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Close to 100 Attend Nikkei Family Legacy Project Kickoff Event

SAN FRANCISCO (August 24, 2011) – The Nikkei Family Legacy Project Kickoff event took place on August 6, 2011 at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California (JCCCNC), where close to 100 attendees learned how they could begin researching their own family history! The free event featured speakers from the National Archives, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, Genealogy Heroes, the National Japanese American Historical Society, and the International Management Solution Legal Professional Corporation, who provided *Koseki* (Japanese Family Registry) information. The presenters and family history book samples led to the maximum number of fifty sign ups for the project.



The Nikkei Family Legacy Project will provide training, guidance and resources for individuals and families 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.

The Nikkei Family Legacy Project 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 the 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.

For more information about the Nikkei Family Legacy Project, please contact the JCCCNC at (415) 567-5505 or e-mail nflp@jcccnc.org.

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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.