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Third Group of Rainbow for Japan Kids visits Hawaii



Kids enjoy the liberating freedom of the sand and surf at Bellows Beach.

Twenty-two elementary and middle school children (10 boys and 12 girls) from Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures visited Hawaii in March for nine days of cultural and educational programs under the Rainbow for Japan Kids (RFJK) project. The visits to Hawaii are timed with Japan's school holidays. Accompanying them were two chaperones, one from our partner in Japan the Bikki Organization that recruits the children, and the other a nurse who provided professional counseling to the students as some of them have lost parents or relatives in the tsunami. All have experienced trauma. Highlights of the visit this time was a trip to the Big Island for stay at Kilauea Military Camp and tours of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, a visit to Wahiawa Middle School and Leilehua High School for activities with students, camp stay with local Bridge Club Hawaii (BCH) children at YMCA's Camp Erdman, and an afternoon of water activities and BBQ at Bellows Beach with the same BCH members. Volunteers from Hawaii Senior Life's Nadeshiko Club prepared a sumptuous BBQ at Bellows Beach. Other volunteers provided chaperones while many supporters provided in-kind donations, such as hotel rooms at Pacific Beach Hotel, bentos from Warabeya and Natsunoya Teahouse, welcome reception and cultural performances at Royal Hawaiian Center, dinner at Five Star International

Buffet, and a dolphin show at The Kahala Hotel & Resort.

Renowned Japanese musicians Muneyuki Sato and Daizo Koshiba of the Bikki Organization joined by locals Manoa DNA and pianist Chiyo Flynn held a "Charity Talk Live" fundraising concert at the Hawaii Convention Center on the second to the last day of the RFJK visit. Proceeds from the concert support the RFJK project. The event was organized and sponsored by Hawaii Senior Life Enrichment Association and its Nadeshiko Club. As the finale,



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Four students from Onagawa City with Bikki Organization's Muneyuki Sato and Bridge Club Hawaii members.


the kids from Tohoku joined the entertainers by performing a song with the ukuleles they made courtesy of Alvin Okami and his staff at KoAloha Ukulele.

JASH would like to thank all the donors, volunteers, and supporters who make this program possible. We also acknowledge the support of the TOMODACHI Initiative that provided funding for this project. This time, the group included four children from



Performing ukulele in concert with entertainers Muneyuki Sato and Daizo Koshiba, accompanied by Manoa DNA.

Onagawa City in Miyagi Prefecture. These students were supported by a generous donation from Mrs. Susie Roos, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, with funds from the sale of her cookbook. All donors and supporters are listed in JASH's website, at www.jashawaii.org/jpnaid3.asp.

JASH and its supporters are committed to conducting this program for the next several years. Please see page 4 for more photos. 

JASH Hosts Visit of Sasebo Japan-America Society

Thirty two members of the Sasebo Japan-America Society (JAS) visited Hawaii recently as a part of their Society's 50th Anniversary commemoration events. The Sasebo JAS met with Commander, U.S.



Sasebo JAS President Kazuo Oniki and JASH President Ed Hawkins shake hands at the dinner reception.


Pacific Fleet as well as with members of the Nagasaki Kenjinkai. The Sasebo JAS enjoys a very close relationship with the U.S. Navy which has a base in that city. As part of its desire to further relationships with Hawaii organizations, the Sasebo JAS requested a

meeting with JASH. Sasebo JAS's President Kazuo Oniki and several members visited the JASH office for discussions. At that meeting, Mr. Oniki stated his desire to become closer to JASH because of our noted educational and cultural exchange programs and our



JASH and Sasebo JAS dinner party members in front of Natsunoya.

position in Hawaii close to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet. JASH hosted a dinner reception at the Natsunoya Teahouse that evening. Fourteen JASH members, including JASH Chair Sharon Weiner and several Directors attended. JASH Director and Sister Society Committee Chair Mike Leineweber welcomed the Sasebo visitors, followed by JASH President Ed Hawkins.

Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Oniki agreed to discuss potential future cultural and educational exchanges. The Sasebo JAS will return to Japan and offer proposals. 

