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OUTLOOK

JAPANESE CULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA INC.

2019 SUMMER EDITION (June)



President's Report – Ken Teramura

With summer almost upon us, lots of things are going on at the Centre.

As most of you know, we are about to start renovations to some of our offices and board rooms on the east side of the building. Tractus Projects will commence on Monday, June 24th with an estimated 8 week duration taking us to the end of August. The Centre will be closed for three weeks of July from the 1st and re-opening on the 22nd.

As with any renovation, there will be disruption to activities at the Centre. With the many activities we host, there really is never a perfect time to renovate, however, we felt the summer closure was the best time so that we could be fully operational come September, when a lot of our activities resume.

Will the entire Centre be shut down? is a question the Board has been hearing a lot. It is just the east side of the building and all other areas will be accessible as usual. The other question that has been raised is *What is the benefit to the Centre/Community?* We are reconfiguring the office space to increase efficiency and will create a small multi-purpose room. Within one of the new offices will be our History Preservation project. The Board is very excited about this project and more details will follow in an upcoming Outlook. If you have any questions regarding the renovations, please contact Art Miki.

On June 2nd at 1:30, we will be holding a BC Redress consultation meeting hosted by the NAJC. Many of us at one time had a connection with BC and some of us still do. Come and find out what the BC government is doing and what we as a Nikkei community would like to see happen in terms of a legacy on this very important issue.

Another project of significance is the update to the JCAM website. We are streamlining the site, adding more features, links and content with the intent to go live in September. It will contain an eCommerce component so you'll be able to pay for your membership or make a donation online. We will announce when the new site is available.

As Summer approaches, we are gearing up for Folklorama to celebrate the Festival's 50th anniversary. If you have any pictures from past Folkloramas, please bring (or send) them to the Centre. We are looking for a volunteer to lead our Clean-up crew. If you wish to lead this area or would just like to volunteer, please contact me. And come check out our new location at Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard. After Folklorama, we are hosting our 2nd annual Bon Odori on Saturday, August 24th. Odori practices will start soon and will be posted in JCAM Matters.

Lastly is Keirokai, our chance to honor our seniors of our community 70 years and older. If you have parents or grandparents wishing to attend this event being held at the Centre September 29th, please contact me. Have a great Summer!

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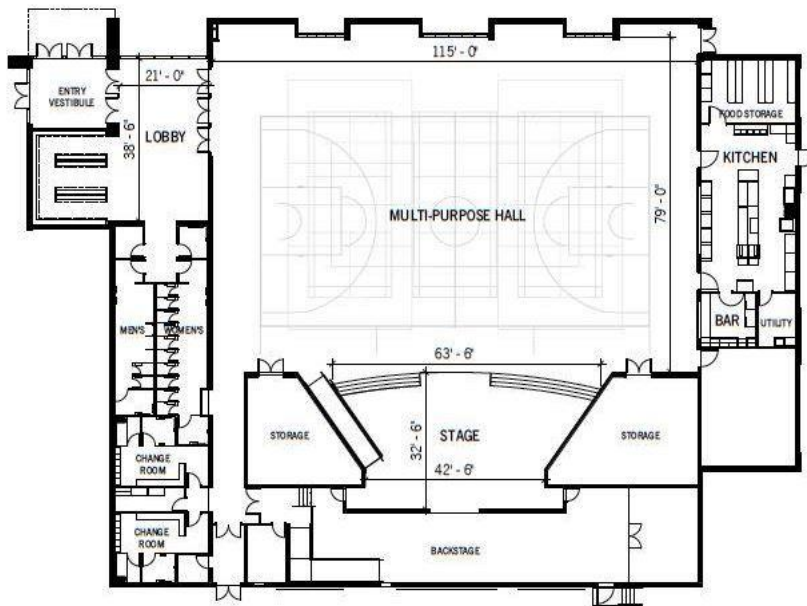
FOLKLORAMA 2019 – August 11-17

This year the **Japanese Pavilion** at *Folklorama 50* will be held at a bigger, and better venue: **Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard**, which is effectively on the south-east corner of Inkster and Route 90.

