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Welcome from the JASSC Chair

It is with joy and gratitude that I give you a heartfelt “Welcome!” to the Japan America Society of Southern California’s 114th Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebration. There is certainly a good reason to celebrate; this is our first Anniversary Gala Dinner since 2019 when we honored Shohei Ohtani and Marie Kondo at Angel Stadium.

The Anniversary Gala Dinner is the Society’s largest fundraiser and a major source of revenue that immensely helps with operating costs and enables us to present programs that fulfill our mission of building U.S.-Japan relationships. During the four-year hiatus of operating without our largest fundraiser, we were able to keep JASSC viable despite challenges.

I have mixed feelings about this evening. On the one hand, as I mentioned above, we can celebrate. But, on the other hand, tonight’s Gala Dinner is my last event as your Chair. I assumed the role of JASSC chair in April 2021, in the middle of the pandemic. During my term as Chair, despite challenges, I did my utmost to serve you and the community as best as I could. Also, I endeavored to fulfill my motto for the Society, “LUE3”:

L = Learn (学ぶ)

U = Unity (結束)

E = Empathy (共感)

E = Experience (経験)

E = Enjoy (楽しむ)

This is not good-bye, but I will see you again, as I will continue to serve on the Board of Directors and serve as a corporate member and sponsor. I pass the torch now to my successor, Frank Eguchi, who will be your new Chair. I have every confidence that he will make an even better future for the Society.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Officers, Board, staff, interns, and volunteers for all their tireless support and hard work. I would be remiss if I did not also thank you our members, supporters, and friends. You all are the lifeblood of the Society. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Mari Miyoshi
Chairwoman



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**Message from Ambassador Ichiro Fujisaki,
President of America-Japan Society**



Congratulations for the 114th Anniversary.

I remember visiting your very fancy Gala a decade ago.
LA has been my dream city. I saw my true hero in 1962 in LA.

I was 14 and on my way back to Tokyo from my year and half at a
Seattle Junior High School.

My mother accompanied me to Disneyland which was still partly
under construction.

It was rather awkward for a 14year old boy to be on the Disney train
with his mother. So I was silently watching outside from my seat.
Then, in the river, I found a familiar face of a man with moustache,
instructing workers where a hippopotamus should be placed at.

I waved to him and he waved back to me.

Mr. Walt Disney.

Mr. Kenko Sone is a great friend of mine.

We worked together in Geneva and D.C.

He has all my trust.

I hear that he is doing great.

But when the time comes for him to leave.....

My last dream is to be the CG in my dream city.

Congratulations again,

Ichiro Fujisaki

President, America-Japan Society, Tokyo

President, America-Japan Society, Japan

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I offer my sincere congratulations to the Japan America Society of Southern California (JASSC) on the occasion of its 114th Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebration. The JASSC continues to bring together both Japanese and Americans in various fields through its programs and events, offering a solid foundation for the continued friendship between Japan and the U.S.

I wish to acknowledge this year's distinguished recipients of the *Kokusai Shimin Sho*, or "International Citizens Award." I extend my appreciation to Mr. Bob Graziano for his community involvement and civic leadership over many years that has enriched nonprofit organizations and other institutions across Southern California. I also offer my congratulations to Ms. Yuko Kaifu, my longtime friend, who as president of JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles (JHLA) has been a driving force behind the institution's efforts to cultivate awareness and appreciation for Japan by showcasing its many aspects including art, design, innovation and gastronomy. She has also been contributing to the Japanese American community especially for stronger connection to Japan. I also acknowledge MIYAVI, who has bridged cultures around the world through his music, acting and philanthropy, including his support for JHLA and the LA Next Generation Japanese American Leaders Initiative. He has also raised awareness about refugees worldwide through his work as a Goodwill Ambassador to UNHCR, the UN refugee agency.

I also congratulate New Generation Rising Star Award recipient Ms. Jun Endo, forward of National Women's Soccer League team Angel City Football Club and a member of Nadeshiko Japan at the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023. She is beloved by fans on both sides of the Pacific for her enthusiastic plays on the field.

Lastly, I would like to thank Ms. Mari Miyoshi, Chairwoman of the JASSC, the board, members and supporters for enriching the Japan-U.S. relationship. The JASSC's initiatives, events and programs bring communities and people together and promote deeper cross-cultural understanding. These efforts are also made possible with the support of the many organizations and individuals that contribute to the JASSC. The Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles also looks forward to supporting and working together with the JASSC for its future and continuing growth.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable dinner and gala celebration, and the continued success of the JASSC for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenko Sone', written in a cursive style.