JASH Holds Annual New Year Reception

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) welcomed the new year with its annual reception at historic Washington Place on January 25. Hawaii’s Governor Neil Abercrombie led a group of VIPs that included Honolulu’s Mayor Peter Carlisle, Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin, former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi, and Japan’s Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo. Special military guests included Hawaii State Adjutant General Major General Darryl Wong, Pacific Air Force Colonel Bradley Hammer, Pacific Fleet Dean Vaughn, Hickam 15 Wing Colonel Sam Barrett, Coast Guard 14th District Captain Timothy Close, and Japan Self Defense Liaison Office Colonel Jun Kamiosako. Other distinguished guests included former Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly and leaders of local Japanese-American organizations. Nearly 200 Society members and guests attended this gala event that is intended to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year and dedicate the Society to the tasks ahead.

This year was especially poignant because of the tragic earthquake and tsunami in Japan the previous March. JASH has been very prominent in the community, coordinating relief projects and donations, and launching a project called “Rainbow for Japan Kids” to bring children directly affected by the disaster to Hawaii for rest, recuperation, and physical/psychological relief. It was an opportunity to reflect on these accomplishments.

Honpa Hongwanji’s Bishop Eric Matsumoto offered the new year prayer, followed by an address by Governor Abercrombie who praised JASH for its work in promoting understanding and friendship with the people of Japan, and the importance of this

relationship to Hawaii and the peace and security of the region. Following his address, he joined Mayor Carlisle, Consul General Kamo, and Colonel Barrett in the traditional *kagamiwari* sake cask breaking ceremony.



The *kagamiwari* ceremony.

The Azami Quartet again provided this year’s music entertainment, followed by a lion dance “shishimai” performance by Jon Itomura and Ryukyu Hawaii members. The guests also enjoyed a performance by Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko incorporating Okinawan martial dance and drums. JASH would like to thank Stanford Carr and Stanford Carr Development for being the event sponsor again, The Cherry Company for donating the sake and equipment for the *kagamiwari*, and Paradise Beverages for donating wine. Special thanks go to Director Mike Leineweber and the Kokusai Sake Kai for providing a sake tasting opportunity during the event. 協日会米



(L) Ryukyu Hawaii opens the ceremony with a shishimai performance.
(Top) Governor Abercrombie gives welcoming remarks.





Ehime Maru Victims Remembered




Bereaved family members and attendees gather for a group photo.

February 9th is still an unforgettable date in Hawaii and in Japan. It's the date of the tragic accident between Uwajima Fishery High School training ship *Ehime Maru* and U.S. Navy Submarine USS *Greeneville*. On that day eleven years ago, nine Japanese crewmembers lost their lives, including four students. This year, three of the bereaved families attended a memorial service at Kakaako Waterfront Park, the site of the memorial erected in honor of the lost crew.

The service began with a prayer provided by Palolo Hongwanji's Reverend Irene Matsumoto. At precisely 1:43 p.m. (the time of the accident), a moment of silence was observed for the lost crew. Afterwards, flower wreaths were presented by the Consul General of Japan, Honorable Yoshihiko Kamo, followed by wreaths

from the Governor of Ehime, Mayor of Uwajima City (home port of the *Ehime Maru*), Ehime-Hawaii Friendship Association, and the Ehime Maru Memorial Association. Mayor Hirohisa Ishibashi of Uwajima attended the event and provided words of solace to those gathered. Following the short ceremony bereaved family members and friends draped several lei over the memorial and provided food offerings to the deceased.

The Ehime Maru Memorial Association, associated with the Japan-America Society of Hawaii, maintains the memorial, assists the bereaved with annual memorial services, and promotes Ehime-Hawaii relations through educational and cultural programs. More information can be found on the JASH website at www.jashawaii.org/emma.asp. 

More Rainbow for Japan Kids Photos...



(Top) With Hawaiian Culture trainer Ms. Mana Hasegawa after making ti leaf lei at Keaunohou Beach on the Big Island. (R) Coloring Easter Eggs with "Nakayoshi Club" and other students at Leilehua High School.