Japan has always been one of the anchor, “must see” pavilions at Folklorama, and the new venue will enable us to provide a more complete experience for our guests. Petrus Hall has about double the capacity of the space that we had previously. This will particularly serve us well on Friday August 16th when the Karakoro Eisa traditional drum dance troupe from Japan will again perform at our pavilion. As you can see from the floor plan below, the main hall is huge – the vestibule and foyer substantive and the kitchen much larger. The stage is large too and will allow for better presentations.



Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster



Floor footprint of Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Blvd

New this year will be a **5:15 early show** on the last day of the Folklorama festival, Saturday August 17 only, in addition to the regular 6:45, 8:15 and 9:45 show times throughout the week.

We already have a small army of volunteers organizing various aspects of pavilion operations but we can still use more volunteers particularly in the clean-up department. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact the office or any Board member or our President Ken Teramura.

Tickets go on sale online June 6 at 10 a.m.
<https://folklorama.tixit.ca/>

Meet The Faces of Your Japanese Pavilion 2019!

Youth Ambassadors



Dean Onishi

My name is Deann Onishi Mrsa. I am 16 years old and in Grade 11 at Fort Richmond Collegiate. I am a big soccer fan and have been playing since I was 4 years old. I was born in Nagoya, Japan and I still have family living there. I have completed my 40S Japanese classes and can speak both English and Japanese fluently. I am excited to represent the Japanese Pavilion this year and to meet other pavilion ambassadors and all the visitors to our pavilion.

Kazuki Nishikiori Hello, my name is Kazuki Nishikiori and I am one of the youth ambassadors for the Japanese Pavillion in this year's Folklorama. I am 17 years old and graduated from the U of Winnipeg Collegiate in April 2019. Next year I plan on studying at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Science. Outside of school I am a dancer, currently at Kickit Dance Studio. I train in many dance forms such as ballet, jazz, lyrical and contemporary.

Being a part of the Japanese community is a very important part of my life. I have been coming to the Cultural Centre for as long as I can remember, starting with the Newcomers Group with my mother, as well as attending Japanese language classes. I am happy to be representing the Japanese community this year.



Adult Ambassadors

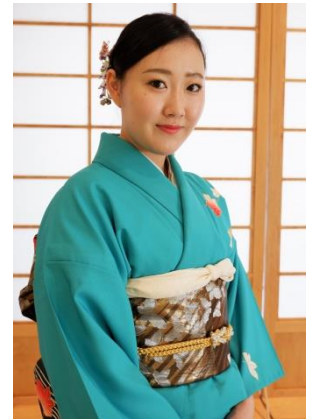


Honoka Abumi

My name is Honoka Abumi. I am from Kyoto which is the ancient capital of Japan. I have been in Winnipeg for 3 years now and am 29 years old.. Currently I am a server at Dwarf No Cachette and I have met many new people at the restaurant. I love to explore different cultures and I think that is why I am thrilled about participating at Folklorama. I am a huge fan of everything food. I love eating, cooking and even making food figurines out of clay, just like the realistic looking plastic food that can be seen outside restaurants in Japan. My dreams for the future include living in the country, sipping coffee with my three dogs beside me.

Ayaka Tanaka.

My name is Ayaka Tanaka. I was born in Kobe, Japan and am 22 years old. I am currently a student of Konan Women's University in Japan. Right now, I am taking a year off school and doing a working holiday here in Winnipeg. I came here because I wanted to improve my English. While working part time here, I attended the ELC English language program at the University of Manitoba and will be taking the IELTS exam this month. Some of my interests are fashion, listening to music such as Western and Korean genres, and experiencing local Winnipeg life. I decided to be an ambassador for the Japanese Pavilion because I thought it would be a good opportunity to show others the culture and traditions of my country, as well as gain a unique experience while I'm here.



