Japan America Society of Southern California’s

102nd Anniversary Dinner
and 2011 Japan Relief Fund
In 1959, Kyocera began as a small suburban workshop with 28 employees, manufacturing ceramic insulators for television picture tubes. Today, it’s a global technology and manufacturing enterprise with 213 companies and 63,800 employees worldwide — as well as $11.5 billion in fiscal year 2010 revenue capping 52 years of consecutive annual profit.

Our founder, Dr. Kazuo Inamori, proudly accepts the International Citizen Award and would like to thank the Japan America Society of Southern California for this honor.

“Our highest calling as human beings is to work for the greater good of mankind and society.”

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Kyocera’s expertise in fine ceramics, semiconductor components and electronic devices is seen in a growing range of end-user products.
Evening Program

Co-Mistress of Ceremonies
Miyuki Matsunaga

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Lane Nishikawa

Opening Remarks and Moment of Silence
Nancy Woo Hiromoto, Chairman, Japan America Society of Southern California

Dinner Served

Entertainment
Yuko Maruyama

The Kokusai Shimin Sho "International Citizens Award" Presentation
Terry S. Hara, Co-Chair, 102nd Anniversary Dinner
Jonathan Kaji, Co-Chair, 102nd Anniversary Dinner

Keynote Speech
Dr. Kazuo Inamori
Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Kyocera Corporation
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Remarks
The Honorable Junichi Ihara, Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles

Closing
Dr. Kazuo Inamori was born in Kagoshima, Japan, in 1932. He graduated from Kagoshima University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Engineering degree and joined Shofu Industries, an insulator manufacturing company, in Kyoto. In April 1959, he established Kyoto Ceramic Co., Ltd. (now Kyocera Corporation) with an investment of 3 million Japanese yen from acquaintances. He served as president and chairman of the company until 1997, when he assumed the title of founder and chairman emeritus.

When Japan’s telecommunications industry was deregulated in 1984, Dr. Inamori quickly took the initiative to establish DDI Corporation, and became its chairman. In October 2000, DDI merged with KDD and IDO to create KDDI Corporation, and he served as KDDI’s chairman emeritus. He was named honorary adviser in June 2001. In February 2010, the Government of Japan tapped Dr. Inamori to become chairman of Japan Airlines.

In 1984, Dr. Inamori made a personal endowment to establish the non-profit Inamori Foundation, and became its president. At the same time, he created the Kyoto Prize, an international award presented by the Inamori Foundation each November to recognize individuals and groups worldwide who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the global community and humankind.

His volunteer service includes leading Seiwajyuku, a private management school operating in 62 locations, 9 of which are outside of Japan. As president of Seiwajyuku, Dr. Inamori teaches his management philosophy to more than 6,200 business owners and entrepreneurs worldwide.

He also holds several posts outside of the company including honorary chairman of the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, trustee emeritus of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, foreign associate of the National Academy of Engineering in the United States, and special adviser to the Cabinet.

In 1997, he entered Buddhist priesthood; ceremony at Enpuku-ji temple of the Rinzai sect, Myoshinji-lineage, Kyoto.
Welcome

Welcome to the Japan America Society of Southern California’s 102nd Anniversary Dinner. It is appropriate that we begin the program this evening with a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the horrific disasters that struck Japan just weeks ago, and in honor and tribute to everyone who continues to provide direct assistance and to everyone who continue to contribute their time and resources to help relief and recovery efforts.

Each year the Society accomplishes a great deal, by making connections between Japanese and Americans who wish to work together more effectively, helping to create lasting friendships between people from our two countries, and by developing and implementing excellent programming. Most importantly, in times of trouble, as it has been doing since tragedy struck in Japan, the Society plays a critical role in filling the communications void between family and friends here in Southern California and in Japan.

Although the Society’s focus now is squarely on efforts to help Japan’s recovery, its goals for the year remain ambitious. We want to thank the Society’s staff, and our Anniversary Dinner committee, which began work on this evening’s event over a year ago, for their hard work. We also want to thank you for your participation tonight, which has allowed us to reach the goals set by the dinner committee. Your generous contributions and support are imperative for the Society to continue its important work.

This evening we are pleased to honor Dr. Kazuo Inamori, Founder & Chairman Emeritus, Kyocera Corporation, with the Society’s Kokusai Shimin Sho “International Citizens Award.” The leadership displayed by Dr. Inamori in all he has taken on, his persistence in overcoming difficulties and in achieving success, serves as a model to those now tasked with the monumental job of rebuilding an entire region of Japan. We are privileged to be able to honor this great International Citizen.

In the Society’s long and rich history, tonight also marks the first time we have held our Anniversary Dinner in Orange County. We could not have done so without the generosity of Elizabeth and Henry T. Segerstrom, and our Presenting Sponsor, South Coast Plaza International Destination. Thank you for making this historic evening possible.

