



# KKC Alumni News

Fall 2006

A Newsletter for the Keizai Koho Center  
Fellowships Japan Alumni

## Alumni Reception: December 1, Washington, DC

**Join Us** on Friday, December 1 from 5–6:30pm at the Grand Hyatt Washington (Washington Center, 1000 H Street, NW) for a chance to rekindle old friendships and meet new alumni. The reception will be held in the “Farragut

Square” room on the Independence Level 5B. Please rsvp to Elise at [emoersch@us-japan.org](mailto:emoersch@us-japan.org) by Nov. 17th.

**Visit Us** at the Keizai Koho Booth at the *National Council of Social Studies*

Conference held at the Washington Convention Center (909 9th St. NW) on Friday (12/1) and Saturday (12/2) from 9–4 pm. The booth is in International Alley.

## Fellow Outreach Activities

- Dr. Theron L. Trimble’s series of articles about Japan were published in the Florida Council for Social Studies Newsletter.
- Dr. Cindy Elsberry met with all the social studies teachers in her region (Talladega, AL) to share the Japan resources she secured in Japan
- Keith Samuelson will present on his school’s innovations in “Teaching for International Understanding” at the Canadian Commission for UNESCO’s “Meeting of the National Secretariat UNESCO Associated Schools Network” in Ottawa on September 21-22, and at The Eastern School District of Newfoundland and Labrador Professional Development Day on Nov. 29 in St. John’s.
- Lynn Wiliczewski started a Japanese Club at her high school in Richmond, VA.
- Dr/ Sheetz-Nguyen gave a lecture on her KKC experience for the Phi Alpha Theta group, University of Central Oklahoma’s History Honor Society.

## 2007 Fellowship Details Announced

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) will sponsor a ten day Fellowship to Japan this summer for educators in the U.S. and Canada. The Fellowship allows teachers to learn first hand about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

**Date Timeframe:** June- July, 2007  
The ten day itinerary in Japan will include time in Tokyo; tours of major industrial and corporate facilities;

meetings with key business leaders, government officials, educators, and business people; school visits; discussions with teachers and students; and a home stay with a Japanese family. Typically, there is at least one scheduled visit to a destination outside of Tokyo.

### **Fellowship Highlights:**

The Fellowship covers air transportation from the Fellow’s home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodations, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals. Fellows have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy and

businesses, in addition to contemporary Japanese society. Roundtable discussions between Japanese teachers and the participants, as well as business leaders, will also be arranged. Educators will complete a project of curriculum materials or educational activities related to the theme of the Fellowship to share with other educators.

### **Application Details:**

[www.us-japan.org](http://www.us-japan.org)  
[kkcfellowships@us-japan.org](mailto:kkcfellowships@us-japan.org)

### **Application Deadline:**

February 15, 2007

## Alumni Outreach Event in Washington, DC



The Keizai Koho Center in partnership with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and The

Japan-America Society of Washington, DC presented **Japan for the Classroom**, an informal presentation for K-12 teachers on how to incorporate Japan related topics into their curriculum. Ms. Lola Boxley, Alumnae of the KKC Fellowship program and Teacher at Murch Elementary School and Mr. Samuel M. Shepherd, President of NAJAS in August.

The program was followed by a sushi and sake reception .

Ms. Boxley drew on her experiences in Japan to prepare interdisciplinary classroom lessons that reflect the new

Washington, DC standards. She took participants on a day by day virtual tour of the fellowship. Participants were very interested in learning about the fellowship itinerary and how Ms. Boxley translated her Japan experience into classroom activities.

Mr. Shepherd put the recent and ongoing educational reforms in Japan in their cultural context with his presentation, "Japanese Society as Seen Through the Lens of Educational Reform." He talked about difficult reforms can be if they challenge cultural norms. A specific example is cross-disciplinary, or "integrated" approaches to curriculum design. This runs up against the discipline specific high school and university entrance exams

which have been a part of the educational culture in Japan for decades. Parents, in particular, have resisted changes that do not reinforce what is likely to appear on the entrance exams.

The two talks elicited lively discussion among the participants, several of whom had been to Japan, or who were planning to go to Japan in the near future.



Photos: Top Left, Lola Boxley, 2005 Fellow. Above, Ms. Boxley's classroom display.



2006 Fellow, Richard Stewart with students in Japan.

## National Council for Social Studies Conference

Promise and Practice is the theme for this year's conference in Washington, DC November 30 - December 3.

Keynote speakers include: Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Eleanor Clift, John Stossel, Jonathan Lipman, Linda Fasulo and a panel about Slavery in

the North. Former KKC Fellow, Hilary Rosenthal will present 2 sessions at the conference. Please let me know if you plan to attend and/or will present. *Elise*

**Register on line:**  
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