



KKC Alumni News

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A Newsletter for the Keizai Koho Center
Fellowships Japan Alumni

2006 Teacher Fellowship Deadline Feb. 28

The KKC is actively seeking qualified applicants for the 2006 Japan Teacher Fellowship. High school classroom teachers of Economics, Social Studies and History, supervisors, specialists, and school administrators at the district and state levels and faculty associated with 4 year colleges who are directly con-

cerned with the training of K-12 teachers should apply!! The outstanding program provides a 2 week specially designed our of Japan FREE to fellows in order to allow them to then first hand about contemporary Japanese Society. This unique fellowship offers a chance of a lifetime to visit companies and

schools in Japan. Contact Elise Moersch, emoersch@us-japan.org or 412-433-5022 for information. **The application brochure can printed from the NAJAS website: www.us-japan.org**

Alumni Voices

Below are excerpts from letters to the Director of the Keizai Koho Center. Fellows come from various geographic locations and teaching backgrounds, yet each shared a common experience. "Alumni Voices" hopes to illuminate what the fellowship means professionally and personally to each Alum.

Walt Herscher, Executive Director of Internal Affairs of the Wisconsin Council for the

Social Studies (1990-present) "Using myself as a personal example, I believe that Keizai Koho was one of the most beneficial experiences of my life. As both a teacher and as Executive Director for Internal Affairs of the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies, I have been able to communicate this positive experience to literally hundreds of others. I have discussed the Keizai Koho experience with my students in both high school and

college courses. I advocated the addition of a Japanese Heritage and Language course locally. I have spoken at national, regional, and state conferences. As mentioned previously, whenever the opportunity arises, I have altered many people's impressions of Japan's culture and economy. As a leader of the Wisconsin Council for



5th International Symposium of America-Japan Societies April 21-22 Kyoto, JAPAN

Every two years, the leadership of the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and the National Association of America-Societies (NAAJS), as well as representatives and members of North America's 40 Japan-America Societies, gather for a joint session to discuss collaborative efforts and continued work to strengthen the ties that make up the U.S.-Japan relationship.

KKC Alumni are cordially invited to join the International Symposium which is full of events and activities in beautiful springtime Kyoto. **Download International Symposium Brochure here !**

The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Kazuo Inamori, Chairman Emeritus, Kyocera Corporation. Special Guest speaker, The Honorable Thomas Schieffer, Ambassador of the United States to Japan.

Program Highlights include Public Forums addressing "What is the Impact of the New Generation on the Future of U.S.-Japan Relations?" ; "Japan-U.S. Security Challenges in Asia" and " Using New Technology to Create New Business Models". Cultural Forums include "Spirit of Japanese Tradition" focusing on Tea Ceremony by Master of Chado Urasenke and a lecture on Noh masks & costumes



with a performance by Master of the Kongo School.

The conference offers optional tours to Kyoto, special dinners and much more.

Keizai Koho Center Tokyo representatives are expected to attend the conference and special receptions.

For more information, please visit the NAJAS website: www.us-japan.org or call 202-429-5545

Kansas City 2005



Ichiro and Elise at the Convention Booth



Keith Samuelson and Sam Shepherd



Dinner at a Japanese restaurant



Alumni at the KKC reception

The National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) annual convention in Kansas City was enjoyed by all KKC Alumni who were able to make the trip. Keith Sameulson, Fellow 2004, held a teacher's workshop. Ichiro Kawai (KKC Tokyo), Akemi Handa (KKC Tokyo), Sam Shepherd (President of the National Association of Japan-America Societies) and Elise Moersch (North America Program Director) manned the convention booth and over 40 Alumni joined the reception party. It was a great time to reconnect with friends and learn about each other's Japan related activities.

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the Social Studies, I have spoken to many others. This year, our Council has invited the state's International Education group to be integrated within our annual conference."

Mary Hammond Bernson, Director East Asia Resource Center, University of Washington "I first visited Japan as a 1981 KKC Fellow and was then a high school teacher. The program changed my life. I

now direct a Center dedicated to teaching American teachers about Japan as well as about China and Korea. I co-founded the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, write many curriculum materials, and have led thirteen study tours to Japan for American teachers. The KKC Fellowship Program is exceptional in its quality and impact. I believe this success should be

the foundation of a continued or even expanded program. I sincerely hope that new generations of American teachers will continue to have the opportunity to benefit from it as I did."

Please send your Japan related activity updates to NAJAS or KKC. Email: emoersch@us-japan.org or akemi.handa@kkc.or.jp

Save the Date

Join us at the National Council for Social Studies Conference (NCSS) Dec. 1, 2 & 3, 2006 in Washington, DC. The KKC will have a convention booth, a teacher's workshop and an alumni reception. More information can be found at www.socialstudies.org



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