



# KKC Alumni News

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A Newsletter for the Keizai Koho Center  
Fellowships Japan Alumni

## 2008 Fellowship Dates & Application Deadline

The dates for the 2008 Ten Day Study Tour to Japan for Educators have been set for **July 1** (depart U.S) through **July 13** (depart Japan). Application information may be found on the NAJAS website, [www.us-japan.org](http://www.us-japan.org) Please help us promote this wonderful opportunity through your networks. Applications should be submitted in digital form either through an

email attachment or on a CD as one file and sent to KKC Teacher Fellowship c/o Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania's (JASP) no later than **Feb. 15, 2008**. The email address is: [kkcfellowship@us-japan.org](mailto:kkcfellowship@us-japan.org) Postal address is: KKC Teacher Fellowship c/o JASP, 600 Grant Street, Room 444, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2703

### Alumni Website to be Launched

A website will be launched in early summer to help "connect" and "reconnect" the Alumni network. The site will have a community blog; alumni directory; lesson plans; alumni activity information. We welcome your thoughts and comments. Please cut and paste the link below to view the draft.  
<http://classified.japantimes.com/kkc/start2.html>

## Alumni Update- NCSS conference in San Diego

The Keizai Koho booth at the "Crossing Borders" San Diego National Council for the Social Studies conference was bustling with activity. Teachers stopped by to learn about the fellowship program, alumni visited with old friends, and booth exhibitors asked about Japan and the program. **Akemi Handa** and **Toshiya Fujiwara** represented the KKC Tokyo office and **Sam Shepherd** and **Elise Moersch** attended from the NAJAS office. This year a **KKC Alumni Japan Prize** was created to recognize the efforts of teachers who

continue to promote understanding about Japan and Japanese culture in their classroom. Three outstanding submissions took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The winners are respectively: **Susan D. Gogue**, Baraboo, WI., **John Pownall**, Markham, Ontario and **Jessica A. Sheetz-Nguyen**, Edmond, OK. Winners receive a cash prize to be shared with their school.

*See you in Houston, TX in 2008*



NAJAS president - Sam Shepherd, KKC representatives—Toshiya Fujiwara, and Akemi Handa, as well as, 2006 Elgin Heinz award recipient - Vicki Stroud Gonterman discuss education issues at the NCSS conference.



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