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JCCCNC Launches the Nikkei Family Legacy Project Kickoff Event to be held August 6, 2011

SAN FRANCISCO (July 14, 2011) – On August 6, 2011 from 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC) will kickoff their newest project, Nikkei Family Legacy Project, that will help those interested learn how they can begin researching their own family history. At this free event, attendees will be able to take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn about the process of obtaining your family's *Koseki* (family registry from Japan), hear from experts in the field of Genealogy and get inspired by the sample family history books on display.



Nikkei Family Legacy Project Kickoff



The Nikkei Family Legacy Project Kickoff is the promotional event for the larger Nikkei Family Legacy Project. Speakers in attendance will include representatives from the National Archives, International Management Solution Legal Professional Corporation who can provide *Koseki* information, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, among others. Hear from the National Archives about finding historic records including birth/death certificates, records from immigration stations, and records from the internment camps. Learn about obtaining your family's *Koseki*, or family

registry from Japan, and why there is a small window of opportunity to claim it. Participants will also have access to Ancestry.com throughout the event and have an opportunity to look at other people's family history books. The end product of the Nikkei Family Legacy Project is a hardback family history book, which participants will create using the resources provided and their own creativity.

About the Nikkei Family Legacy Project

The Nikkei Family Legacy Project will provide training, guidance and resources for individuals and families to be able to capture, document and share their family histories through a hardcover book produced on blurb.com. “To me, a family history is important for future generations to truly understand who they are today, how they got here and the tremendous sacrifices of their ancestors. It gives them a link to their past and also demonstrates the legacy that lives within them. If we don't do it now, much of our history will disappear and no one will ever know about the lives of our grandparents and parents,” says Donna Kotake, Nikkei Family Legacy Project Advisor and Workshop Leader, about the importance of the Nikkei Family Legacy Project.



The Nikkei Family Legacy Project commences with the kickoff and will continue with a series of workshops, which include a trip to the National Archives and opportunities to hear from guest speakers who will help guide participants through the research process, scanning and uploading photos/documents and creating their book on blurb.com. The project will conclude with the production of 50 hardback books, some of which will be showcased at our Nikkei Family Legacy Project Exhibition on June 23, 2012. The Nikkei Family Legacy Project is made possible by a grant from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program, a program of the California State Library, as well as donations from the Henri and Tomoye Takahashi Charitable Foundation and the 100th Anniversary of Japantown Fund.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held at the JCCCNC from 1 pm to 3 pm. RSVP is required. To sign-up, please contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail nflp@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 facility usage. The JCCCNC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center based in San Francisco.