

~Japanese American Leadership Delegation~
Japanese Americans at a Crossroad: Connecting Past, Present and Future

About 140 years have passed since Japanese emigrants left for American mainland and Hawaii. Now, the accumulated total of Japanese emigrants from Hiroshima prefecture has reached 100,000, more than those from any other prefecture. In this coming March, 13 Japanese American Leaders will visit Japan under the invitation program co-sponsored by the Foreign Ministry and CGP, including four Japanese Americans originating from Hiroshima and two Japanese Americans from Hawaii, having sister relation with Hiroshima. We will reflect back on the American society history through the eyes of Japanese Americans and discuss their present and the future. The successful struggle story to rid the Texas communities of a racially offensive street name, "Jap Road", will also be presented by the local activist leader.

Date: Friday, March 9, 2007 14:00-16:15 ※ Simultaneous translation will be available.

Venue: Memorial Hall (Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum B1F)

Coordinators:

- ◆ Irene Hirano (President and CEO)
- ◆ Hiromichi Yamashiro (Professor, Hiroshima University)

Panelists:

- ◆ Sandra Chikako Tanamachi (Teacher / Houston / Fukuoka, Wakayama)
- ◆ Donna Shimoda Hollingshead
(Executive Director, Montgomery County Public Schools / Washington, D.C. / Hiroshima)
- ◆ Harold Taniguchi (Director, King County Department of Transportation / Seattle / Hiroshima)
(occupation / residence / hometown in Japan)

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