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Tyler Tokioka Assumes Leadership of the JCCH Board of Directors

For the past 25 years, the Tokioka family have been loyal members and committed volunteers to the mission of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH). For decades, they have given their time unconditionally both to the Center and the diverse community that it serves. That legacy continues as Tyler Tokioka, a Sansei (third generation), takes the helm and now leads the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's Board of Directors.

Tyler is the second generation from his family to take an active leadership role in the Cultural Center. His father, Lionel Tokioka, and uncle, Franklin Tokioka, were instrumental in the creation and planning of JCCH more than 25 years ago.

"I was happy people placed their confidence in Tyler to lead the organization," said Tyler's father Lionel Tokioka. "It's an important role and I know he will do his best to contribute."

Tyler first became involved with the Cultural Center in 2002 when he joined the JCCH Board of Governors. He served on the board for four years before taking the lead as chairman. During his service on the Board of Governors, Tyler headed the committees of many of the Center's most notable events including the New Year's 'Ohana Festival and the annual gala dinner.

Tyler assumed a seat on the JCCH board of directors in 2008. During his term on the board, he served as chair of the Fundraising Committee and as vice chair on the Executive Committee.

"Tyler Tokioka is the right person to lead the board in the coming year as we look to develop new programs, increase membership and expand our outreach to the neighbor islands," said Carole Hayashino, president/executive director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. "Tyler is respectful of our past, but he is also keenly aware of the changing demographics of our community. He will help us lead the change to build a stronger organization. I am looking forward to working with him."

Tyler is currently vice president - external affairs for Island Insurance Companies. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington and a Master's in Business Administration from New York University Stern School of Business. He is a graduate of Punahou School.

In addition to his service to JCCH, Tyler is also a board member of the CPCU Society Hawai'i Chapter, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, 'Ahahui Koa Anuenue, and 'Olelo. He was also recently named one of *Hawaii Business Magazine's 20 for the Next 20: People to Watch in 2012*.



"I want to thank the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, past chairs, board members, staff, volunteers and everyone who has brought the center to what it is today," said Tyler Tokioka, chairman of the JCCH Board of Directors. "I look forward to working with President Carole Hayashino in moving the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i in a new exciting direction as we look to Honor our Heritage, Embrace our Diversity and Share our Future for the people of today, like my wife, Jody, and my daughter, Ally, and for generations to follow."

Tyler will serve as chairman of the board for next two years. Please join us in welcoming Tyler into his new role.

(Photo right): Tyler Tokioka with his wife Jody and daughter Ally.

President's Message

Aloha JCCH Family and Friends:

This issue of *Legacies* marks the middle of summer and a calendar filled with out-of-state visitors, obon festivals, the beginnings of a new fiscal year and change in leadership of our board of directors.

It's not easy to say good bye to our longest-serving board member, Ron Ushijima. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to someone who provided steadfast leadership for 18 years as a volunteer director. I want to also acknowledge Donn Ariyoshi, who, after serving two terms, is stepping off the board. Donn comes from a family tradition of community service and we were fortunate to be a beneficiary of his volunteerism. I've also had the great pleasure of working with JCCH Chairman Curt Otaguro. Curt provided the leadership needed during a critical organizational transition and led us to our 25th anniversary celebration.

In the coming months, we'll continue to commemorate our 25th anniversary with our Gala Dinner on Saturday, September 8 at the Sheraton Waikiki. The evening will pay tribute to our founders, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and outstanding members including Ron Ushijima, Raymond and Betsy Sekiya, Jane Kurahara and Betsy Young. But our 25th anniversary isn't only about the past. We celebrate this milestone as a pathway to our future and our next 25 years. Our past success gives us the confidence to strengthen partnerships with groups like the National Park Service and encourages us to forge new partnerships with organizations like Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation.

We recently had the great pleasure of hosting Kristi Yamaguchi and her family at the Cultural Center. She spent a morning touring the Center, meeting with board members and staff, and watching our docents lead her children through our permanent historical exhibit, *Okage Sama De*. She concluded the visit with a check presentation to JCCH that will support and expand our cultural educational programs to the neighbor islands.



As we recommit to our mission statement, I invite you to join us—help us to live up to the promise of being a “vibrant resource” and to “educate future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawai‘i.” Celebrate JCCH: Honoring, Embracing and Sharing Hawai‘i, now and for the future.

--Carole Hayashino
President/Executive Director

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Mission Statement:

To be a vibrant resource, strengthening our diverse community by educating present and future generations in the evolving Japanese American experience in Hawaii. We do this through relevant programming, meaningful community service and innovative partnerships that enhance the understanding and celebration of our heritage, culture and love of the land. To guide us in this work we draw from the values found in our Japanese American traditions and the spirit of Aloha.



Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream Foundation Donates \$10,000 to JCCH

Kristi Yamaguchi, her family, and board members from the Always Dream Foundation toured the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i on July 11 and presented a check for \$10,000 to fund the Center's Discovery Box program. For the past 15 years, the Cultural Center has provided interactive guided tours of its historical exhibit and hands-on cultural lessons for Hawai'i students Kindergarten to the 3rd grade. This donation from the Always Dream Foundation will help ten O'ahu classrooms and one classroom from a neighbor island to visit the center.



(Above): Representatives from the Always Dream Foundation and Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i in front of the ceremonial \$10,000 check.

Thank You Governor Abercrombie!



Hawai'i State Governor Neil Abercrombie called it a "moment of reflection" as he signed into law Senate Bill 2678, Relating to Honouliuli, World War II Confinement Site on Friday, July 6.

SB 2678, introduced by State Senator Will Espero and co-authored by State Senator Carol Fukunaga, requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to establish a Honouliuli advisory group to develop recommendations for an educational resource center at the Honouliuli site; requires report to 2013 legislature; appropriates \$100,000 for the activities of the advisory group; and requires that the state funds be matched by federal, private, or other external funds.

(Above): Representatives from the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, Japanese American Citizens League - Honolulu Chapter, National Park Service, and current landowner, Monsanto Hawaii, were invited to witness the bill signing ceremony.

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Thinking Out Loud, presented by the Japanese Center of Hawai'i, KZOO 1210AM, and the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, broadcasts from the KZOO Radio Shirokiya Studio in Ala Moana with new exciting guests and topics that keeps the community talking. For the most updated listing of shows, please visit our website at www.jcch.com.

25th Anniversary Gala

"I commend the JCCH on its tireless devotion in promoting and preserving the values, interests and traditions of the Japanese American community in Hawai'i. Your tremendous work helps strengthen Japan-US relations by drawing on the unique perspective of Japanese Americans living in Hawai'i...the JCCH is an invaluable asset to our local community helping to preserve our way of life and identity while contributing to our vibrant local 'ohana..."

U.S. Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa

Message to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, June 3, 2012

On June 3, the Cultural Center kicked off its 25th anniversary with a special reception and unveiling of the newly renovated *Okage Sama De: I am what I am because of you* Historical Gallery.

The 25th anniversary continues its year-long celebration with a gala banquet on Saturday, September 8, 5:00 pm at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Hawai'i Ballroom.

Honorees for the anniversary gala include an organization and individuals who have helped make the Cultural Center what it is today: The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC), Ronald Ushijima, Raymond and Betsy Sekiya, Jane Kurahara and Betsy Young.

In 1986, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC) initiated the Japan-Hawai'i Cultural Center project, "The Dream" to bring together organizations committed to preserving the legacy and history of our Issei pioneers. The chamber accepted the challenge and responsibility to create a cultural center. Guided by this vision, the chamber and other community organizations, established the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH). JCCH was born and officially incorporated as a non-profit organization on May 28, 1987.

Ronald Ushijima is one of the Center's founders and a man who has served in a leadership role for over 26 years. A former president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Ron Ushijima served as the Chamber's representative to the JCCH board for 18 years. During his tenure on the board, Ron provided institutional knowledge to the board and became a friend and mentor to staff.

Raymond and Betsy Sekiya are two very familiar faces around the center. Raymond Sekiya is a former chairman of the JCCH board of directors, long-time volunteer and currently working on the exhibit: *Pride of Hawai'i: Japanese American Amateur Athletes*. His wife Betsy Sekiya is also a long-time volunteer for the center. Betsy volunteers as a gallery interpretive guide leading school and groups and tours through the *Okage Sama De* exhibit. She also volunteers as one of the center's treasured ikebana arrangers and gallery greeters.

The gala will also recognize two outstanding JCCH volunteers with the inaugural *Spirit of JCCH* Award. Jane Kurahara and Betsy Young have collectively volunteered over 35 years and have led our efforts to research and preserve the World War II confinement at Honouliuli.



(left to right) Jane Komeiji, Curt Otaguro, Mayor Peter Carlisle, and Carole Hayashino applaud the unveiling of *Okage Sama De*.

25th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, September 8
5:00 pm

Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Hawai'i Ballroom

Sponsor Tables:

Shogun: \$10,000

Daimyo: \$5,000

Bushi: \$2,500

Individual Seats:

\$250 (non-member)

\$175 (JCCH member)



It's organizations and individuals like these as well as members and supporters like all of you that helped make the Cultural Center live up to its promise to preserve our heritage, embrace our diversity and share our future.

Your support of our 25th Anniversary Gala will help us to honor our past and ensure that we can continue our work for generations to come. Please join us on Saturday, September 8. For more information on our honorees or our 25th anniversary please check our website jcch.com or call (808) 945-7633.

(left to right) Gala honorees Raymond Sekiya, Betsy Sekiya, Wayne Ishihara, Ronald Ushijima, Betsy Young, Jane Kurahara, and President/Executive Director Carole Hayashino.

Board of Directors

Aloha Board Members!

The Cultural Center bids farewell to two outstanding board members.