Convention of the Association of Pan American Nikkei - COPANI XX September 20-22, 2019



The Conventions of the Association of Pan American Nikkei (COPANI) returns to North America for the first time since the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) last hosted the event in Vancouver in 2005. The convention has been held every two years since 1981, bringing together Japanese descendants across the Americas. The current member countries of PANA/APN (Pan-American Nikkei Association) are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Japan (extra-regional member country), Mexico, Paraguay,

Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela, and the United States.

COPANI XX OBJECTIVES

- To offer opportunities to engage and interact with other Nikkei through conference lectures, discussions, workshops, cultural and social activities, tours, and more.
- To play a vital role in connecting the Nikkei communities world-wide, while paying tribute to the legacy of Issei pioneers who left Japan for opportunities in the Americas, and celebrating the vitality and pride of being Nikkei.
- To share our experiences as Japanese immigrants and their descendants with the common and inevitable struggle to preserve our communities.
- To support the younger generations growing up in this new digital world by keeping them engaged, and promote their enthusiasm, vision, and creativity which will redefine what it means to be Nikkei.
- To develop tangible and innovative take-aways from the event to incubate future projects in participants' greater communities.
- To reach a new level of engagement with new opportunities and areas of focus at this COPANI in order to establish the relevancy of our diaspora to the world-at-large.

The following workshops streams will be offered during the convention: 1. Business 2. Youth 3. Arts and Culture 4. Family and Community 5. Civil Rights and Social Justice Pursuant to the theme, *"The Future is Here"*, one main objective for our conference is to give more responsibility and voice to our current generation. This would be an opportunity to present the first all-youth panel so that they can share their dreams, aspirations and project ideas. **MAIN VENUES** Most of the sessions and activities will take place at **WEST BAY CONFERENCE CENTER** 1290 Fillmore St, San Francisco, CA 94115 **BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO** 1881 Pine St, San Francisco, CA 94109

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS Online registration is now open at the conference website copani.org/register The registration fee is \$375 USD and can be submitted via on-line payment at the registration website. If you register prior to **March 1, 2019**, you can qualify for a \$50 USD savings on the registration fee. Travel and accommodation recommendations can be found here: copani.org/travel-info

As hotels are filling up fast, you are encouraged to make your hotel bookings as soon as possible given the limited availability of hotels in the area.

FURTHER INFORMATION Please contact Kevin Okabe of the NAJC at ed@naja.ca or by phone at 403.561.7572. The latest information about COPANI can be found at the following links: copani.or or [gwww.facebook.com/Copani2019](https://www.facebook.com/Copani2019)



We have natto, inari, shoga... **JCAM GROCERIES (Shokuryōhin)**



Don't forget we maintain a small **grocery supply room** for our members. In it you will find such **Japanese food items** as sembei, inari, natto, yakisoba, plain age, umeboshi and shoga.

The room is open during Centre Office hours (9am-5pm Tues - Sat). If it's locked, just ask at the office and we'll be happy to open it up for you. (photos of actual stock!)



In Memoriam

Our sincerest wishes and deepest condolences to the families of

Nancy Nishibata – March 19, 2019

Arthur Watanabe – April 9, 2019

Tadao (Tad) Osato – April 30, 2019

Forever in our hearts

DONATIONS

We are grateful to and thank all who donate money and goods to the Centre. If we missed anyone in our listings below, please let us know and they will be added to the next OUTLOOK. Official tax receipts are sent out at the end of each calendar year.

JCAM

Bev H. Nagamori
Tetsuo & Atsumi Odaguchi
Frances McGregor
Sadao Ono
George Davis
Margaret Suzuki

JCAM Curling Bonspiel

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Azusa Ozawa

Emily Yamashita
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Tannis Nishibata-Chan
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Sam & Clare Matsuo on their Beiju

Midori Bruns

In Memory of Arthur Watanabe

Mona & Ernie Hiebert
Lucy Yamashita
Naomi Miyai

In Memory of Donald Furutani

Mona & Ernie Hiebert

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In Memory of Koji Sato

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Keiko Yoshino
Kyoko Kawasaki
Kelly Kaita
Sandra Utsunomiya
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Midori Bruns

HORIZON CLUB

Horizon Club just keeps on getting better! Since March, attendance has numbered well over 40 and growing. Maybe it's because of the informative programs, such as the recent *Citizen Safety Presentation* by the Winnipeg Police Service from which everyone learned something of value (and personal safety). Another was our shabu shabu lunch orchestrated by Sadao & Sachiko Ono April 24 and from the pictures below you will see we had a ball celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Though the food is exceptional especially at the low member rate of \$4 per plate, there are a great many highlights as we usually celebrate major holidays with food and festivities. We even have ham and scalloped potatoes a few times each year. We'll celebrate **Natsu no Atsumari** on June 19.