SONE Kenko
Consul General of Japan



Dear Colleagues & Friends,
Congratulations to the Japan-America Society of Southern California (JASSC) on your 114th anniversary! Your friends at the National Association of Japan-America Societies and across 36 other societies -- wish you the best at the August 23 *Gala*. Unfortunately, I cannot join **Consul General of Japan Keno Sone**, and the entire, grand assembly. However, I echo your appreciation of exceptional honorees: **Ben Graziano, Yuko Kaifu, MIYAVI and Jun Endo**. Congratulations, and thank you for supporting U.S.-Japan ties.

"JASSC'ers," your organization has traveled an eventful road since foundation in 1909, marked with a banquet at L.A.'s downtown Y.M.C.A. Back then there was no Japanese Consulate for Southern California, so the society began life with extra obligations that you filled with distinction. Your society – the fifth oldest among our network – has been a protagonist in tumultuous developments in a century-plus of Japan - United States relations: two world wars, a depression, and the forced evacuation of an entire community marked the stormy first third of your history.

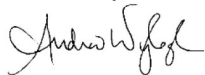
Your deep engagement continues today, via important programs from your *Benkyokai* competitions that boost next generation leaders, to your "Women's Leadership Counts," conferences. Last March I was taken aback by the linkages JASSC holds across the city, the country, and back to Japan, when I joined in a program on smart and sustainable urban design under our "Japan Currents" series, funded by the Embassy of Japan.

As we celebrate your founding, let's also recognize the volunteer executive leadership that makes positive social impact possible. For over two years **Ms. Mari Miyoshi**, President and CEO of Sumitomo Realty & Development (USA), Inc., has led JASSC with distinction – opening pathways as the first Japanese national to lead a society.

Today, equally strong leadership is at hand with **Mr. Frank Eguchi** of Panasonic Automotive Systems Co., as incoming JASSC Chairman. I'd also like to recognize the Board of Directors and thank the corporate benefactors, and the senior and regular corporate members for keeping JASSC strong.

Happy 114: may the legacy and good works continue!

Sincerely,



Andrew Wylegala
President



Japan America Society of Southern California

Emcee



Master of Ceremonies Frank Buckley

We are pleased to have Frank Buckley, whose mother is Japanese, return to the Japan America Society of Southern California to serve as our Master of Ceremonies! In 2019, Frank served as MC for the Society's 110th Gala, when Angels Baseball pitcher and hitter, Shohei Ohtani, and Marie Kondo, a organizing consultant and author, were honored.

Frank anchors KTLA's signature broadcast, L.A.'s No.1-rated KTLA 5 Morning News every Monday through Friday from 7-11 a.m. He is also the host/executive producer of the weekly TV show and podcast, Frank Buckley Interviews, airing on weekends on KTLA and also available on YouTube and all podcast platforms. Frank also co-anchors Inside California Politics, airing weekends on KTLA and on other Nexstar TV stations.

Frank joined KTLA in June 2005 from CNN where he had been a Los Angeles-based national correspondent. Frank is the recipient of numerous awards, including Emmys for hard news reporting, for news special for his coverage of the Hong Kong handover, and for entertainment programming for co-hosting KTLA's Rose Parade pre-show.

He has also won awards from the Los Angeles Press Club, including best documentary for KTLA's "When Disaster Strikes: A Survival Guide" and for talk/public affairs for "Access L.A." His other honors include APTRA Awards from the Associated Press Television-Radio Association, including reporter of the year; Golden Mike Awards from the Radio and Television News Association for writing and feature reporting; and the national Americanism in News Media Award. In 2019, Frank Buckley Interviews was nominated for a Los Angeles Press Club National Arts & Entertainment Award. In 2020, the program was nominated for an Emmy Award.

Frank's reporting has taken him to nearly every community in Southern California and to many locations across the United States and the globe. In March 2011, Frank traveled to Japan for KTLA and reported from Sendai immediately after it was devastated by a tsunami and earthquake. Frank has also reported for KTLA from London on a terror plot and from Tehran, Iran, on the presidential election.

While at CNN, Frank's varied assignments ranged from breaking news to politics to long-form enterprise reporting, including several CNN Presents documentaries including "Carrier at War." During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Frank was embedded with the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Constellation in the Persian Gulf. In the weeks following 9/11, he reported from the Pentagon and from warships in the Arabian Sea.

