

# Kenjinkai: Past, Present, and Future



**Saturday, March 28, 2009 • 2–4 PM**

Panel discussion and cultural performances

Light reception to follow

Free with Museum admission

Since the Japanese began migrating to this country, Kenjinkai (Japanese Prefectural Associations) have played important roles for new immigrants in assimilating into the larger society. They have also introduced Japanese culture and traditions to their broader American communities.

Join members from four local Kenjinkai groups (Hiroken, Kagoshima Heritage Club, Mie Kenjinkai, Yamaguchi Kenjinkai) for a presentation and discussion moderated by Professor Lane R. Hirabayashi exploring what the Kenjinkai mean to younger generations and what needs to change in order for these associations to continue to exist in the future.

Program to also include brief remarks by Consul Hiroshi Furusawa and cultural performances by past Kenjinkai Kyogikai scholarship winners.

**RSVP required** to 213.625.0414 ext. 2227 or [rsvp@janm.org](mailto:rsvp@janm.org) (Subject: Kenjinkai, March 28). Please include the names of all guests attending.

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This program is organized by the Japanese Prefectural Association of Southern California and the Japanese American National Museum in collaboration with Hiroshima Kenjinkai, Kagoshima Heritage Club, Mie Kenjinkai, and Yamaguchi Kenjinkai.

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