In its more than a century of service, every generation of the Society’s membership and leadership has worked diligently to build and foster stronger relationships between Japan and the United States.

The importance of the Society’s work was never more apparent than on the early morning of March 11, 2011, when within hours of Japan’s worst natural disaster, the Society responded quickly and effectively. In addition to providing assistance to people trying to find relatives and loved ones, the Society quickly established the 2011 Japan Relief Fund that is accepting donations that will be sent to agencies in Japan that can make the maximum impact, both in terms of immediate relief needs and the longer term recovery process.

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed or volunteered to support this effort. More is needed and much remains to be done. But, we are proud of the leadership being provided by this great organization we call the Japan America Society of Southern California.
The JASSC 2011 Japan Relief Fund was created by the Japan America Society of Southern California within hours of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck the Sanriku coast in the Tohoku region of Japan on Friday, March 11, 2011. Donations to the JASSC 2011 Japan Relief Fund will be forwarded to disaster relief agencies in Japan that have a proven track record of both immediate emergency humanitarian relief and long-term recovery and redevelopment of destroyed areas.

We extend our deep appreciation to everyone and every organization that has made a contribution to the JASSC 2011 Japan Relief Fund, especially our Charter Donors, including:

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The Japan America Society of Southern California has a strong history of providing disaster relief assistance to Japan, including:

1923 Great Kanto Earthquake in Tokyo – The Society led relief efforts to gather monetary donations, food and clothing.

1959 Typhoon Vera (Isewan) – After Nagoya was devastated by the strongest typhoon to hit Japan in recorded history, the Society cancelled its planned 50th Anniversary Celebration and coordinated efforts with the JCCSC to raise funds and send clothing and blankets. The Red Cross later wrote, “The amount raised by Americans in greater L.A. totals $42,588, the largest amount of disaster relief funds contributed by a single geographical section of the U.S. to the Japanese people since the 1923 earthquake.”

1995 Great Hanshin Earthquake – Within 12 hours the Society established the “Kobe Relief Fund” and worked with Japanese, Japanese American and other non-profit organizations to receive approximately 10,000 individual contributions totaling $1.7 million, recognized by then-Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama as the largest amount Kobe received from a grassroots relief campaign.
Proud to support the Japan America Society of Southern California.

Committed to the communities we serve.

Our thoughts go out to the people of Japan as they recover from the impact of the recent earthquakes and tsunami. As part of our commitment to community, Bank of the West is providing a $50,000 grant to the Japan America Society of Southern California’s 2011 Japan Relief Fund as well as matching the personal donations of our team members in support of the recovery efforts.
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Lane Nishikawa is an American actor, filmmaker, playwright and performance artist. He is *Sansei* (third generation Japanese American) and his work often deals with Asian American history and identity issues. He is widely known for a series of one-man shows, including *Life in the Fast Lane*, *I’m on a Mission From Buddha*, *Mifune and Me* and others. In 2005 he directed the independent feature film, *Only the Brave*, a fictional account of the rescue of the Lost Battalion by the 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team, a segregated Japanese American fighting unit during World War II. Nishikawa also starred in the lead role. He has written and directed two short films about World War II veterans, *Forgotten Valor* and *When We Were Warriors*.

Nishikawa has a long history in Asian American theater, having served as artistic director for the Asian American Theater Company, in San Francisco, California for 10 seasons. He was co-artistic director of the Eureka Theatre and resident director at the San Francisco Shakespeare Festival.

**Honors**
- Profiles of Excellence Award – ABC-TV
- Harvard Foundation Honoree
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- NEA Solo Performance Fellowship
Miyuki was born and raised in Fukuoka Japan. Though beginning at a late age of 19, Miyuki became a solid member of a professional dance team M-Trap’s within one year. While enhancing her abilities and skills as a dancer and singer, Miyuki was joined by two other singers and created a group called Girls-Trap’s, performing for TV, radio, events, and festivals.

She won a scholarship at Winners USA Dance Program which brought her to Los Angeles. There, Miyuki began her new life as well as her acting career. She worked for ‘Tales of the Valley of the Wind’, ‘1000 Ways to Die’ and ‘Exorcism’ and other projects of TV, movie and theater. She also works as a bilingual emcee for concert, music lives and party.

In 2005, Miyuki created her own performing art called Geta Dance – a dance style that blends elements of Japanese traditional dance, modern dance, and Japanese poetry; performing throughout Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Las Vegas. Miyuki’s performances incorporate characteristics of traditional Japanese and Western styles, which are carefully choreographed into stories, also sharing the beauties of the Japanese culture. She is also currently working on contemporary Japanese music with Shamisen player, Greg Walsh, as a singer and songwriter.

Miyuki directed a musical for ‘Miracle Kids’ in 2010. ‘Miracle Kids’ is a group of special needs children and their friends and family. She currently has a dance/vocal class for special needs people and their family. She is also a bilingual dance and yoga/pilates teacher at the ABE Music & Dance School in Torrance.