In 2004, Frank participated in CNN's political coverage, traveling with the John Kerry and John Edwards campaigns. In 2003-2004, he also traveled with President George W. Bush and frequently reported from the White House. Other political reporting assignments have included Hillary Clinton's New York Senate run and the 2000 presidential election and its aftermath.

His spot news reporting for KTLA, CNN, and in the 1990s for KCAL-TV has included hurricanes in the Caribbean and the Carolinas; the Landers and Northridge earthquakes in California and the devastating earthquake in Kobe, Japan; wildfires in Southern California; the Los Angeles riots, the OJ Simpson case and trial; and the death of John F. Kennedy, Jr. off Martha's Vineyard.

In 2022, Frank Buckley Interviews won a National Entertainment and Journalism Award from the L.A. Press Club.

Frank frequently donates his time to community organizations and has served on the boards of JDRF (formerly known as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), and the Los Angeles chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association. He was one of the original members of the people-to-people diplomacy organization, U.S.-Japan Council, and he served on the Japanese American Leadership Delegation to Japan in 2006. Frank is also a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Frank is married and the father of two sons. He is a bogey golfer, a weekly basketball player, and a cyclist who gives it everything he's got to complete a 100-mile ride every year to raise funds for JDRF to defeat type 1 diabetes.



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Kokusai Shimin Sho “International Citizens Award” Honoree



Bob Graziano

Vice Chairman of J.P. Morgan Private Bank

Bob Graziano is responsible for corporate strategy and development for J.P. Morgan’s Private Bank in the Western Region. Before joining J.P. Morgan, Bob was Managing Director of the Family Advisory Services Group at Northern Trust.

Prior to joining Northern Trust, Bob spent 18 years with the Los Angeles Dodgers, serving his final six years there as the Club’s President & Chief Operating Officer. He was named to that post on March 19, 1998, becoming only the 11th President in franchise history. He started with the Dodger organization in 1986 as Director of Financial Projects and was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 1987 and Executive Vice President in 1997.

During Bob’s term as President & Chief Operating Officer of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Bob served as the Chairman of the Japan America Society of Southern California from January 2002 to February 2005.

After earning summa cum laude honors, the University Trustees Award, and a Business Administration degree with an emphasis in accounting from the University of Southern California in 1980, Bob joined Ernst & Young LLP. In early 1984, Bob took a leave from Ernst & Young to work for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee as Manager, Ticket Operations. In 1985, Bob joined WTC Airfreight, an international freight forwarding firm, as Manager, Financial Services, responsible for the accounting and finance functions of the company.

Bob has built a strong reputation in Southern California due to his community involvement and civic leadership. Bob is Chair of the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission and the former Chair and current board member of the LA84 Foundation, which is the legacy organization created after the 1984 Olympic Games. Bob is a board member of the Los Angeles Business Council, and a member of the Leadership Council for International Medical Corps., a Southern California based global first responder to those affected by conflict, natural disaster and disease. Bob is a member of the California Club and serves on the Finance Committee. He is a member of the Lincoln Club and YPO Gold Los Angeles; and belonged to the Bel Air Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO). Previous board service includes the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Town Hall Los Angeles, The Jim Murray Memorial Foundation, USC Associates, Barlow Respiratory Hospital Foundation, LA’s BEST, YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles and the Japan America Society of Southern California and advisory board positions with The Jackie Robinson Foundation, The USC Leventhal School of Accounting, the USC Sports Business Institute. He was also a member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials Host Committee and Vice Chair of the 2022 Super Bowl Bid Committee.



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***Kokusai Shimin Sho* “International Citizens Award” Honoree**



Yuko Kaifu

President of JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles

Yuko Kaifu started her career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Her previous assignments with the Ministry include the Embassy of Japan in Canada and various departments at the Ministry’s headquarters in Tokyo. During her service at the headquarters in Tokyo, she was appointed official interpreter for dignitaries such as Her Majesty the Empress Heisei, the Prime Ministers, and the Foreign Ministers of Japan. In 2001, she was assigned to the Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles as a Consul in charge of Political Affairs.

In 2007, Yuko left the government to work at the Japanese American National Museum as Vice President in charge of its international programs, and then at MUFG Union Bank as Managing Director of Corporate Communications. She joined JAPAN HOUSE Los Angeles as the president in January 2016 to start up the public diplomacy institution launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Yuko has served on the boards of the US-Japan Council, the International Visitors’ Council of Los Angeles, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Advisory Board of UCLA Terasaki Center for Japanese Studies, and the Board of Governors of Japanese American National Museum as well as various Japanese cultural organizations in Southern California. She graduated from Nara Women’s University and received M.A. in Sociology from Queen’s University in Canada.



