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JCCCNC's Annual Event, Tabemasho (Let's Eat!), Celebrating 140 Years of Japanese Food in America

The Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) is hosting its annual event, Tabemasho (Let's Eat!), on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at JCCCNC on 1840 Sutter Street in San Francisco. This year's event will celebrate 140 years of Japanese food in America and will honor the Japanese American food industry in America.

The event will begin at 4:00 p.m. and will go until 8:00 p.m. It will take place throughout the entire building featuring celebrity chefs, cooking demonstrations, sake and shochu tasting, and homemade Nikkei comfort foods. There will also be live and silent auctions featuring items donated from Japantown restaurants and businesses. Ticket prices are \$75 for general admission, \$100 for reserved table seating (reserved seating will sell out. First come first served basis), and \$25 for children 6-12 years old. Community table and sponsorship opportunities are available.

The event will also present the honors for the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award and the Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award. The Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award is given to the individual who demonstrates Kay's spirit of volunteerism in the Japanese American community and seeks to recognize those who help others on a personal level. The Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award is given to the individual who demonstrates the modest and scholarly "spirit" exemplified by Takeo Okamoto's leadership qualities and must have shown concern for the Japanese American community as well as the community-at-large.

Event supporters include Comcast, Japan Airlines and the Henri & Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation.

For more information about the 2009 Annual Event, sponsorship, or ticket information, contact Joy Iwasa, Director of Development at (415) 567-5505 or email her at jiwasa@jcccnc.org.

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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.