

Gov. Ige Speaks at JASH 39th Annual Dinner; JASH Recognizes Bridge Awardees

September 24, 2015 — Orange and green — the colors of Ehime Prefecture — set a festive theme for the nearly 500 guests at JASH's 39th Annual Dinner at the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Coral Ballroom.

Governor David Ige, who delivered the keynote speech, shared a thoughtful story about the beginning of his political career with the mentorship of then-governor George Ariyoshi. Gov. Ige acknowledged the importance of the U.S.-Japan relationship and the special position that Hawaii has in the alliance, and he thanked JASH for its role in promoting relations between Japan and Hawaii. The governor urged JASH members to continue to be a society of global leaders and visionaries.

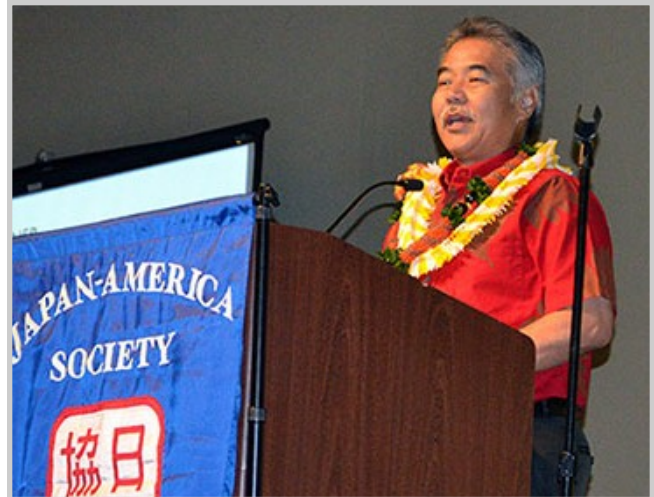
At the dinner, JASH also presented Bridge Awards to Mr. Kenneth Saiki and to the United Japanese Society of Hawaii (UJSH). JASH recognized Mr. Saiki, Director of the Ehime Maru Memorial Association, for his extraordinary devotion and support of Ehime following the unfortunate accident of the Ehime Maru in 2001. JASH honored the UJSH for its vital assistance in the aftermath of the incident. Mr. Cyrus Tamashiro, President of UJSH, received the award on behalf of UJSH.

(more photos on page 2)

Top photo: Governor David Ige delivers the keynote address.

Middle photo (L to R): Asia-Pacific Children's Conference (APCC) Delegate Landon Kimura; Mr. Kenneth T. Saiki, Director, Ehime Maru Memorial Society; Mrs. Kumiko Saiki; and APCC Delegate Gia Ma.

Bottom photo: Mr. Cyrus Tamashiro accepts the Bridge Award on behalf of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii.



Annual Dinner — continued from page 1



Top left: The crowd gathers before the program begins.



Top right (L to R): Brigadier General Kevin Schneider, JASH President Lenny Yajima, Ms. Karen Ward, and Rear Admiral Patrick Piercey.



Bottom right: Guests share a kanpai with sake donated by The Cherry Company.

Mahalo to the JASH Annual Dinner Event Sponsors



VIP Reception Sponsor



Platinum Table Sponsors



Ms. Jean Rolles

Gold Table Sponsors



MR. HOWARD HAMAMOTO MR. DAN DINELL NAI ChaneyBrooks

Silver Table Sponsors

Carlsmith Ball LLP	Kobayashi, Sugita & Goda
Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation	Matson
Ehime Maru Memorial Association	MIS Veterans Club of Hawaii
E Noa Corporation	Myland Hawaii
Hawaiian Airlines	Pacific Guardian Life
Howard Hughes Corporation	Servco Foundation
Island Insurance Companies	Shidler College of Business
JTB Hawaii	Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations

Student Table Sponsors

Accuity LLP
 Halekulani Corporation
 Ms. Susan Kosasa (2)
 Dr. Glenn Miyataki/Goeas Group

Japan-in-a-Suitcase Visits King Kamehameha III Elementary in Lahaina



August 27, 2015 — JASH delivered Japan in a Suitcase (JIAS) program to 136 second graders at King Kamehameha III Elementary School in Lahaina, Maui, thanks to a grant given by the Atsuhiko and Ina Goodwin Tateuchi Foundation.

JASH presenters encouraged students to examine Japanese artifacts and photos, and compare their lives with those of their Japan counterparts. Through this hands-on experience, JASH nurtured the students' sense of curiosity about Japan as well as their appetite for other cross-cultural experiences.



JIAS — a free program offered to elementary schools in Hawaii — is one of five JASH educational programs aimed at teaching the concept of different perspectives and is aligned with the Hawaii Department of Education Content Standards for Social Studies and World Languages.

Top: JIAS Volunteer Becky Ebisu teaches the students the lyrics to the song Twinkle Twinkle Little Star in Japanese.

Bottom: Students learn instruction in Japanese.

A Fond Aloha to Departing JASH Summer Interns

College student **Mari Erdman** assisted JASH staff with creating and organizing events for the Hawaii community, including the September Beer Garden Event at Buho Cocina y Cantina.



Iolani Senior **Naomi Natori** assisted with various programs. Her most memorable experience was visiting the Ehime Memorial in Kakaako, and meeting navy and marine officers from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force.



Iolani Senior **Landon Sur** helped Educational Program Director Liz Barrera prepare for the educational programs that will take place throughout the 2015-2016 school year.



Nearly 10 Years Later, JASH Sister School Relationships Thrive



Top: Teachers from Kin Junior High School and Kapolei Middle School present JASH President Lenny Yajima with a paddle recognizing the relationship between the two schools.

Bottom: Students from Uwajima Minami Junior High School learn how to play POGs at a JASH office visit on July 31.

July 31, 2015 — A delegation of nearly 20 students and teachers from Uwajima Minami Junior High School visited the JASH staff. A few days after, on August 3, JASH welcomed a delegation of nearly 20 students and teachers from Kin Junior High School and Kapolei Middle School to its Kapiolani Blvd. office. Both delegations expressed their thanks and appreciation to JASH for establishing their sister school relationship nearly ten years ago.

Each summer, students from Kin JHS and Kapolei MS participate in one-week home stays in each other's cities in alternating years. This year marked the fifth student exchange since the program began.

In 2006, JASH's Sister School Relationship Program, made possible by a generous grant from the Freeman Foundation, established long-term sister school relationships between middle schools in Hawaii and junior high schools in Japan. The Program connected Kawanakoa Middle School (Honolulu) with Uwajima Minami Junior High School (Ehime), and Kapolei Middle School (Kapolei) with Kin Junior High School (Okinawa).

**Complete versions of articles
in this newsletter may be read on
the JASH website
www.jashawaii.org**