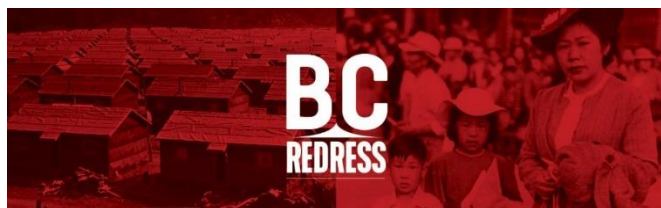


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Update

The NAJC met with the BC Government on February 7, as a follow up to the delivery of the Redressing Historical Wrongs Community Consultations Report in November of last year.

The BC Government indicated its formal response was delivered by Minister Lisa Beare at the time the report was received. (You can find the video of the Minister's response online [HERE](#).)

At our request, the Government agreed it would prepare a detailed written response to describe how it intended to respond to the Report's recommendations. We have not yet received this response.

It was also agreed during this meeting that the NAJC would develop the Report into a concrete and costed proposal that we would present to the BC Government.

We are undertaking this work now, breaking down the Report, Appendices and validating input from organizations providing programs and services within the community.

We look forward to updating you as this work progresses.

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NAJC President's Message

February



By Lorene Oikawa

January has flown by so fast as quickly as the rat that leapt its way to be first in the 12 year zodiac.

This Year of the Rat sees the NAJC moving forward with great energy. We are continuing work on BC Redress to honour the 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were uprooted, dispossessed, and interned. We will be meeting with the BC government this month, and will have more to share. Check the NAJC communications for up-to-date information.

News such as links to media stories <https://bit.ly/39EorMF> are posted on the NAJC website, najc.ca. Watch for our communication in the Nikkei Voice, The Bulletin, regular newsletters, and social media.

Please provide the NAJC with your current email address to continue to receive the NAJC e-news or sign up at our website to start receiving the latest information. <http://najc.ca/subscribe/>. Members

会長のメッセージ 2020年2月

ロリン・オイカワ

今年の十二支はネズミですが、2020年1月は確かにネズミが走るようにあっという間に終わりました。

そして今年 NAJC もネズミのように活発に前進するでしょう。私達は今年もブリティッシュ・コロンビア州リドレス運動を続けて、自分たちのコミュニティーから追放され、財産を没収され、強制収容所に入れられた2万2千人の日系カナダ人の名誉を回復します。私達は2月にブリティッシュ・コロンビア州政府と会います。リドレスの進捗状況はその都度、皆様にお知らせします。NAJC と皆様の間のコミュニケーションに注意しててください。

メディアに載った NAJC 関係の記事へのリンク

<https://bit.ly/39EorMF> は NAJC のウェブサイト najc.ca にあります。また「日系ボイス」、「ザ・ブレイティン」、定期発行の NAJC ニュースレター、その他ソーシャル・メディアも御覧ください。

NAJC の電子ニュースレターを受け取りたい方は電子メールアドレスの更新を忘れずにお知らせください。新しく受け取りたい方は [NAJC ウェブサイト http://najc.ca/subscribe/](http://najc.ca/subscribe/) から登録してください。NAJC は現在ウェブサイトの構成を新しくしています。例えば NAJC 寄贈基金への申込み用紙を改定して申込みと審査過程を易しくしています。ちなみに寄贈基金の文化開発プログラムと SEAD(スポーツ、教育、芸術発展)プログラムへの申込み最終受付日は3月31日です。また

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will continue to receive regular member newsletters.

We are also busy refreshing the content on our website. For example, for the NAJC Endowment Fund, we will be using a new application form to streamline the process and make it easier to collate the information. The deadline for the Cultural Development Fund and SEAD (Sports, Education, and Arts Development) Program under the NAJC Endowment Fund is March 31. For member and supporting organizations, the Community Development Fund, which addresses capacity building, has a new application form. More information is listed under Funds and Awards on the NAJC website.

