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**JCCCNC'S TABEMASHO EVENT BROUGHT THE COMMUNITY
TOGETHER THROUGH FOOD**

San Francisco (October 16, 2009) – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California's (JCCCNC) 2009 Annual Event, *Tabemasho (Let's Eat!)*, was a great success due to the many community participants who donated food. The event, which was held on September 19, celebrated 140 years of Japanese food in America.



Through those 140 years, food has played an important role in connecting people and the community. Gathering around the table to eat, celebrate, remember and rejoice has been a tradition that has survived the test of time. *Tabemasho* captured the spirit of gathering around food and attendees were able to taste some of the best food that the community has to offer.



The following organizations and businesses prepared their specialties to share with the community: Asian American Recovery Services, Benkyodo Co., Buddhist Church of San Francisco Buddhist Women's Association, Christ United Presbyterian Church, Delica, Gen Taiko, Halau Ka Liko Pua Kalani A Kea, Japanese Bilingual/Bicultural Program at Rosa Parks, Japanese Community Youth Council, JCCCNC Board, JCCCNC Hanafuda, Konko Church, Nihonmachi Little Friends, Nikkei and Retirement, Nobirukai, Onigilly, Pine United Methodist Church, San Francisco Associates, San Francisco Bay Area Nikkei Singles,

San Jose Tofu, Sanmi Restaurant, Seiko Kai, Shinzen Alumni, Sundance Kitchen, Yamato Flight Kitchen and Yasukochi's Sweet Stop. JFC International, Inc., Ito En, Kikkoman Int'l and Pyramid Printing were generous food and beverage sponsors for the event.

The JCCCNC would like to especially thank the many community volunteers who cooked up their best recipes which wowed the crowd. Lynne Adams, Judy Akiyama, Joyce Ashizawa-Yee, B.J. Baba, Lynda Boyer, Ikué Burney, Dori Chan, Alice Chew, Sherilyn Chew, Robert Chun, Akemi Cummings, Marjorie Fletcher, Dianne Fukami, David Fukuda, Rose Fukumitsu, Judy Hamaguchi, Lynn Hamakawa, Julie Yumi Hatta, Scott Hayashi, Yo Hironaka, Chris Hiroshima, Sue Holdaway, Staci Hom, Dina Honda, Jan Honma, Kathy Inouye-Chu, Val Ishii, Naoko Ito, Eunice Kaneko, Sharon Kato, Alice Kawahatsu, M. Kumi Kawashiri, Michie Koga, Megumi Konishi, Donna Kotake, Judy Kuang, Rose Liang, Kyoko Lin, Kaz Maniwa, Diane Matsuda, Noriko Matsuda, Mari Matsumoto, Nob Mihara, Marisa Mizono, Patti Mizuiri, Alice Moriguchi, Emily Murase, Rena Nakaizumi, Cindy



Nakamoto, Kayo Nakamura, Gale Nakasone, Nell Noguchi, Lois Oda, Lois Ohwa, Rumi Okabe, Allen Okamoto, Kay Onishi, Keith Onishi, the Ono Family, Louise Osada, Sally Osaki, Jon Osaki, Marilyn Oshiro, Misao Otsuki, Robert Sakai, Harumi Serata, Teresa Serata, Susan Shimamoto, Jon Shindo, Jill Shiraki, Hiroshi & Pauline Sagara, Debra Sopkic, Elaine Steimetz, Shiro & Annie Suenaga, Helen Takeshita, Erika Tamura, Edith Tanaka, Violet Tanaka, Lynn Tomioka, Yaeko Tondo, Pam Uyeda, Cammie Uyeda, Danny Wong, Jones Wong, Rachael Yamashiro, Moses & Hatsy Yasukochi, Lois Yonemoto, Jan Yonemoto, Miye Yoshida, Agnes Yoshimura and Jane M. Yung. There were also volunteer kitchen helpers which included Alan Hirahara, Justin Ng, Jason Osajima, Joel Ouye, Akitoshi Takazawa and Jeff Wun. Volunteer food committee members, Diane

Matsuda, Alice Kawahatsu, Michie Koga, Sherilyn Chew and Daisy Satoda were instrumental in coordinating all the food for the event.

Nikkei Potluck, a community cookbook, debuted at the event. The book is available for purchase from the JCCCNC for \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Event supporters included Japan Airlines, Comcast, the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation, Union Bank, Hosoda Bros. Inc, Kikkoman, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and PG&E. The JCCCNC would like to thank all of the generous supporters of *Tabemasho*. For more information about other events, please contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or www.jcccnc.org.

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About the 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 facility usage. The JCCCNC is a non-profit community center based in San Francisco.