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### All Nippon Airways (ANA) Makes Generous Contribution to JCCCNC Youth Programs

*Proceeds from 2009 ANA Corporate Ekiden Relay Entry Fees*

SAN FRANCISCO (August 14, 2009) – The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is pleased to announce that on June 18, 2009, Mr. Norihito Mori, Vice President and General Manager, and Mr. Masayuki Ikeda, Account Manager and Corporate Sales, of the Northwestern Region of All Nippon Airways (ANA) presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 from their 2009 ANA Corporate Ekiden Relay to Paul Osaki, Executive Director of the JCCCNC, to support their youth programs.



From L to R: Norihito Mori, Paul Osaki, Masayuki Ikeda

The ANA Corporate Ekiden Relay took place at Lindley Meadows in Golden Gate Park in early March and was a huge success. Participants were treated to a wonderful BBQ chicken lunch and great ANA air travel prizes were raffled off to qualified company running teams. The race began with the thunderous drum beats by the students of Gen Taiko, JCCCNC's resident taiko group, led by Melody Takata. Part of ANA's donation to the JCCCNC will go directly to Gen Taiko to help support their efforts in teaching and sharing the art of taiko with the youth in our community.

ANA has been a long-time supporter of the JCCCNC and Paul Osaki mentions, "We are very grateful for the continued commitment and generosity that ANA has shown to the JCCCNC and the youth in our Japanese American community."

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#### About JCCCNC

Envisioned by the Japanese American community, the 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.