The NAJC continues to work collaboratively with the community. For example, the Landscapes of Injustice project, a seven-year, multi-partner research project exploring the forced dispossession of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. As vice-chair of the steering committee, I met with the committee to discuss the upcoming, Landscapes of Injustice book coming out this spring, and in the fall, a presentation of other resources such as a public history website, teacher resources and a museum exhibit. The results of this project will be shared with a large and diverse audience.

We are also working with the community in Port Alberni to support the school district's plan to change the name of an elementary school named after A.W. Neill, a BC politician whose racism is well documented.

Our local member organizations also continue to share Japanese Canadian stories, arts, and culture. Please support their events as they are helping preserve the history of our ancestors, educating people, and helping to build inclusive and welcoming communities.

Through our connections we made in COPANI XX in San Francisco, we have been asked to share information about a historic event being organized by Tsuru for Solidarity. The National Pilgrimage to Close the Camps will take place in Washington DC on June 5-

NAJC 正会員団体および協賛会員団体用のコミュニティー開発プログラムへの申込用紙も新しくなりました。このプログラムは組織力強化に適しています。これらのプログラムの詳細は NAJC ウェブサイトの「基金と奨励金」のページに載っています。

NAJC は日系カナダ人社会と協力してプロジェクトを推進しています。例えば「不正義の風景」プロジェクトがあります。この7年間にわたるプロジェクトは多くの協力者とともに日系カナダ人が第二次世界大戦中に強制的に財産を没収された歴史を調べています。私はこのプロジェクトの委員会の副委員長をしています。このプロジェクトの結果をまとめた本が今年の春に出版されます。そして秋にはプロジェクトの結果を公開するためのウェブサイトの開設、プロジェクトの内容を教材に使うための教師用資料、博物館での展示などが企画されています。このプロジェクトの成果を広く多様な聴衆に公開するためです。また NAJC ではバンクーバー島のポート・アルバーニ市と協力して、この市にある A.W.ネイル小学校の名称を変更することを考えています。A.W.ネイルはブリティッシュ・コロンビア州の政治家でしたが、その人種差別の行動がよく記録に残っているからです。

カナダ全国の日系カナダ人社会はそれぞれに日系カナダ人の話をカナダ人一般に伝える努力をしています。皆様もどうぞこのような活動を支援して、日系カナダ人の歴史を保持して皆に伝え、カナダが真に誰でも受け入れる社会になることに貢献してください。

NAJC は昨年秋にサンフランシスコで行われた COPANIXX に参加しましたが、この時に会った人達との縁で、NAJC は「鶴の連帯」というプロジェクトに参加するように要請されました。2020年

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7, 2020. Japanese Canadians are invited to participate along with Japanese Americans and allies. The goal of the pilgrimage is to unify and heal, and to stand in solidarity with immigrants and all people of colour who are being targeted by racist policies reminiscent of what happened to Americans and Canadians of Japanese ancestry. Participants will bring 125,000 paper cranes to be placed on the fence around the White House. Each crane represents a Japanese American and Japanese Latin American incarcerated in camps in the USA during World War 2. For more information about how to participate and the agenda, please go to the Tsuru for Solidarity website at <https://bit.ly/2GqQLV7>

Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying takes place on February 26. The focus for 2020 is to “lift each other up.” A good message for every day. Enjoy more time with family and loved ones on Family Day, and have a happy, healthy, hopeful rest of 2020!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE NAJC!

There are numerous other voluntary positions that we are seeking to fill **IMMEDIATELY** on our many committees.

If you ever wanted to get more involved with your national association, here is your chance! There are various positions available, requiring differing levels of involvement and commitment.

