

THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN IN SAN FRANCISCO,
NATIONAL JAPANESE AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
AND THE NICHU BEI TIMES,
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAPANTOWN
invite you to a lecture



A Little-Known Story of Cross-Pacific Compassion

History of Japanese Americans and their
Contribution to the LARA Postwar Relief Efforts to Japan

Friday, June 23, 2006, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Japan Information Center,

Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco,
50 Fremont Street, Suite 2200

Seating is limited. RSVP required at (415) 356-2463

Transportation from Japantown available: call (415) 921-5007

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Tsuda College was founded
by Umeko Tsuda, a pioneer of
women's education in Japan
and sister of *Nichi Bei Shimbun*
publisher Yona (Tsuda) Abiko.



Refreshments after the lecture

The lecture is being held in
conjunction with the open-
ing of the NJAHS exhibit
"Carrying On: 100 Years of
San Francisco Japantown"
from June 23 through July
28, 2006 at the Japan Infor-
mation Center.

The Japan Information Center is
open from Monday through Friday, 9
a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed noon to 1 p.m.

Parking suggestions: Underground
parking available (garage closes at
8 p.m.) or street parking

Coming out of wartime concentration camps, Japanese Americans had little or nothing. However, even facing such difficult times, they realized that those in Japan, devastated by the World War II had, in many cases, even less. This is a remarkable story of the role Japanese Americans played in postwar relief efforts to Japan, where some 20 percent of more than 16 tons of relief goods sent to Japan were raised by persons of Japanese descent in North and South America, helping to save lives across the ocean.

Professor Iino will discuss how the relations between the U.S. and Japan affected the status of Japanese Americans on the West Coast of North America. She will examine the role Japanese Americans played in the relief activities of LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) in the post-war years. By examining the role that they played, she explores the complexity of responses surrounding issues of loyalty, ethnic identity and identification among people of Japanese ancestry who were caught in the crossfire of international politics.

Related Event: "Issei Women Pioneers: Umeko Tsuda and Yona Abiko: The Role Women Pioneers Played in Japanese America"
Saturday, June 24, at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern Calif., 1840 Sutter St., SF

Upcoming Event: July 24, 2006 in Japantown "Symposium on Japanese American Identity" presented by Consulate General of Japan