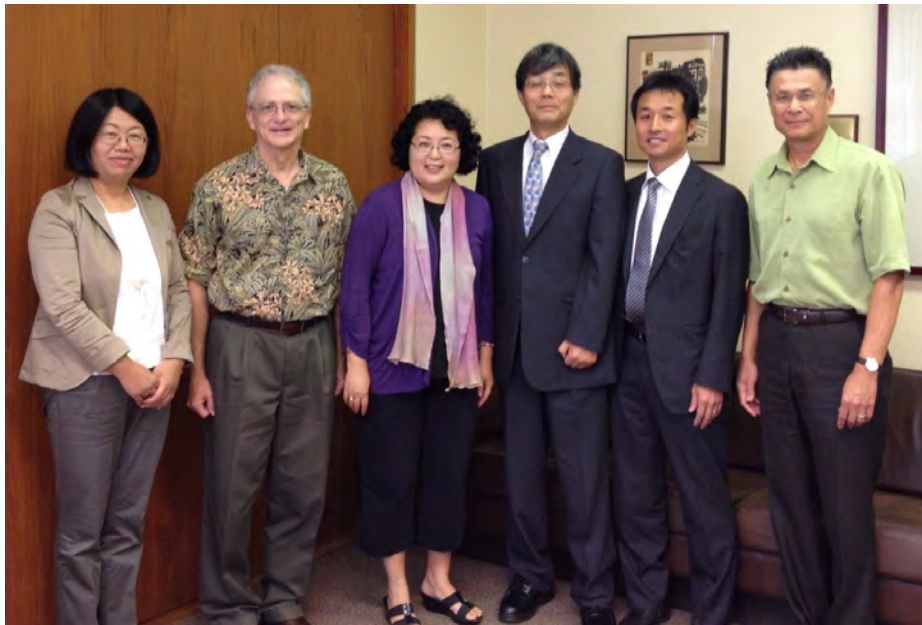
JASH Plans Future of Educational Exchange with Ehime

The year 2013 will mark the tenth anniversary of the start of educational exchange programs between Ehime Prefecture and Hawaii, goodwill measures put in place following the tragic accident between a high school training ship and a U.S. Navy submarine in waters off Honolulu that resulted in the loss of nine Japanese crewmembers, including four students. Two officials from Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC; administrator of the program) and one from the Ehime Government office visited Honolulu recently to discuss how to structure future educational exchange programs.

For 2012, EPIC will continue the program of hosting two University of Hawaii students for a three-month summer internship in Matsuyama, Ehime’s capital. However, the

Ehime government that funds this project wants to look at restructuring the present program to include programs for high school students. JASH has been the Hawaii action office for these programs, working closely with UH’s Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) to recruit and select students. JASH accompanied the Ehime visitors to several local schools to gauge their interest: Saint Louis School (Japanese club cleans the Ehime Maru Memorial),

Iolani School (winner of last year’s Japan Wizards competition), Kawanakoa Middle School (sister school with Ehime’s Uwajima Minami Junior High School). JASH will work with EPIC in the coming year to help develop this new direction in Ehime-Hawaii educational exchanges. 



JASH President Hawkins with Ehime visitors and UH CJS staff: (L-R) Ed Hawkins, Ryotaro Yano (Ehime International Affairs Division), Jun Morimoto (Director, EPIC), Gay Satsuma (Associate Director, CJS), Bob Huey (Director, CJS), Noriko Omori (Manager, EPIC).



Christopher Smith Selected as Akihito Scholar for 2012

University of Hawaii PhD candidate Christopher Smith has been awarded the prestigious Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship for academic year 2012. Mr. Smith was selected from a pool of outstanding applicants. The scholarship provides \$45,000 per year, which includes up to \$15,000 allowance for tuition and one time round trip economy class airfare between Hawaii and Japan. Mr. Smith’s proposed area of study is Japanese Literature and will be researching “the use of anachronism in Edo and



Christopher Smith, 2012 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship recipient.

contemporary Japanese literature” at Tokyo University.

The CPASF annually provides scholarships to University of Hawaii graduate students for study in Japan, and graduate students in Japan for study at the University of Hawaii. The Scholarship was established to commemorate the wedding of Crown Prince Akihito to Michiko Shoda in 1959 to promote good relations between U.S. and Japan, and

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JASH Sponsors Waipahu Students for Cultural Exchange with Nagaoka City


Attend a snow festival in Japan? That is what the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) proposed to Waipahu High School Japanese language students. Needless to say, they jumped at the opportunity. As a Title 1 school, it seldom gets such opportunities. As a continuation of steps leading to the establishment of sister city relations between Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture and City and County of Honolulu, JASH has actively supported educational and cultural exchanges between students in Nagaoka and Hawaii for the last several years. JASH hosted high school students from Nagaoka in 2010, and college students from Nagaoka when they attended the memorial ceremony of the Pearl Harbor attack last December 7th. This time, Nagaoka invited students from Hawaii to visit its “*Yukishika Matsuri*” snow festival in February.