MIYAVI

MIYAVI is a musician, actor, and philanthropist, bridging cultures across the globe with his music and message. His unique style of guitar playing has taken him on 8 world tours in over 30 countries. Fans refer to MIYAVI as the “Samurai Guitarist.” He has released 13 studio albums.

As an actor, MIYAVI made his big screen debut in the Oscar nominated film *Unbroken*. He has since appeared in the 2017 blockbuster *Kong:Skull Island* and the live-action adaptation of the popular manga *Bleach*. His recent filmography includes the films *Stray* (2019) and *Maleficent 2* (2020).

In December 2018, MIYAVI released the groundbreaking collaborations album *Samurai Sessions Vol. 3: Worlds Collide* on Universal Music Group. Each track on the album features a different artist laying down vocals over MIYAVI’s signature guitar sound. The stellar list of U.S.-based collaborators includes Oscar-nominated actor Samuel L. Jackson, Grammy nominated R&B artist Gallant, Grammy nominated Pop artist Mikky Ekko, Grammy winning producer RAC, Malaysian born R&B songstress Yuna, South Central LA rapper DUCKWRTH, “Hood EDM” rapper Bok Nero, “laptop punk” artist NVDES, and Australian born Pop artist Betty Who.

The Japanese artists featured on the album include a who’s who of chart toppers including Rock artist SHISHIDO KAVKA, Pop artist Daichi Miura, Pop artist Miliyah, rappers Kreva and AK-69, and a posthumous collaboration with iconic singer-guitarist hide (X Japan).

MIYAVI returned to his releasing solo albums with 2019’s *NO SLEEP TILL TOKYO* followed by the 2020 release of *Holy Nights*.

As a brand ambassador, MIYAVI has appeared as the face of Beats headphones in Japan and on billboards worldwide in Moncler’s Beyond campaign. MIYAVI is the brand ambassador for American Airlines and BMW. In 2020, he was selected to participate in Fender’s *Next* campaign and in Gucci’s *Off the Grid* campaign. He has walked the runway at Paris Fashion Week 2018, modeling designer Yohji Yamamoto’s Y-3 collection.

In November 2017, MIYAVI was appointed as an UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) Goodwill Ambassador. MIYAVI continues his important work as a Goodwill Ambassador visiting refugee camps in Lebanon, Thailand, Colombia and Bangladesh, and performing at the United Nations in New York, sharing his talents and spreading the message of the refugee crisis around the world.



Jun Endo

Forward, Angel City Football Club

Jun Endo is a Japanese professional women's soccer player who plays as a forward for the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) club Angel City FC in Los Angeles. Jun also plays for the Japan women's national team (Nadeshiko Japan), playing on the 23-player squad for Japan in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.

Career Accomplishments:

- Signed with Angel City Football Club on December 20, 2021
- In 2019, won the Asia Football Confederation's Women's Club Championship with Tokyo Verdy Beleza
- In 2019, selected to the squad for Japan for 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup. She appeared in three of Japan's four games at the 2019 World Cup as the squad's youngest player
- In February 2019, selected for the senior Japan national team for the SheBelieves Cup
- In 2018, selected to the Japan U-20 national team for the 2018 U-20 World Cup. She played at all six matches and scored two goals, and Japan won the championship
- In 2018, joined Nadeshiko League club Nippon TV Beleza (later Nippon TV Tokyo Verdy Beleza) from JFA Academy Fukushima
- In 2016, Endo was selected to the Japan U-17 national team for the 2016 U-17 World Cup. She played in four matches and scored three goals, and Japan won second place

Born in Shirakawa, Fukushima Prefecture, Jun is the youngest of four children. All of her siblings also play soccer. Jun's father is a soccer coach and Jun's mother is a schoolteacher, and her family lived next door to her grandparents in her hometown.

When the March 11, 2011, Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami struck Fukushima, Jun Endo was 10 years old. Jun's family and their homes survived, and they were not required to evacuate from the subsequent release of radiation at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant. They decided not to relocate. However, radiation regulations at Jun's school meant outdoor play was strictly limited for months after the disaster, limiting Jun's ability to play soccer outdoors.

Nevertheless, Jun Endo continued to practice soccer inside a cramped indoor hall which Jun shared with other kids, honing her dribbling skills. But the difficult circumstances had a good impact on Jun's control of a soccer ball and her technique developed a lot.

