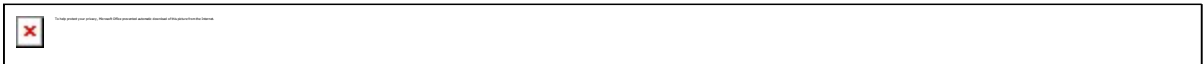


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NAJC President's Message – August 2021

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One of the special joys of summer is the bounty of fruit and vegetables. As much as I love finding my food treasures at farmers' markets, my favourites are home grown by family. I miss my obaachan's garden and spending time with her. Recently, I was surprised with a box delivered by my cousin who had come back from a visit to his parents in Kamloops. Sun-kissed tomatoes, glossy Japanese eggplant, cucumbers, and a giant zucchini. Thank you to my aunt and uncle. Besides the wonderful meals I will enjoy using the veg, I am happy to see some of the pre-COVID19 normalcy return. Families are beginning to travel and meet up.

Considering all that we have missed during the lockdowns, it's difficult not to want to rush back into our former routines. The spoiler is the Delta variant which is surging across the world and accounts for most of the infections in Canada. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said it's highly contagious, similar to chickenpox transmission where one infected person infects about 9 other people. A person infected with the original COVID19 infected about 2 people since

the transmission of the common cold. The areas with lower vaccination rates seem to be most at risk and those who are vaccinated tend to be most of the more severe cases.

we enjoy opportunities to travel and gather safely. Follow health authority recommendations. Encourage your family, friends, and neighbours to get vaccinated. Continue to wear masks indoors, maintain distancing, personal space, and keep washing your hands.

When we can meet safely in person, it was great to have a telephone chat with Setsuko Thurlow. Setsuko is a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. She was a speaker at Hop on the Earth on August 6, 2021, an online ceremony to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki and call for action for a world free of nuclear weapons.

She said, “Seventy-six years ago, I survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, unlike the hundreds of thousands of people who were indiscriminately massacred in August 1945. At that time, like many survivors, I made a vow that their deaths would not be in vain. I vowed that I would work until my last breath, to warn the world about the danger of nuclear weapons, to make sure that no one else suffers as we have suffered. Let us honour the people who perished with our actions. The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has entered into force this year. Nuclear weapons have always been immoral. Now they are also illegal. Nuclear abolitionists everywhere can be incredibly encouraged and empowered by this new legal status. And now, with greater intensity and purpose, we will push forward to our ultimate goal — a world without nuclear weapons.”

For more information on action for a world free of nuclear weapons go to <https://www.icanw.org/canada>

NAJC is continuing our online programming. Check our website <http://najc.ca/online-programs/> as we add new online programs. You can find archived recordings and interviews in the Past section of Online Programs on our website and also on the [National Association Japanese Canadians YouTube channel](#).

One of the sessions we will be posting is the Landscapes of Injustice (LOI) Research Database and Family Story Sharing workshop hosted with LOI Project Manager Michael Abe at the end of last month in association with the Powell Street Festival. Yumi Hirasawa, president of the Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society (Seven Potatoes), her mother Joyce (née Fujimagari) Hirasawa, and other family members provided perspective from three generations of their family. Kevin Okabe, executive director of NAJC, shared his Okabe and Nagasaka family history. They also shared their research from the LOI database. The recorded session will be posted at <http://bit.ly/LOIdata>

continue to speak on human rights issues and in August there are two commemorative dates to note for annual recognition when we can reflect, listen, and continue to learn. This year, the House of Commons officially designated August 1 Emancipation Day to celebrate Black communities in Canada and recognize that it's the actual day in 1834 when slavery was abolished in Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/emancipation-day.html>

August 9, it's the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. We urge people to get to know Indigenous history in Canada and learn about the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf

NAJC has joined with other Japanese Canadian organizations to endorse an Open Letter to Japanese Canadians asking them to support Indian Residential School Survivors. You can sign the letter at this link: <https://bit.ly/3ImariL> For anyone in Canada who is experiencing pain or distress because of their Residential School experience, please know there is support through the Indian Residential Schools Crisis Line 1-866-925-4419, available 24-hours a day.