Funding for this visit came from two major sources. JASH Board member and Education Programs

Committee Chair Jean Rolles provided the majority, while the City and County of Honolulu provided additional support as part of its promotion of the sister city initiative. Thanks to these two supporters, three students from Waipahu High School, two boys and a girl, accompanied by academic advisor Will Smith, were hosted over several days in February by Nagaoka’s Executive Committee for Developing a Bridge of Friendship between Japan and U.S.A.

Yukishika is a mound of snow the locals in Japan’s “Snow Country” built in the winter to preserve foods for the coming spring. These mounds have turned into a playground for children and the community, and a festival resulted. The program included enjoying the festival, a courtesy visit with Mayor Tamio Mori, home stay with local families, a

presentation about Hawaii’s culture to local university students, host families, and invited guests, and a visit to Japan’s famous hot spring *onsen* spa. Hawaii’s students were hosted by many of the same students who visited Hawaii in December, leading to the development of additional friendships and relationships.

Nagaoka and Honolulu will sign a formal sister city document during the Honolulu Festival in March 2012 when a fireworks display will be presented to the people of Honolulu as a gesture of peace and friendship. Nagaoka is the home town of Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto who planned the attack on Pearl Harbor and was firebombed by American forces at the waning stages of WWII. JASH is proud to have assisted in promoting reconciliation and mutual understanding through this new relationship. We look forward to supporting additional cultural and educational programs for students from Nagaoka and Hawaii in the future. 



Waipahu HS students Joel Maupin (far left), Tony Giang (fourth from left), and Tiffany Ganti (fifth from left) with Nagaoka host students.



Tiffany Ganti making a snow ball.

Forty-five Hawaii Teams Participate in Japan Wizards 2012

February 25th proved to be a very eventful Saturday at Kapiolani Community College (KCC), where the 9th annual Japan Wizards Statewide Academic Team Competition (JWC) was held. By 9:00 a.m., 45 teams representing 28 schools from Oahu, Hawaii, Kauai, and Maui were anxious to begin competing in the JWC, presented by overall sponsor Hawaiian Airlines.

Each year the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH) brings together high school teams from across the state for a challenging, fun-filled competition designed to motivate students to learn more about Japan and help them develop lifelong skills in research, teamwork, personal responsibility and operating under pressure. Registered teams are provided study guides in the fall which provides a list of topics to aid them in their preparation and studies, including art, contemporary Japan, culture and traditions, food, geography, history, Japan-Hawaii ties, literature, politics and government, sports, and Japanese language. The competition in February is a way for the students to show what they have learned, and compete for four trips to Japan for the top scoring public and private teams in Level

A (1st and 2nd year Japanese language students) and Level B (3rd and 4th year Japanese language students).

The Japan-America Society of Hawaii awarded plaques to the three top scoring teams in each level. In Level A, these were Maryknoll School (1st place), Punahou School (2nd place) and Waiakea High School (3rd place). The Level B winners were Kauai High School (1st place), Saint Andrew’s Priory School (2nd place), and Saint Francis School (3rd place).

The top scoring public schools to receive the Japan trip award were Waiakea High School (Hawaii) from Level A and Kauai High School (Kauai) for the Level B division. Maryknoll School (Level A) and Saint Andrew’s Priory School (Level B) were the recipients from the private school division. These teams (three students and an advisor each) will travel to Japan this summer to experience firsthand what they studied in the classroom and through independent research. This year’s Atsuhiko Tateuchi Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship went to overall top scoring team Maryknoll School, Level A.

Between competition rounds, students were

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JASH President Ed Hawkins with Hawaiian Airlines’ Mr. Hoyt Zia, JASH Chair Ms. Sharon Weiner, JTB Hawaii’s Mr. Keiichi Tsujino and Mr. David Asanuma, JASH Director Ms. Jean Rolles, Deputy Consul General Kazunari Tanaka and the four Japan Trip Award winning teams.

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(L) Students practice kendo moves in the Activity Center. (R) Volunteers assist students playing fukurwarai, a Japanese game similar to “pin the tail on the donkey”.

kept busy with the numerous activity stations in the Activity Center. These included origami, *gyotaku* fish printing, *karuta*, calligraphy, and Jeopardy to name a few. The Ken Yu Kai Kendo Club demonstrated Japanese *kendo* techniques and the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH Manoa) Department of Theatre and Dance provided a *rakugo* demonstration.