To express your interest in volunteering, apply online! Go to

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejTwCSTEmmjH5A9eqAWYOle8GzUI_as-kYO2zwCZC0v8DezQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

じて人種差別に対抗するものです。日系カナダ人と日系アメリカ人の参加者は全部で12万5千の折り鶴をホワイトハウスの回りの柵の下においてきます。折り鶴の一羽一羽は第2次世界大戦中に米国の強制収容所に入れられた日系アメリカ人とラテンアメリカの日系人一人一人を象徴しています。「鶴の連帯」の詳細は

<https://bit.ly/2GqQLV7> にあります。

2月26日は「いじめ」に対抗する「ピンクシャツの日」です。今年は「お互いに励ましあおう」がテーマです。すべての日のための良いメッセージです。それでは皆様、ファミリー・デイを家族や愛する人々と共に楽しんでください。そして2020年の残りの日々が皆様にとって幸せで健康な希望にあふれる年でありますように。

Sports, Education, and Arts Development and Cultural Development Funds

A reminder that the annual deadline for applying to the NAJC for one of its grant awards is rapidly approaching. Application forms for the SEAD and Cultural Development Fund can be completed online or downloaded here:

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/najc-endowment-fund/>

Deadlines for applications are March 31, 2020 by 2:00pm CDT.

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NAJC Statement Regarding Wet'suwet'en Territory

Winnipeg, Manitoba – February 19, 2020

The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) is alarmed by recent RCMP incursions into the sovereign and unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en people. We affirm the right of the hereditary chiefs, who hold legal title to their land, to refuse to allow construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline on their territory.

We recognize that the situation today is not an easy one. While the hereditary chiefs oppose the Coastal GasLink pipeline, the chiefs of elected band councils along the pipeline's route have supported it. But the chiefs' differing stances does not justify moving ahead forcefully. If anything, it underscores the importance of consent.

To Japanese Canadians these events are disturbingly familiar. We, too, were betrayed by the governments of British Columbia and Canada when our homes were taken from us out of racism and greed, and were rounded up and removed by the RCMP. We know, all too well, the lasting toll this kind of dispossession takes.

As both the bearer of the legacy of internment and a voice of Japanese Canadians today, the NAJC joins others in expressing solidarity with the Wet'suwet'en people. We support non-violent actions calling on our Governments to respect the rights and law. We also urge anyone affected by acts of protest to consider the injustices, past and present that have forced people to take such actions.

In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRCC) called for a new "Royal Proclamation" to make Indigenous nations full partners in Canada's confederation. We urge all levels of government to meet with all affected Indigenous peoples to come to a peaceful resolution to the present situation, and to work toward a greater understanding for future relationships.

The National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) was founded in 1947 and is a Canada-wide organization that represents Japanese Canadians and Japanese Canadian member organizations. The NAJC supports the development of our communities and a strong Japanese Canadian identity. We strive for equal rights and liberties for all persons, and in particular for racial and ethnic minorities.

March 1, 2020 Update:

Wet'suwet'en chiefs, ministers reach tentative arrangement over land title but debate over pipeline continues

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/wetsuweten-agreement-reached-1.5481681>

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NAJC Awards

The deadline for applying to the following awards granted by NAJC is June 30, 2020. Send an email with the subject line “NAJC Scholarships and Awards” to national@najc.ca, indicating the award, the nominee and reasons for the nomination. Attach any documentation such as references in support of the nomination, and provide contact details for the selection panel to obtain further information. Self-nominations will be accepted.

Art Miki National Leadership Award

The Art Miki National Leadership Award is given every two years to an individual who has shown leadership and who has made outstanding contributions to strengthen the Japanese Canadian community at both the local and the national levels. It is a lasting acknowledgement to the pivotal role played by Dr. Miki in the Redress Settlement of 1988 with the Government of Canada as well as his continued advocacy for human rights for all Canadians. The Award – formerly known as the NAJC National Award – is the highest award given by this organization.

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/art-miki-national-leadership-award/>

Dr. Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Award

This award is made in recognition of an individual or organization in Canada contributing to the development or promotion of human rights and equality in Canada. The award is presented every two years at the NAJC AGM. Eligible individuals or groups must be committed to the ideal as stated in the NAJC mission statement, to strive for equal rights and liberties for all people, particularly racial and ethnic minorities. The award is restricted to individuals or groups living or operating in Canada, and it is not given posthumously nor to an organization that is no longer

active. The individual need not necessarily be of Japanese ancestry or a member of the NAJC.