Rare visits to other parts of Japan to play games brought relief but also pain — Jun and her teammates faced discrimination from opposing players, who treated them as if they were contaminated with radiation. Also, Jun says it was difficult to deal with the loss of freedom and she thought about giving up the sport. Jun felt the fun going out of playing soccer. But just when Jun was thinking of quitting Japan won the 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup which inspired her and gave her strength to keep going on. Jun said, "I have nothing but bad memories from the disaster, but it's precisely because it happened that I kept playing. I try to take it as a positive." It was a turning point in Jun's life.

***Kokusai Shimin Sho* “International Citizens Award”**

Award Recipients

The perpetual ***Kokusai Shimin Sho* “International Citizens Award”** (known until 1988 as the “Victor M. Carter Award”) is presented at the Japan America Society of Southern California’s Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebrations.

The Award honors and recognizes “individuals, businesses or organizations that have substantively and significantly enhanced the Japan–United States relationship and that are committed to the strengthening of bonds between the two nations.” Please see the list of past Honorees below (Titles indicate position at the time award received)

Arts, Culture, Literature and Sports

- **The Disneyland® Resort**
- **Taylor Anderson**, JET Programme Assistant Language Teacher (*Awarded Posthumously*)
- **James Clavell**, Best-selling Novelist, Screenwriter and Director
- **Rod Dedeaux**, Legendary USC Coach; “Coach of the Century”; Co-Founder, U.S.-Japan College Baseball Championship Series
- **Montgomery “Monty” Dickson**, JET Programme Assistant Language Teacher (*Awarded Posthumously*)
- **Irene Hirano Inouye**, President, U.S.-Japan Council
- **Renzo Ishii**, Legendary Waseda University Player and Coach; Co-Founder, U.S.-Japan College Baseball Championship Series
- **Kitaro**, Grammy and Golden Globe Award Winning Composer and Musician
- **Marie Kondo**, Best-selling Author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*, and hit Netflix series inspiring home makeovers, helping American families clear out the clutter -- and choose joy.
- **Tommy Lasorda**, Legendary Coach and Special Advisor to the Chairman, Los Angeles Dodgers
- **Shohei Ohtani**, MLB’s first two-way player since Babe Ruth, Angels Baseball Pitcher and Hitter, and 2018 MLB Rookie of the Year
- **Etsuko and Joe D. Price**, Founders, Shin’enkan Foundation, Recipients, 2006 Japan Foundation Award
- **Takuma Sato**, First Japanese Race Car Driver to win an IndyCar Race and first to win the iconic Indianapolis 500

Government

- **Japan Self-Defense Forces and U.S. Forces of “OPERATION TOMODACHI”**
- **Ambassador James D. Hodgson**, 22nd United States Ambassador to Japan and Chairman Emeritus, JASSC
- **Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone**, Government of Japan
- **Ambassador John V. Roos**, 29th United States Ambassador to Japan
- **Ambassador Taizo Watanabe**, Government of Japan
- **Governor Pete Wilson**, State of California

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- **Takuji Yamada**, President & CEO, American Honda Motor Co., Inc.



Japan America Society of Southern California Past Presidents and Chairpersons

Since its founding in 1909, the Japan America Society of Southern California has had thirty-five volunteer Presidents and Chairs. Some notes of interest:

- Six past Presidents and four past Chairs are honored recipients of Decorations from the Government of Japan. *Each recipient's Decoration is in italics.*

- When the United States entered WWII in 1941, until the signing of the San Francisco Peace Treaty in 1951, the Society was in "recess". Past Presidents Mr. Moote and Mrs. Watkins served as caretakers of the organization.

- In 1996, the title of the volunteer office of President is renamed "Chair", and the title of the staff position of Executive Director is renamed "President".

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| 5. | Professor Roy Malcolm, Ph.D. | President, 1924-1925 |
| 6. | Reverend Paul Bernard Waterhouse | President, 1926-1929 |
| 7. | Mr. William Isaac Clendenon | President, 1929-1935 |
| 8. | Mrs. Louise Ward Watkins | President, 1936-1940 |
| 9. | Mr. Henry Irving Weitzel | President, 1940-1941 |
| 10. | Mr. Ralph Palmer Merritt, LL.D. | President, 1952-1953 |
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| 24. | Mr. R. Thomas Decker <i>Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon (Autumn 2013)</i> | Chairman, 1998-2000 |
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| 27. | Mr. Donald P. Baker | Chairman, 2005-2007 |
| 28. | Mr. Edward A. Perron <i>Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette (Spring 1999)</i> | Chairman, 2007-2009 |
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