JASH would like to thank Hawaiian Airlines for sponsoring the Competition, and all the major supporters including ABC Stores, Atsubiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation, Friends of Hawaii Charities, Hawaii Hotel Industry Foundation, International Cultural and Friendship Association, Japan Foundation Los

Angeles, JTB Goodwill Foundation, The America-Japan Society of Tama Tokyo, and The Freeman Foundation. JASH would also like to thank all the contributors who provided prizes, snacks, drinks, and other donations that assisted with the competition. Many thanks and recognition goes to the 70 volunteers representing the JET Alumni Association of Hawaii, UH Manoa, KCC, and Hawaii Tokai International College to name a few. Without this tremendous support, the competition would not have been possible. Finally, our gratitude to the President, Chancellor and staff of Kapiolani Community College for the generous use of their facilities and for their support of the Japan Wizards Competition. 日米



Congratulations to Maryknoll School's Level A team (pictured with JASH Chair Sharon Weiner) for winning the Atsubiko Tateuchi Memorial Award for Outstanding Scholarship!



Students prepare for the Competition.

Mahalo!

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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Mahalo!

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2012 APCC Junior Ambassadors Selected


On January 28, JASH selected six 11-year-old students (three boys and three girls) from across the state to represent Hawaii as Junior Ambassadors (JAs) at the 24th Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention (APCC), which will be held in Fukuoka, Japan, from July 13–25, 2012. Hosted by the Fukuoka based NPO by the same name and supported 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 218 children from 42 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 42 applicants from 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: Christian James Bonilla (Holomua Elementary), Kurt Naguwa (Pearl Ridge Elementary), Gabriel Tom (Aina Haina Elementary), Kiana Favela (Holomua Elementary), Lauryn Sameshima (Mililani Ike Elementary) and Ava Williams (Sacred Hearts Academy).

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 42 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 to the song *Ulupalakua*, taught by Shayna Kim, daughter of Makua Dori Kim, a Hawaiian studies teacher at Aina Haina Elementary.

The first two workshops were held on Saturday, February 11 and March 3, 2012. At the first workshop, the parents also attended and had the opportunity to meet the 2011 delegates to hear their experiences in the program last year. At each workshop (and the ones in the coming months), the 2012 JAs will get to know each other better and learn more about their responsibilities as Junior Ambassadors representing Hawaii and the United States.

In addition to the six Junior Ambassadors, an additional delegate will be attending the APCC this summer. Korie Lum, a 2006 APCC JA and 11th grader at Moanalua High School, will be serving as a Peace Ambassador (PA) at the Convention. She was the only PA selected from Hawaii and will be joining 30 other Peace Ambassadors who have been selected worldwide. While at the APCC this summer, Korie will share the activities of Bridge Club Hawaii with other Peace Ambassadors from around the world in order to promote understanding and friendship and expand the network of worldwide Junior Ambassadors through the local Bridge Clubs. 



(L) The 2012 Asian-Pacific Children’s Convention delegates with chaperone Cheryl Parker and Peace Ambassador Korie Lum. (R) The delegates practice the hula they will perform in Japan.

The APCC Mission Project in Hawaii



Mission Project delegates and host families at the Welcome Ceremony.


After much planning and preparation by JASH Mission Project (MP) Coordinator, Yuri Matsuoka and JASH staff, 15 Japanese students and three chaperones from Fukuoka, Japan arrived in Honolulu on March 27 for a six-day visit. We were honored to be selected as a MP destination for the fourth time in the last five years.

Each summer, the Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) a non-profit organization based in Fukuoka has been very generous in sponsoring six of our Hawaii Junior Ambassadors (JAs) on a trip to Fukuoka. JASH was pleased to reverse roles and arrange for host families for the 15 visiting Japanese students. This year, in addition to Hawaii, other Mission Project program delegates were sent to Korea, Indonesia, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Australia and Maldives.