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/dr-gordon-hirabayashi-human-rights-award/>

David Fujino Pioneering Artist Award

The David Fujino Pioneering Artist Award is an award granted every two years to a Japanese Canadian artist. David Fujino was a multidisciplinary sansei artist who wrote poetry in the form of concrete visual poetry; he was also an actor and a writer of reviews, interviews, and opinion pieces. Born in the internment camp of Greenwood, Fujino became a fixture of the Toronto Japanese Canadian community and arts scene. David died in 2017 and the prize was inaugurated in his memory.

The award represents an acknowledgment and honouring of a pioneering Japanese Canadian artist by the Japanese Canadian community. The selection of the artist is done by the Arts, Culture and Education committee who are familiar with the artistic contributions of Japanese Canadians in a wide array of artistic disciplines.

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/david-fujino-pioneering-artist-award/>

National Merit Award

NAJC member organizations and supporting organizations may nominate individuals who have shown leadership and outstanding contributions in the service of their local community, for recognition at the NAJC AGM.

<http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/national-merit-award/>

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Scholarships -Administered by Others

The following scholarships and awards have been established in NAJC's name or to recognize a prominent member of the Japanese Canadian community. These scholarships and awards are administered by others. Eligibility criteria, application deadlines and application processes are determined by the other parties.

Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship

The Canadian Japanese-Mennonite Scholarship is a \$2000 scholarship available to a student who is Canadian or a landed immigrant enrolled in a graduate degree program in Canada, doing research that will assist the protection of minority or human rights. The scholarship is co-sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee Canada and the NAJC.

The scholarship was created as a tangible symbol of cooperation between Japanese Canadians and Canadian Mennonites subsequent to a formal apology that was offered to Japanese Canadians by Mennonite Central Committee Canada on behalf of Canadian Mennonites. It is intended to assist the protection of minority and human rights in Canada and to reduce the potential for abuse of cultural minorities such as that suffered by Japanese Canadians during World War II. Applications may be made online at:

[https://mcccanada.ca/sites/mcccanada.ca/files/media/common/documents/cjms_application_reference_letters_packet - 2020.pdf](https://mcccanada.ca/sites/mcccanada.ca/files/media/common/documents/cjms_application_reference_letters_packet_-_2020.pdf).

National Association of Japanese Canadians and Roger Sachio Obata C.M. Prize in International Human Rights Law

(Awarded by Osgoode Hall Law School)

Roger Sachio Obata (1915-2002), C.M., B.A.Sc., P.Eng. was a lifelong activist for the Japanese Canadian community. He was a member of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League in the 1930s, a founding member of the Japanese Canadian Citizens for Democracy in the 1940s, and the first president of the National Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association (which later became the National Association of Japanese Canadians) in 1947. In 1977, Obata was elected president of the Japanese Canadian Centennial Society, which conceived and staged an event credited with awakening in the dispersed Japanese Canadian community a national consciousness of righting historical wrongs. For his lifelong struggle to enrich the lives of Japanese Canadians and for his exceptional contributions to the 1988 Redress settlement and apology, Obata was inducted into the Order of Canada in 1990. He remains a profound example for all Canadians who strive for justice, freedom and the rights of citizenship.

The prize was established in his honor by the family and friends of Roger S. Obata and the National Association of Japanese Canadians. It is awarded annually to the student who obtains the highest standing in the course International Human Rights. In the event that this course is not offered an equivalent course designated by the Law School will be substituted.

