Mahalo* also to all the businesses and individuals who generously donated tournament prizes. JASH would also like to thank the 36 volunteers who made this event possible. Please see the complete list of sponsors, donors and volunteers on the next page. 



L-R: Booby prize winners Tsuneo Watanabe, Ken Garner, and JASH President Ed Hawkins.



Clockwise from top left: JASH President Ed Hawkins with first place winners Kent Sato and Ernie Tsubako, and Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo; FICOH team of Kelvin Uto, Colin Teraoka, Grace Kam and Steve Tabussi; Unicold Corporation team of Darryl Kawano, Masao Mitsui, Bruce Yamamoto and Kelvin Takushi; Tournament participant shows good form.

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Another Successful 5:01 Hosted by Hilton Hawaiian Village

For the past 15 years, the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa (HHV) has graciously hosted a JASH Hawaii 5:01 program, offering delicious pupus and drinks in a relaxed setting for those in attendance.

On Friday, June 10, about 130 JASH members and guests enjoyed food and conversation with lovely Hawaiian music playing in the background. Guests included members of Japan-America Society (JAS) Miyakonojo led by President Dr. Toshisuke Matsuura, who made their 15th annual appearance, as well as Akita JAS staff member Hiroko Sekiguchi and family. Attendees had the opportunity to reconnect with old acquaintances and meet new friends.

This annual event also introduces the year’s Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC) Junior Ambassadors (JA) to the membership. The six JAs will travel to Fukuoka, Japan next month to participate in the APCC. While at the APCC, the

JAs will perform a Hawaiian chant and hula which they debuted at the 5:01.

Located on Waikiki’s widest stretch of beach, the HHV features lush tropical gardens, waterfalls, exotic wildlife and priceless artwork. As Waikiki’s only true resort, the HHV offers guests the Village Experience: a perfect blend of luxurious accommodations, over 20 restaurants and lounges, shopping, recreational and cultural activities and nightly entertainment.

JASH would like to send a big mahalo to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa for hosting another successful 5:01 reception and for their continued support.

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JAS Miyakonojo President Dr. Matsuura greets Akita JAS staff member Hiroko Sekiguchi.



Attendees enjoy the camaraderie of renewing old friendships and meeting new acquaintances.

JAS Miyakonojo Participates in Waikiki Beach Cleanup for 15th Consecutive Year

Fifteen years ago, the JAS Miyakonojo joined JASH in providing community service to the City and County of Honolulu by participating in an annual Waikiki Ohana Workforce Beach Cleanup. Every year since then, JAS Miyakonojo President Dr. Toshisuke Matsuura, along with several members, have made the long trip from Kyushu to participate in the cleanup.

On Saturday, June 11, about 95 JASH members and friends participated in this year’s cleanup. The participants met bright and early at the famous Duke Kahanamoku Statue at Kuhio Beach Park where they enjoyed a breakfast and briefing by Waikiki Ohaha Workforce director Rich Egged before boarding a shuttle to the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach



JASH staff and friends help keep Waikiki’s beaches clean.

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Beach Cleanup...

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Beach Resort & Spa for the start of the cleanup.

Along with JAS Miyakononojo members, this year’s participants included the 2011 APCC JAs and the Bridge Club Hawaii members who participated as a community service activity. Bridge Club Hawaii is the alumni association of the Hawaii APCC delegates. Also joining was Akita JAS staff member Hiroko Sekiguchi and her family who were vacationing in Honolulu. The staff of Sendai’s I-Lion School in Honolulu also assisted.

JASH would like to thank the beach cleanup participants for generously dedicating their time. JASH would like to especially thank Dr. Matsuura and the members of JAS Miyakononojo for 15 years of joint community service and supporting JASH’s mission of “promoting understanding and friendships between the peoples of Japan and the United States

through the special and unique perspective of Hawaii.” 



JASH President Ed Hawkins (second from right) with JAS Miyakononojo members and friends.

Palolo...

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Students enjoy sharing their drawings with Mr. Tomita.

carefully placing each family member in relation to themselves. The goal was for the students to focus on the importance of family and family relationships. Many of the students really enjoyed sharing their creative drawings with Mr. Tomita!

The students’ artistic endeavors did not end here. Mr. Tomita will be creating an art piece using the students’ artwork upon his return to Japan. The students and teachers are very excited to see this final art project! Interestingly, Mr. Tomita was able to learn about typical American or local Hawaiian foods that the children often eat, including oatmeal and lau



Grade 1 Room A5 students with Mr. Tomita and their artwork.

lau, which people do not often eat in Japan! JASH would like to thank Mr. Tomita for a wonderful event, and Mr. James Jack, MA candidate at the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and former Crown Prince Akihito Scholar for arranging this event through JASH. A special thanks goes to Palolo Elementary School’s Principal, Ms. Ruth Silberstein, and Grade 1 teachers Ms. Lily Masuda and Ms. Suanne Kim for graciously hosting us and for the delicious school lunch! 



JASH is participating in *Give Aloha, Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program*. From Sept. 1 - 30, customers are invited to make donations of up to a cumulative total of \$249 per person.