Sign up at <http://najc.ca/subscribe/> for NAJC e-news and don't miss any updates and information about our initiatives, events, opportunities, and news. Please also support local events and to connect with NAJC member organizations, check out the NAJC website <http://najc.ca/member-organizations/>

NAJC National Executive Board wishes you a wonderful August and please check on seniors, those at home who are alone, during heatwaves and extreme weather conditions. Take care.

NAJC 会長のメッセージ 2021年8月

ジョン・オイカワ

楽しみの一つは果物と野菜です。マーケットで好きな果物や野菜を見つけるのが大好きですが、家庭菜園にはかならずおばあちゃんの育てた野菜と、一緒に過ごした時間を懐かしく思い出します。最近、カムループスの両親を従姉妹から箱が一つ届きました。驚いて箱を開けると真っ赤なトマト、ピカピカ光っている日本のナス、キュウリ

なズッキーニがはいっていました。叔父さん、叔母さん、有難うございます。もちろん、送ってもらった野菜を調理するのは楽しいですが、COVID-19以前の普通の生活が戻って来るのを見るのがうれしいです。家族が訪問し合いました。

デミックのロックダウンの時に出来なかったことを取り戻そうと、以前の生活習慣に帰りたい気持ちはわかりますし、デルタ株が急速にカナダ全土で拡散しています。米国疾病管理予防センター（CDC）によると、デルタ株の感染力は水疱瘡に匹敵し、感染者一人が9人に感染させるそうです。COVID-19の原型の感染力は2人で、普通の風邪と同じ程度です。ワクチン接種率の低い地域がデルタ株に一番危険で、現在COVID-19の重症患者はワクチン未接種の人が大部分です。まずは医療機関の助言を実行してから旅行や会合を楽しんでください。周囲にワクチン未接種の人がいれば、接種を受けてください。建物内でマスクを着用し、他人との距離をとり、密を避け、手を洗ってください。

あつて話は出来ませんでした。セツコ・サーロウと電話で話ができよかったです。セツコ・サーロウは「核兵器禁止国際キャンペーン」がノーベル平和賞を受賞した時に団体を代表して賞を受け取った二人のうちの一人です。彼女が2019年8月6日の「地球に希望を」オンライン式典で話をします。式典は広島・長崎原爆投下を追悼し、核兵器の無い世界のための努力を決意するものです。彼女はオンライン式典で皆さんにお会いしたいとして、次のメッセージを寄せます。「私は76年前の1945年8月に広島で被爆しましたが、生き延びました。しかし何十万という人たちが無差別に殺されました。その時生き延びた人たちと同じように、私はこの人達の死を無駄にはしないと誓いました。私は死ぬまで核兵器の危険の警鐘を世界に訴え、私たちの受けた苦しみを人々が再び受けることがないように、死ぬまで働き続けました。広島、長崎でなくなった人たちを悼みましょう。今年、核兵器禁止条約が発効しました。核兵器は今まで禁止されてきたものでしたが、現在は違法となりました。世界中の核兵器廃絶運動家はこの条約の発効に大変勇気づけられました。以前にもまして力を結集して、核兵器なき世界、という究極の目的に邁進し続けておもしろいと思います。」

2021年8月6日東部夏時間（EDT）午後7時の式典の登録はここからお願いします。NAJCは式典のスポンサーです

<https://bit.ly/3xnopmO>

NAJCはオンラインプログラムを継続しています。NAJCウェブサイト <http://najc.ca/online-programs/> で新しいプログラムを見つけてください。ここには過去のオンラインプログラムの録画とインタビューもあります。NAJCのYouTubeチャンネル