<https://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/programs/juris-doctor/financial-services/fund-law-school/scholarships-awards-prizes/medals-awards-prizes/>



Scholarships -Administered by Others, continued

Dr Gordon Hirabayashi Graduate Scholarship in Sociology

Endowed by supporters of the Department of Sociology, University of Alberta in honor of Dr Gordon Hirabayashi (1918 -2012), who was the first Chairperson of the University of Alberta's Department of Sociology. During his years as department head, he led his colleagues in building one of Canada's leading Sociology departments. Dr. Hirabayashi's North America-wide reputation as a defender of minority group rights is based on his principled resistance to the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II when he forced a United States Supreme Court ruling that led to his own imprisonment. Four decades later, in 1987, the ruling was overturned.

Awarded annually to a student registered full-time in a graduate degree program in the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta with research interests in one or more of the following areas: human rights, race and ethnic relations, social inequality, or social justice. The recipients will be selected on the basis of superior academic achievement (equivalent to a grade point average of 3.5 or greater on the University of Alberta grading scale). Application forms are available in the graduate student office in the Department of Sociology, 5-21 Tory, University of Alberta. Eligible students should submit their application to the department.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/sociology/graduate-programs/awards-and-funding/awards>

NAJC working with community to change the name of A.W.

Neill School By Eiko Eby



In Port Alberni, there is an elementary school named A.W. Neill. Neill (1868-1960) was a former Mayor, BC MLA, and federal MP for the Port Alberni area. Neill demonstrated many racist actions but especially towards First Nations and those of Asian descent. In particular, he impacted our community by: his efforts to deny the vote to Asian immigrants; his support for the uprooting, dispossession and internment of Japanese Canadians during WWII; his introduction of a motion to stop immigration from Japan; his statement that Japanese Canadians were being spread all over Canada like the smallpox disease; and his covenant on his Port Alberni home stating that no Asians were allowed to live there except as servants.

School Trustee Rosemarie Buchanan has been working on having the name changed for six years. There was a district wide review of names in the school district and public consultation. The NAJC wrote two supporting letters. On February 11, 2020, NAJC Secretary Eiko Eby travelled to Port Alberni to speak at the School Board meeting to support the changing of the name. On this date, a motion was put forward by Buchanan to have the name A.W. Neill removed. It was unanimously supported by school trustees. In addition, the trustees supported a motion to have the NAJC consulted on the renaming the school.

<https://www.vicnews.com/news/racist-mps-name-removed-from-port-alberni-school/>

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Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

The spread of the Coronavirus disease is rapidly becoming a global concern and one that we expect everyone will be impacted by, either directly or indirectly.

While developments are continuously evolving, we would like to make our communities aware of information and resources that may be helpful as things evolve.

The Public Health Agency of Canada's webpage has the latest updates from a Canadian perspective:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

The page identifies symptoms and treatment and prevention recommendations. Essentially thorough hand-washing (20 seconds), avoiding the touching of the eyes/nose/mouth, and covering your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing or sneezing can go a long way to protecting yourself from the disease.

For those that are still considering travelling abroad, you should visit this link to the Government's travel advisory page for information above advisories issued by the Government for various countries:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/health-safety/travel-health-notice>

There is currently a travel advisory for Japan that can be found on that website as well.

<https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/japan>

For those that will be travelling abroad, it is highly recommended that travellers register with the Government of Canada so that you can be informed of emergencies or important information relating to your travel. Registration is free and can be done here:

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/registration>.

Information in Japanese can be found here, courtesy of Jamsnet

<https://www.jamsnettokyo.org/news/2020/02/%e6%96%b0%e5%9e%8b%e3%82%b3%e3%83%ad%e3%83%8a%e3%82%a6%e3%82%a4%e3%83%ab%e3%82%b9%ef%bc%88covid-19%ef%bc%89%e9%96%a2%e9%80%a3%e6%83%85%e5%a0%b1.html>

Coronavirus Disease and Community Organizations

All community organizations and businesses should review their practices and planned activities to assess the risk of the spread of Coronavirus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has developed some resources for organizations which can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Community Development Fund

We are pleased to be accepting applications for the CD Fund which are due April 30, 2010 at 2 pm CST.

