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JCCCNC's 2008 Annual Sweepstakes Winners Announced

SAN FRANCISCO (October 2, 2008) – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Annual JCCCNC Sweepstakes. Three prizes were offered and for the first time, the Grand Prize winner was able to choose which of the three prizes they would like to receive. The First Place winner selected between the remaining two prizes. This year's



Pictured from left to right: Event MC's Dale Minami and Carole Hayashino, JCCCNC Board President, Rumi Okabe, Vice President and General Manager for Japan Airlines, Yoshiaki Hata, General Manager for Kintetsu International Travel Consultants, Takahiro Tomie and Cherry Blossom Princess, Rie Watanabe with 2008 Cherry Blossom Queen, Ali Kagawa await the winners names to be announced on stage at Salute to a Vision

winners were pulled on September 13 at the JCCCNC Annual Event, Salute to a Vision at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco.

The grand prize winner is Tomo Yeh of Scotts Valley who chose two round trip tickets to Japan with five nights' hotel accommodations courtesy of Japan Airlines and Kintetsu

International Travel Consultants.

The first prize winner is Milton Tanizawa of San Francisco who chose the \$2,000 cash prize. The second place winner is Shirley Murakami of San Francisco who will

be getting a 42 inch Panasonic plasma television and a Yamaha surround sound home theater system with subwoofer all courtesy of Best Buy.

The 2008 Annual Sweepstakes raised over \$22,000 for the JCCCNC to provide quality cultural, educational and recreational programs for the Japanese and Japanese American community in the San Francisco Bay Area. “We are so grateful for the incredible support from the community that allows the JCCCNC to continue to serve



Yoshiaki Hata, Vice President and General Manager for Japan Airlines, pulls one of the winning ticket stubs during Salute to a Vision

over 185,000 participants a year through our programs, classes, events as well as services and support for 80 other local service organizations,” said Rumi Okabe, President of the JCCCNC Board of Directors. “We are also very grateful for our partnerships with Japan Airlines, Kintetsu International Travel Consultants and Best Buy. Their generous donations of these valuable prizes were so important to the success of the sweepstakes.” Pyramid Printing generously donated the printing of the tickets.

“We are pleased to support the JCCCNC and participate in the 2008 Annual Sweepstakes Drawing. We have enjoyed our partnership for many years and we look forward to continuing to support the community,” stated Yoshiaki Hata, Vice President and General Manager for Japan Airlines.

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About JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, JCCCNC will be an everlasting foundation of our Japanese American ancestry, cultural heritage, histories and traditions. The JCCCNC strives to meet the evolving needs of the Japanese American community through programs, affordable services and administrative support and facilities for other local service organizations. The JCCCNC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center based in San Francisco.