JASH's five-digit registration code is 77966

JASH presents additional \$1 Million to the Japanese Red Cross

JASH Chair Sharon Weiner and JASH President Ed Hawkins visited the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) in Tokyo, Japan on June 27th and met with its President Mr. Tadateru Konoe. Ms. Weiner and Mr. Hawkins were in Japan on business related to the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship and took the opportunity to visit with JRCS. At the meeting, a check for \$1 Million from JASH and the people of Hawaii was presented. JRCS President Konoe expressed his appreciation to the people of Hawaii and promised to use all of the donated funds to provide relief in the disaster region. Mr. Konoe also promised to keep JASH informed of its activities.

With this donation, the total distribution from JASH and the people of Hawaii totals over \$3 million. Additional distributions will be planned as donations are received.

During the meeting, Mr. Konoe outlined the donations received from foreign countries and organizations, and addressed the issue of distribution to the victims and affected peoples. Mr. Konoe confirmed that distribution of compensation funds to the disaster victims has been slow. However, the distribution is handled by a committee composed of Japanese

government, prefecture, and other relief organizations of which the JRCS is just one party. The JRCS is working hard to make sure the committee makes compensation payments quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Konoe added that donations from “sister” Red Cross and Red Crescent societies are in a separate category and are used exclusively by the JRCS to fund direct relief to victims through efforts such as providing needed medical support, equipping temporary shelters with electrical appliances and bringing fresh water to evacuation areas. These funds are being used quickly. Funds donated by JASH and the people of Hawaii fall into this category because of a special agreement that was executed between JASH and the JRCS.

Mr. Hawkins provided an update to Mr. Konoe on the Rainbow for Japan Kids initiative to bring affected children from the disaster areas to Hawaii for physical and spiritual relief. Mr. Konoe thanked JASH and the people of Hawaii for this and all the generous outpouring of support.

Following the meeting, Mr. Hawkins met with JRCS Secretariat to arrange for periodic reporting of its activities in order to keep Hawaii’s donors informed of JRCS activities. 探訪



JASH Chair Sharon Weiner presents a check for \$1 million donated by the people of Hawaii for relief of the victims of the tragic earthquake and tsunami to JRCS President Mr. Tadateru Konoe at its Tokyo Headquarters. JRCS Vice President Yoshibaru Otsuka and JASH President Ed Hawkins accompanied.

More Photos of Ishinomaki, Japan



Some lots have already been cleared but others remain untouched since being damaged.



Scene of destruction in Ishinomaki City – houses missing from foundations; those standing are no longer habitable.



*L-R: Unknown student's ruler and lunch box partially buried in the sand surrounding a school;
The twisted street lamp and railings show the power of the tsunami.*

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 9 APCC Final Workshop, JASH Office
- 12 APCC Junior Ambassadors' pre-departure meeting with the Governor
- 14 James P. Zumwalt Luncheon, Hale Koa Hotel
- 14-25 APCC, Fukuoka, Japan
- 27-8/4 Rainbow for Japan Kids Project
- 30 APCC Post-Trip Meeting, JASH Office

AUGUST

- 30 Tomodachi Let's Talk Luncheon, Le Guignol

SEPTEMBER


- 1-30 Foodland's Give Aloha Annual Community Matching 3Gifts Program

New Corporate Member

Lighthouse Hawaii Magazine

Lighthouse Hawaii Magazine was launched in December of 2009, to be the “Lighthouse” for the Japanese communities in Hawaii and for those who frequent Hawaii. Our mission is to bring further prosperity to Japanese communities in Hawaii and enrich the lives of people in Hawaii.

Lighthouse Hawaii brings information that is useful for your daily lives such as health issues, educational matters, immigration laws, and marketing tips that may help your business. It will also fulfill your appetite for enjoyment with community and world news, entertainment news, special featuring articles, biography of recognized individuals within the community, food and restaurant guide, local event calendar and more!

Lighthouse Magazine was founded in 1989 in Los Angeles by two brothers from the Shikoku region of Japan. From a small garage, it has grown to be the most trusted and recognized Japanese media leader in Southern California. With over 20 years of experience, Lighthouse Hawaii Magazine promises to bring the same level of useful information and entertainment with more Hawaiian flavor for the local Japanese communities in Hawaii. 

JASH Donor Recognition

April - June 2011

Statesman \$5,000 - \$24,999

First Insurance Charitable Foundation
Friends of Hawaii Charities

Counselor \$1,000 - \$4,999

Ms. Mitsue Hanabusa

Diplomat \$250 - \$999

Anonymous

Colleague \$1 - \$249

Mr. Melvin Yamaki

Membership Updates

April - June 2011

New Corporate Member

88 Tees Hawaii	Regular
Fujii 3 Communications LLC	Entrepreneur
Hawaiian Airlines	Donor
Louis Vuitton Hawaii	Regular
Roy's Restaurant	Donor

New General Members

Mr. Kailoa Akaka	Student
Ms. Jocelyn Bonilla	Student
Ms. Michelle Daigle	Student
Mr. Kevan Elias	Student
Ms. Shyen Hirabayashi	Student
Mr. Dennis Kanemori	Individual
Ms. Karen Knudsen	Individual
Ms. Yuri Matsuoka	Individual
Mr. Ian Shigezawa	Student
Ms. Betsy Wo	Student

General Member Upgrades

Mr. Logan Takeda	Family
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