Use the link <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/community-development-fund/> for instructions on how to submit. New this year is an option to use a google form on the NAJC website for those who want to submit electronically.

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Article on the Enthronement Ceremony in Japan

By Lorene Oikawa

The NAJC is pleased to have helped in the process that enabled two respected Japanese Canadians to attend the State Ceremonies related to the Enthronement of his Majesty the Emperor of Japan. Last year, we received a request to put forward two nominations for Japanese Canadians who have played vital roles as a bridge between Canada and Japan. The call was put out to our member organizations and we received names of prominent Japanese Canadians. After reviewing the list and determining interest and availability, we were able to put forward two names, Setsuko Thurlow and Dr. Henry Shibata.

Setsuko Thurlow is a Peace Activist who accepted the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for ICAN. She is the recipient of many awards including the Order of Canada in 2007.

Dr. Henry Shibata is a Professor Emeritus, McGill University and recipient of many awards including receiving the Order of the Sacred Treasure from the Government of Japan in 2002.

Setsuko Thurlow is currently travelling and presenting in Europe and the United Nations. She will share her comments about her experience in the April members' newsletter.

Dr. Shibata shares his impressions of the State Ceremonies which took place October 22-25, 2019 in the following article.



Setsuko Thurlow and Dr. Henry Shibata
Japanese Canadian Representatives at
Enthronement Ceremony

By Dr. Henry Shibata

In the centre of this thoroughly modern impeccably clean gigantic metropolis teeming with millions of hospitable people lies a huge but serene green oasis!

It is surrounded by an immense moat reminiscent of medieval times guarding the Edo-jo or the Imperial Castle.

It was in this impressive historic Palace where witnessed by over two thousand invited guests from all parts of the World, that the stately Enthronement Ceremony (Sokui-no-Rei Seiden-no-gi) for the new Emperor took place on Tuesday October the 22nd in the First year of Reiwa!

A heavy downpour prevented a scheduled outdoor event, so the entire ceremony took place indoors with the Royal procession entering from the right along a carpeted corridor of royal purple to the central hall housing two ancient ornate thrones canopied by elaborate curtained tents with gilded ceremonial birds on top! Accompanied by music from ancient Court

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instruments the Emperor and Empress assumed their seats. After the requisite speeches from the throne and the Prime Minister, he lead the audience in shouting Banzai 3 times symbolizing the beginning of the new era, REIWA!

A sizeable number of dignitaries some of Royal families such as Prince Charles of Great Britain were in attendance. I and Setsuko Thurlow chosen to represent the Japanese Canadians at

this historic event felt an immense sense of honour and pride to witness this historic occasion along with similar delegates from all countries populated with sizeable numbers of people of Japanese origin!

On the 23rd, we were treated to an elaborate dinner with first class entertainment hosted by Prime Minister Abe at the New Otani Hotel. This was not a Royal function so we were able to relax and enjoy the evening thoroughly.

Friday the 25th was another function (kyouen-nogi) an official banquet requiring formal wear and attended by the Emperor and Empress and the Royal Family. About 500 guests were present, mostly notable local people like Nobel Prize recipients, professors and top business people. After the requisite speeches we had a fabulous sit down luncheon with a Royal Toast by the Prime Minister using ceremonial cups which became souvenirs!

Following the departure of Royalty and local VIP's the overseas delegates like us were given a tour of the Royal Palace and we enjoyed seeing the actual places and the Thrones were the Ceremony had previously taken place.

The one day of relative ease was on Thursday the 24th when we were given the option of visiting the Overseas Immigration Museum in the Minatomirai Seaport area of Yokohama. The museum housed the history of immigration of the Japanese to overseas countries including mostly USA, Canada and Brazil! There was one poster showing a scene of Powell Street in Vancouver!

So the eventful days sped by and we were all preparing to leave for home having participated in a great event in the history of Japan and its Monarchy!



Throne Display



Have You Seen the News?