Donn Ariyoshi has served the Cultural Center since 2002 after joining the Save the Center committee. He was later asked to create and chair the board of governors in 2003 and lead the board for three years. In 2004, Donn was instrumental in growing the popular New Year's 'Ohana Festival and the annual fundraising dinner. In 2006, he joined the board of directors while continuing to serve on the planning committees for the center's two biggest events.



Ronald Ushijima has served the center in active leadership roles for over 26 years and is considered one of the founders of JCCH. Ron is a former president of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce and served for many years as the HJCC's perpetual board member to the JCCH board of directors. Ron also served as the vice chair/secretary of the JCCH board of directors and chairman of the Governance Committee for a number of years.



Please join us in extending our gratitude and best wishes to Donn Ariyoshi and Ronald Ushijima!

Photo (above): Donn Ariyoshi and Curt Otaguro; (below) Ronald Ushijima and Curt Otaguro

Mahalo Curt!

The Cultural Center extends its deepest appreciation to Curt Otaguro for serving the Center as chairman of the JCCH Board of Directors for the past two years. Curt leaves his post as chairman but will continue to serve an extra year as a member of the board. Mahalo Curt for your service!



Photo: Curt Otaguro passes the chairmanship to Tyler Tokioka.

Welcome Board Members!

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC) appointed **Howard Hanada** as HJCC's perpetual member representative to the JCCH board of directors. Born and raised in Wailuku, Howard earned



a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at Oklahoma State University and his MBA from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. Following his service in the U.S. Army, Howard worked at Grant Thornton LLP, a national certified public accounting firm, from 1976 and served in various positions including audit partner, office managing partner, and quality assurance partner. After retiring from Grant Thornton LLP, in 2010, he began working with Arcadia Community Services. Howard will serve as chair of the Governance Committee and will sit on the Executive and Budget & Finance committees for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The Cultural Center also likes to welcome **Leigh-Ann Miyasato** to the board of directors. Leigh-Ann is president of Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i, a nonprofit



organization that encourages entrepreneurial companies to engage in community service and philanthropy. She was formerly vice president of DragonBridge Capital, a merchant bank for Chinese technology companies, and Executive Director of HiBEAM, an accelerator for early stage Hawai'i technology companies. Previously, she was an attorney concentrating on commercial and other civil litigation. Leigh-Ann will be serving a new three-year term that will expire on June 30, 2015. Leigh-Ann sits on the Facilities & Operations and Budget & Finance committees.

Please join us in welcoming Howard Hanada and Leigh-Ann Miyasato to the JCCH 'ohana.

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of \$3,000 to our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon!**

Annual Membership Meeting

Dear Members,

We are excited to announce the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i's Annual Membership Meeting on **Saturday, August 4 at 10:00 am in the Gallery Theater.**

At the meeting, the JCCH Board of Directors will report on the status of the Cultural Center for the fiscal year 2011-2012 and future plans for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Free validated parking will be provided for members and all are invited to attend the official exhibit opening of *Pride of Hawai'i: Japanese American Amateur Athletes*. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Park, Director of Communications & Development at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 27 or email park@jcch.com.

All JCCH members that attend the Annual Membership Meeting will receive a 25th Anniversary Commemorative gift.

With warm regards,



Carole Hayashino
President/Executive Director



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Membership directly supports the educational and cultural programs and exhibitions at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i!

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- ☐ \$50 **Family** (two adults + two children 17 and under)
- ☐ \$35 **Individual**
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Calendar of Events

Pride of Hawai'i: Japanese American Amateur Athletes

August 4 – September 29

Opening Ceremony: Saturday, August 4 at 11:30 am

Sports has long played an important role in the Japanese American community in Hawai'i and many outstanding athletes have emerged from it. This exhibition tells the story of the best of the best: those local Japanese American amateur athletes who reached the pinnacle of their sports at the national or international level. Divided into three sections--Olympic stars, national champions, and All-Americans--Pride of Hawai'i: Japanese American Amateur Athletes will bring back memories of old favorites and introduce you to less-known stories. Told through rare photographs, objects and informative text, Pride of Hawai'i will touch, inform, and inspire.



Photo (left): Ford Konno at the Honolulu Pool in 1951. In 1952 he won two Gold Medals at the Helsinki Olympics and a Silver Medal in the Melbourne Olympics in 1956.

Talk Story/Book Signing with Tommy Kono
Saturday, August 25 at 10:30 am; Gallery Theater

Shippoyaki Workshop

August 17

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

August 18

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



The popular Shippoyaki workshop is back! Led by award-winning enamel and cloisonné artist, Kazuko Inomata Sensei, students will learn to make their own one-of-a-kind ornamental pieces in which various colors of enamel are used to produce unique designs on a base of metal or ceramic object.

Registration deadline: Friday, August 12

Cost per day:

- \$15 for JCCH members
- \$20 for non-members

In addition to registration fees, students pay \$5 for materials to Inomata Sensei on the day of the workshop. Cash is preferred!

For reservations or more information, contact Derrick Iwata at (808) 945-7633 Ext. 25 or email at iwata@jcch.com.