<https://bit.ly/3bTpbA1> にも録画とインタビューがあります。

サイトにある録画の一つが「不正義の風景データベースと家族の歴史の共有」オンラインイベントです。7月末に、NAJCCと不正義の風景プロジェクト・マネジャーのマイケル・アベが司会をして、パウエル・ストリート祭りに合わせて行いました。中央バンクーバー島日系カナダ人文化協会（ナナイモ）会長のタミー・ヒラサワ、彼女の母ジョイス・ヒラサワ（旧姓フジマガリ）の他の家族が三世代の視点から家族の歴史を話しました。NAJCC事務局長ケビン・オカベがオカベとナガサカ家の話をしました。また不正義の風景データベースの活用についても話しました。このイベントの録画はこちらにあります <http://bit.ly/LOldata>。

NAJCCは人権問題についても発言を続けています。連邦政府議会下院は8月1日をカナダの黒人コミュニティを祝う「解放の日」に正式に制定しました。1834年8月1日にカナダで奴隷制度が廃止されたことを記念しています。

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/emancipation-day.html>

8月1日は「世界先住民の日」です。NAJCCはみなさんがカナダ先住民の歴史を知り、「真実と和解委員会報告書」の「行動計画」 http://trc.ca/assets/pdf/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf を学ぶことをお勧めします。NAJCCは他の日系カナダ人団体と一緒に「寄宿舎学校生存者を支援するための公開書簡」を支持しています。あなたの支持を表明するために、公開書簡から署名できます <https://bit.ly/3ImariL>。寄宿舎学校のことを知り精神的苦悩を経験している人は「寄宿舎学校危機ホットライン（Line 1-866-925-4419）」から24時間カウンセリングを受けられます。

NAJCCはニュースをメールで配信しています。申込みは<http://najc.ca/subscribe/> からお願いします。カナダ各地の日系人コミュニティでいろいろなイベントを企画しています。ここから見つけて支援してください。 <http://najc.ca/member-organizations/>

NAJCC全国理事会は皆様が楽しい8月を過ごすことを願っています。シニア、自宅で療養中の人、一人住まいの人などが安全に過ごしているか見守って下さい。今年は熱波や異常気象が多く、特に心配です。ではお気をつけて。



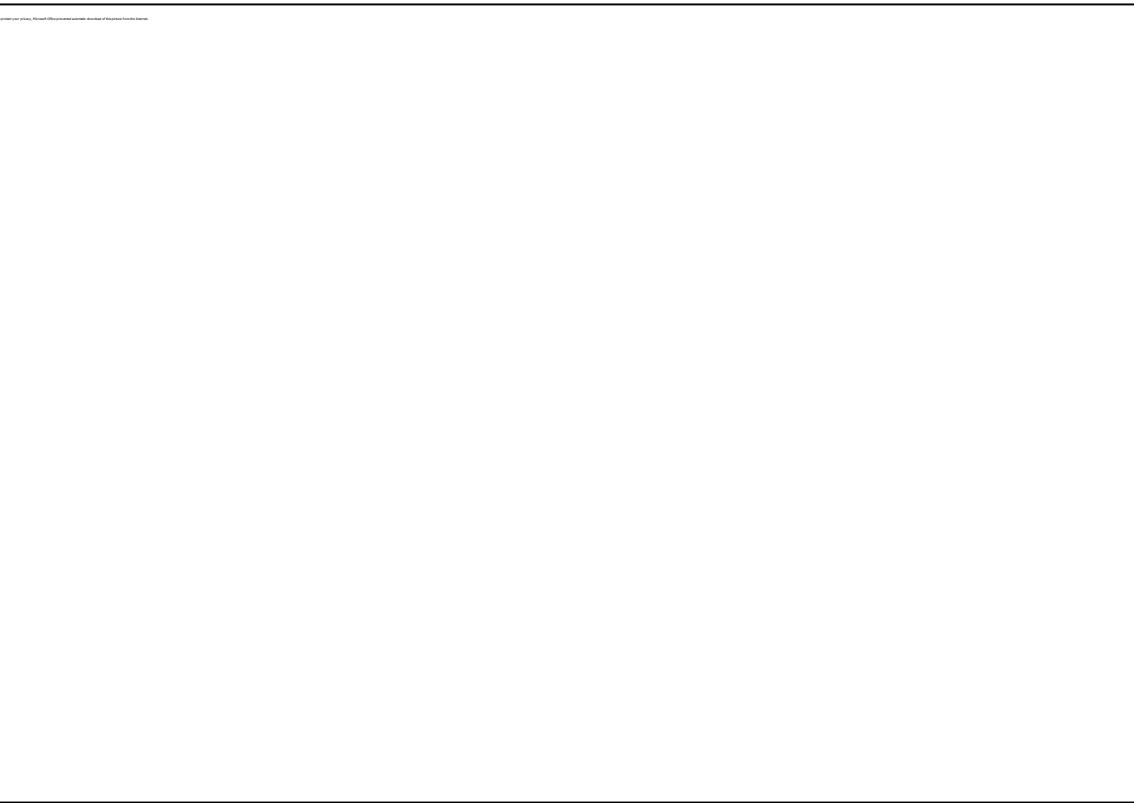
August 11, join the online Zoom event "Stories of Japanese Picture Brides in Canada".