<https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/>

Origami Activism in Calgary

By Kristin Muraki



Photo by Kristin Muraki

On February 19, members of Calgary's Kotobuki Kai seniors' group and the Calgary Japanese Community Association gathered at the Nikkei Centre to fold cranes in support of Tsuru for Solidarity. This Japanese American group is actively protesting the current

detention, separation, and mistreatment of migrant individuals, families and children in the United States. In preparation for the "Pilgrimage to Close the Camps" to Washington DC in June 2020, they have set an ambitious goal of making and collecting 125,000 paper cranes to take with them as a statement of solidarity and in remembrance of the 125,000 Japanese Americans incarcerated in internment camps during WWII. Fold-ins are being held around the world to help them reach that goal.

The Calgary fold-in, hosted by Kotobuki Kai, was met with great enthusiasm. Including cranes that had been sent in advance by members unable to attend, 576 cranes had been made for the cause by the end of the day. Community members are continuing to fold cranes, and it is anticipated that by April there will be well over 1000 cranes to be strung, packed, and sent off to Tsuru for Solidarity for their admirable and much-needed work. For more information on their movement, and to see how you can help, please visit <https://tsuruforsolidarity.org/>.



Photo by Kristin Muraki



More than 75 years later, California will officially apologize for mistreating Japanese Americans

By Harmeet Kaur, CNN

Updated 4:45 PM ET, Mon February 17, 2020

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/02/17/us/california-apology-japanese-internment-trnd/index.html>

Scholars celebrated for commitment to justice

February 26, 2020

<https://www.uvic.ca/news/topics/2020+provosts-engaged-scholars+news>

Newmarket arts scene sets stage for intercultural understanding

By: NewmarketToday Staff March 3, 2020

<https://www.newmarkettoday.ca/local-news/newmarket-arts-scene-sets-stage-for-intercultural-understanding-2135045>

Judo mourns the passing of Masao Takahashi

By Nicolas Messner February 17, 2020

<https://www.ijf.org/news/show/judo-mourns-the-passing-of-masao-takahashi>

Overwhelmed - Remembering the March 4, 1910 Avalanche at Rogers Pass

http://www.revelstokemuseum.ca/blog/2016/3/4/overwhelmed-remembering-the-march-4-1910-avalanche-at-rogers-pass?fbclid=IwAR1R5w8xhEMtigF1FF2hnOOmoSlstC1EARaHw1ql-Sw_ZEUYYHmSGw6BN8

Star search leads UBC astronomy student to 17 previously unidentified planets

By Glenda Luymes Updated: February 28, 2020

https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/star-search-leads-ubc-astronomy-student-to-17-previously-unidentified-planets?fbclid=IwAR3zYHmCBkxr2BDrerJY28uvJWvMui820rWOF2e7q1QKnaYIL1_uFNQGN3g



Yukoners to receive top honours in heritage

By Whitehorse Star February 17, 2020

<https://www.whitehorsestar.com/News/yukoners-to-receive-top-honours-in-heritage>

Extract:

Lillian Nakamura Maguire will be receiving the Helen Couch Volunteer of the Year award.

As a founding member of the Hidden Histories Society Yukon, Nakamura Maguire has, to date, dedicated 18 years to the organization and its mandate to foster and increase the understanding of ethno-cultural history in the Yukon.

“Through the contributions of Lillian and others, Hidden Histories conducts research, produces displays, and co-ordinates events that enlarge the representation of diverse individuals and communities in the documentation and interpretation of Yukon history,” the YHMA said.

She has also served as vice-president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, a board member of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and a founding member of the Japanese-Canadian Association of the Yukon.

“She is a talented playwright, writer, and poet in her own right, exploring themes such as human rights, intercultural relations, and her own family history,” the YHMA said.

“Lillian’s dedication to documenting, exploring, and sharing diverse stories has enriched both Hidden Histories Society Yukon, and the field of Yukon heritage as a whole.”