Miyuki enjoys different forms of art and spends time writing, graphic designing or shooting/editing videos and photos in her free time.
HELEN H. OTA is the Artistic Director and performing cast member of COLD TOFU, the nation’s premier Asian American comedy improvisation group. She is also the co-founder of Yes, And...Productions (which produced Songs for a New World at the Tateuchi Democracy Forum) and is a performing member of the Grateful Crane Ensemble.


Helen also proudly supports the Japanese American community. She is a past president of the Nisei Week Foundation and is currently the Vice President of Community Relations. In addition, she is a Board Member and Secretary of the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center. When she isn’t producing, performing and volunteering, Helen works in Development for Center Theatre Group, a nonprofit arts organization in Downtown Los Angeles.
Pianist-composer-arranger Yuko Maruyama is from Tokyo, Japan. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a master's degree in Jazz Studies. She was named the “Outstanding Graduate” by the department and her original composition “Twilight” was featured in Jazz at USC, the first CD produced by the department. As a classical pianist, she was a first-prize winner in the Piano Teacher’s Association of America’s Duo Piano Competition in San Diego. She works professionally as a performing and recording artist in the musical styles of classical, jazz, fusion, salsa, pop, R & B, and Latin jazz.

Yuko Maruyama’s acclaimed CD and audiophile DVD recording entitled: In Tone Nation was the first recording to feature Kawai Piano’s flagship instrument, the Shigeru Kawai grand piano. Yuko’s “In Tone Nation Tour” headlined at several of the most prestigious jazz clubs of the Pacific Coast including, Yoshi’s in Oakland, Jazz Alley in Seattle, Catalina’s in Los Angeles and Dizzy’s in San Diego. She was also the featured artist on the popular “The Lounge” radio program on KPBS.

Yuko has been the featured performer at several prestigious engagements including the California Welcome Receptions for Consul General and Mrs. Masaharu Kohno; for the former Japanese Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi; for the International Citizens Award Event for Mr. Yoshikazu Hanawa, Chairman and CEO of The Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. and at numerous benefit events. She is also active in scoring original soundtracks for multimedia and television productions.

Yuko is currently at work composing and arranging the music for her new CD and DVD project, Piano Bento, an album exploring both jazz and classical styles with inventive instrumentation and progressive interpretations.

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April 2, 2011

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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the Japan America Society of Southern California’s 102nd Anniversary Dinner and Gala Celebration.

Since its inception, the Japan America Society of Southern California has dedicated itself to building a stronger relationship between America and Japan. Through its efforts to increase the understanding of Japanese culture in the United States, they have positively affected the lives of many individuals. The Japan America Society of Southern California’s commitment to improving the economic, cultural, and governmental ties between the people of two countries is truly admirable.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize tonight’s distinguished honoree: Dr. Kazuo Inamori. Dr. Inamori has proven himself to be a leader of the highest caliber and an outstanding community servant who has exhibited incredible devotion to charitable causes both in Japan and abroad. I praise Dr. Inamori for his tremendous contributions.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I commend the Japan America Society of Southern California and Dr. Kazuo Inamori for their extraordinary achievements. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable and enjoyable event.

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Sadly, celebrations are overshadowed this year by the recent Tohoku earthquake and tsunami and the continuing state of disaster in Japan. In the midst of this situation, it warms my heart tremendously to see the Japan America Society rise as one of the first groups to mobilize into action, creating the 2011 Japan Relief Fund. I believe the speed and willingness of the Society and its members to do so comes from positive relationships with Japan and Japanese people over the past century.

In selecting Dr. Kazuo Inamori for this year’s Kokusai Shimin Sho “International Citizens Award,” the Society honors a visionary whose activities over the years fall much in line with the Society’s mission of promoting economic, cultural, governmental and personal relationships between the peoples of Japan and America.

It is my pleasure to continue to work with the leaders, members, and supporters of the Japan America Society of Southern California to further strengthen the bilateral relationship between our two nations. I wish you increasing and lasting success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

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April 2, 2011

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Congratulations to tonight’s special guest and honoree, Dr. Kazuo Inamori, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Kyocera Corporation and recipient of the Kokusai Shimin Sho “International Citizens Award.” His generous philanthropy, contributions, and efforts to create awareness enable the Japan America Society to further its mission of strengthening the relationship between the United States and Japan as well as serving the community.

I extend my best wishes for a memorable celebration and for future success.

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April 2, 2011

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Please accept my warmest greetings as you gather for the 102nd Anniversary Gala of the Japan America Society.

I am honored to join all of you in congratulating Dr. Kazuo Inamori, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Kyocera Corporation and current Chairman of Japan Airlines, on being named the recipient of this year’s International Citizens Award.

I also applaud the Japan America Society for hosting their first High Tech Trade Fair where exhibitors will display the latest technology, products and services to local businesses and industry leaders.

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