



## **PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT For Immediate Release**

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### **Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award and Takeo Okamoto Leadership Award**

June 16, 2011 (San Francisco, CA) – The committee for the 2011 Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award and Takeo Okamoto Leadership Award announces that they are now accepting nominations for two awards that recognize individuals who demonstrate a deep concern for the Nikkei Community within which they actively participate.

The award recipients will receive a total prize of \$1,000 each with \$500 being awarded to the recipient and \$500 donated to an organization of the recipient's choice. The ceremony for the awards will take place during the JCCCNC Annual Event to be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Submissions must be received by August 5, 2011.

In 1988, the Okamoto Family established the Kay Okamoto Volunteer Award to recognize an individual who exemplifies Kay's spirit of volunteerism has generously volunteered his/her time and talents to strengthen the community.

The Takeo Okamoto Community Leadership Award is presented in memory of Takeo Okamoto (1908-2003), who was a pioneer in the San Francisco Japanese American community for over 7 decades. The award goes to individuals who exhibit the modest and scholarly "spirit" who has positively impacted the Japanese American community through his/her long-term commitment.

Nominations for both awards from the community are welcomed and may be submitted electronically or via U.S. mail (JCCCNC, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115). Nominations must be postmarked or emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011.

For a nomination form, or for more information about the awards or the annual event, contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505.

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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.