The NAJC would like to congratulate former NAJC Vice-President Lillian Nakamura Maguire on receive the Helen Couch Volunteer of the Year award. Her dedication to the Japanese Canadian community, its history and the cause of human rights over the years has had a profound and lasting impact!

Things I Do For Money Film

In his 11th feature film, Emmy-nominated filmmaker Warren P. Sonoda (Trailer Park Boys, Coopers Camera, Sive Girls) brings his most personal and daring film to date, Things I Do For Money. His desire to reconnect with his Japanese-Canadian roots, coupled with an idea to explore genre-mash ups with his extensive music-video background, creates a fun, kinetic, crime/caper/classical-cello movie with a cultural twist. At the centre of this maelstrom are talented newcomers Theodor and Maximilian Aoki, who not only star in the film, but also compose and perform the entire original score together on their cellos, two things they’ve never done before.

<https://thingsidoformoney.com/>



Events and Happenings:

"Race, Religion, and Belonging: Buddhist Lessons of Multiplicity"

HUMANITY THROUGH A BUDDHIST EYE: AN EXPLORATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS



June 12 - 14, 2020
Manitoba Buddhist Temple
39 Tecumseh Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba

- **KEYNOTE SPEAKER DUNCAN RYUKAN WILLIAMS**
Dr. Williams is a Soto Zen priest and Director of the Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture at the University of Southern California. He is the author of "American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War"
- **TERESA BYRNE**
MÉTIS CULTURAL HISTORIC TOURS COORDINATOR, LOUIS RIEL INSTITUTE
Manitoba is the heart of the homeland of the Métis people. Teresa will share her knowledge and insight in this interactive introduction to the culture, heritage and history of the Métis people and their influence in the development of Manitoba and Canada.
- **TOUR OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HUMAN RIGHTS**
- **WORKSHOPS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS:**
DR. JEFF WILSON, REV. GRANT IKUTA, ART MIKI
- **DISCOVER THE RICH TRADITION, CULTURE AND DIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA**

Register through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/humanity-through-a-buddhist-eye-registration-72451810315>
For more information contact Brenda Ikuta: brenda.ikuta@gmail.com

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Mark it in your Calendars

Upcoming Dates and Meeting

Notifications:

NAJC Annual General Meeting and National Conference

October 2-4, 2020

Edmonton

Planning is starting to gear up for the NAJC Annual General Meeting and National Conference. We have established the dates as follows:

Friday, October 2 – Annual General Meeting

October 3-4 – National Conference/Member Seminars

Further details will be revealed in future newsletters, but based on the establishment of the October 2 Annual General Meeting date, we would like to make our membership aware of the following relevant dates:

Date	Deadline/Event
May 5, 2020	Nomination papers for the NEB and Call for Motions to be sent to the membership, along with a request to submit reports for the NAJC Annual Report
Jun 17, 2020	NAJC General Membership Meeting by Zoom
Jul 4, 2020	Deadline for returning nomination papers for the NEB and proposed motions for the AGM. Membership to be informed of any proposed by-law changes to be presented at the AGM
Jul 19, 2020	Written reports need to be submitted by this date in order to be included in the NAJC's Annual Report
Aug 3, 2020	Deadline for renewing or applying for NAJC membership in order to be allowed to vote at the AGM. Nomination papers, ballots, motions to be sent out to the membership
Sep 2, 2020	Target date for distribution of the AGM booklet and audited financial statements to membership
Sep 25, 2020	Deadline for returning mail-in ballots in order to be counted for the 2020 NAJC NEB elections
Oct 2, 2020	NAJC AGM and Conference

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NAJC Special General Meeting

Bylaw and Constitutional Changes

Via Zoom Internet Conferencing

March 18, 2020

5:30 PM PDT

6:30 PM MDT

7:30 PM CDT

8:30 PM EDT

NAJC General Meeting

Via Zoom Internet Conferencing

June 17, 2020

5:30 PM PDT

6:30 PM MDT

7:30 PM CDT

8:30 PM EDT

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(submit member request to join)

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