Learn, share, and talk about Japanese picture brides who settled in Canada in the early 20th century. This event will introduce the recent English translated e-book of PICTURE BRIDES 写婚妻 - written in Japanese by Miyoko Kudo and translated by Fumi Torigai. JCAY (Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon) and NNM (Nikkei National Museum) received a grant from the NAJC to publish this ebook. This Zoom event is made possible by the New Canadians Event Fund grant from the Yukon Government.

The e-book can be downloaded for free from the Nikkei National Museum's

website: <https://centre.nikkeiplace.org/resources/picture-brides>

Register for this Zoom event: <https://centre.nikkeiplace.org/events/picture-brides-2021>



August 14, join a virtual event “A Taste of Omatsuri” presented by the Calgary Japanese Community Association. A Taste of Omatsuri will be a 90-minute online presentation celebrating Japanese and Japanese-Canadian culture. Demonstrations of traditional dance, art, music and more will be performed by members of our local community.

A Taste of Omatsuri trailer on youtube: <https://youtu.be/Q4ms7fYAOIA>

on August 14, 2021 – 1:00 – 2:30 PM MDT | 12noon-1:30 PDT | 2-3:30 CDT | 3-4:30 EDT at the Omatsuri home page: <https://calgaryjapanesefestival.com>

NAJC along with other Japanese Canadian organizations has endorsed an Open letter to Japanese Canadians and allies in Canada to support Indian Residential School Survivors. We are heartened by the response of over 460 individuals who have signed so far.

You can read the letter, sign the letter, and see the list of endorsing organizations and supporting organizations: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIT4IXenqr2pGwGEUcaTeVBFvbMTehP9jYoQZNFXEqiJbAOA/view>

u have already signed, thank you! Please consider forwarding the link to your contacts.

January, the NAJC Human Rights Committee held a virtual tour of the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School for Japanese Canadian community. The tour was hosted by the Woodlands Cultural Centre in Brantford, Ontario.

month, we were thrilled to hear that the Woodland Cultural Centre received \$9.4 million in funding from Canada and Ontario Government to complete Phase 3 of its restoration project.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/woodland-cultural-centre-funding-1.6108344>

s Monture, Executive Director, noted, "With this funding we are that much closer to realizing our dream of opening up former Mohawk Institute Residential School as an important interpretive heritage site to educate Canada and to uncover truth."

C Vice-president Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi, visited the Woodland Cultural Centre and had a discussion with the SA Evidence Coordinator as to how we can further support Residential School Survivors.

Open Letter is an ongoing initiative which the NAJC Human Rights Committee will be managing as an ongoing campaign.



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