Established in 1994, each spring, the Mission Project program, sends Japanese children to different Asian and Pacific countries for home stay experiences. The goal is to enhance the Japanese children's understanding of their Asian-Pacific neighbors by learning about their lifestyles, culture and customs through first-hand experiences. The APCC hopes that the friendships the children establish through this program will continue well into the future. This is a 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 nine-17, stayed with host families and were able to experience local culture, food,

trips to the beach and many other fun activities. Many of the host families had children who had previously served as APCC JAs and thus, they had the experience of staying with a host family during their trip to Fukuoka. Others were families of JASH members or those who had some other connection to the APCC program. One of the highlights of the program was an opportunity to attend several days of school with their American hosts. JASH would like to extend a warm Mahalo to all of the principals of the respective schools for opening their classrooms and welcoming the Japanese students. On March 27, JASH sponsored a Welcome Ceremony at the airport conference center and was honored to have Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo in attendance. JASH also hosted an Appreciation Party for the host families and students at the Oahu Veterans' Center on March 30. In addition to the host families, several members of Bridge Club Hawaii (BCH) (APCC alumni association) and this year's JAs were in attendance. BCH members ran fun-filled Ice Breakers at the start of the Appreciation Party which helped to get everyone energized for the rest of the evening.

JASH would like to send a warm thank you to all of the host families for their generous hospitality in hosting the Japanese children during their trip to Honolulu. Mahalo also to 2012 APCC Chaperone Cheryl Parker and BCH founder Colby Takeda for all of their help with running this program. We hope that the friendships that have established with the children from Fukuoka and the host families will continue for many years to come. 

Hinamatsuri Celebration at the Japanese Consulate


On Wednesday, February 29, Consul General Yoshihiko Kamo and Mrs. Etsuko Kamo graciously opened their residence to the Japan-America Society of Hawaii’s annual Tomodachi Hinamatsuri program in celebration of Girl’s Day. Also known as the Doll Festival, Hinamatsuri is traditionally celebrated on March 3rd by Japanese families to wish for the happiness and good health of their daughters.

Guests were able to enjoy the Consulate’s beautiful seven-tiered *hinaningyo* display. Families traditionally start to display their dolls in February and take them down on March 4th. According to superstition, leaving the dolls up past March 4th will lead to a late marriage for the daughter. A special musical performance by Opera Singer Takamasa Yamamura with piano accom-



Guests enjoyed a performance by Opera Singer Takamasa Yamamura.

paniment by Misa Ninomiya put everyone in a festive spring mood. Yamamura performed the songs *Pour Un, La Fleur*, and *Koujou no Tsuki*. Guests were also treated to the unique collaboration of Yamamura singing the opera song *Koujou no Tsuki* while Segawa Senka performed a traditional Japanese dance to the music. The crowd applauded for an encore and were treated to the additional song *Sen no Kaze ni Natte* (A Thousand Winds).

Following the performances, Consul General and Mrs. Kamo invited guests to partake in special Hinamatsuri refreshments prepared by their personal chef. Tomodachi Planning Committee members also generously donated items such as mochi and bara-sushi. The Japan-America Society of Hawaii and the Tomodachi Planning Committee would like to send a big mahalo to Consul General and Mrs. Kamo for hosting this special event, and a special thanks to Mrs. Kamo for giving the opening remarks. We would also like to thank Takamasa Yamamura, Misa Ninomiya, and Segawa Senka for their beautiful musical collaboration. Thank you again to Tomodachi Planning Committee and JASH member Ray Tabata for taking photos for this event. 




Segawa Senka performs a traditional Japanese dance to the tune of *Koujou no Tsuki* (The Moon over the Ruined Castle).

Crown Prince...

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so far has provided scholarships to 138 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.

The scholarship is administered by the Japan-America Society of Hawaii (JASH). Those interested in applying for the scholarship are directed to the JASH website at <http://jashawaii.org/cpas.asp>. 

Calendar of Events

APRIL

- 26 22nd Annual Friendship Golf Classic, Pearl Country Club
- 28 Go For Da Record...Hana Hou!, Blaisdell Arena

MAY

- 2 Spring Japan Day, Hawaii Tokai International College
- 9 Tomodachi Manoa Heritage Center
- 19 APCC Workshop, JASH Office
- 19 Visitor Industry Charity Walk, Ala Moana Park

JUNE

- 8 Hilton Hawaii 5:01, Hilton Hawaiian Village
- 9 Waikiki Beach Cleanup, Waikiki Beach
- 23 APCC Workshop, JASH Office

JULY

- 13-25 APCC, Fukuoka, Japan
- 19 Tomodachi Honouliuli Tour

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Joining JASH will be an extension of our existing commitment and we look forward to a long and active relationship in assisting the Hawaiian, American and Japanese communities and contributing to a better world.

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IDEC looks forward to working with JASH and with the Hawaiian and Japanese communities to continue our commitment to our principle of doing good for society. 