This past little while we enjoyed a lot of activities at Horizon meetings. We even had custom made cookies (yes that's an edible cookie on the left) for dessert courtesy of the talented Tracy Suzuki. Yes they were a big hit with the gang! One activity was a celebration of Beiju with a number of members reaching their 88th birthday. Oh those cakes! Below are a few examples of the fun and food we have at Horizon lunches.

Beiju at Horizon



Beiju celebrates those who've achieved 88 years of life. (L to R) Ron Kaita, Lena Takatsu and Ken Nishibata were recently honored with cake and gifts for this wonderful achievement.



In March we celebrated St. Patrick's Day, though that was just an excuse. Just ask Keiko Miki (from Left), Al & Pat Mackling and in the back, Jack Mizuno who quietly (un Jack-like) observes.



Oh look...baked ham and scalloped potatoes!



One day, Jim Suzuki (front) became "sous-chef" for master chef Ono.



Terumi Kuwada, Marlene Mori and Val Hoshizaki-Nordin "raise a glass to the green". Enjoyment is the main function.



St. Patrick himself would have been smiling down on us!



Shabu Shabu is oishii!



(L to R) Mae Kawata, Mayumi & Davy Kawakami and Mickey Kojima enjoying Shabu Shabu, another fabulous lunch offering from Horizon.

2019 CENTRE DATES TO NOTE

Monday, June 24	Renovations start on the Library/Boardroom area.
Saturday June 20	Centre will be closed on this date for the 3 week summer break.
Tuesday, July 23	Centre re-opens to normal hours (9am-5pm) Renovations will be ongoing.
Sunday, August 11	Japanese Pavilion Opens at 6 p.m. (Petrus Hall, 2624 Inkster Boulevard)
Saturday, August 17	Final day of Japanese Pavilion
	Fall OUTLOOK is issued
Saturday, August 24	Bon Odori at Burton Cummings Community Centre

News from Hinode Taiko



Hinode Taiko has a loyal fan base of followers who go where HT goes. To make it easy for everyone to follow this peripatetic group here is their appearance schedule for the next little while:
See (and hear) them pound those wonderful taiko 3:30 p.m. at *Summer in the City* in Steinbach, June 15 at 3:30 p.m. Or wish them well at the Dugald Community Club on Canada Day at 9 p.m. (just before the fireworks!). And of course see them nightly at the Japanese Pavilion at Folklorama August 11 -17. And way down the line (and we *mean* down the line) they'll be setting the pace with their drums at the CBC Run for the Cure, October 6. See you around?



Manitoba
Japanese Canadian
Curling Bonspiel
2019

The St. Vital Curling Club was the host to our community's 17th Annual Manitoba Japanese Canadian Curling Bonspiel on March 28 and 30. It was two fun-filled days of curling, socializing, reminiscing, eating and showcasing our Cultural. This was our second year at the St. Vital Curling Club and our second year with the revised format (i.e. 4-end games on Thursday night and 6-end games on Saturday). This format was agreeable with all curlers, especially our seniors.

After a hard day of curling on Saturday all teams attended the Japanese Cultural Centre to celebrate the weekend's curling, chat about the curling shots that may or may not have gone their way, and enjoy the company of all the curlers, family and guests. One of the biggest highlights of the bonspiel is the Japanese cuisine banquet meal. Chef Sadao Ohno and his volunteers outdid themselves again and made an "oishii" Japanese meal! We had over 121 curlers, guests, friends and children attend our banquet. I believe this is a record!

The theme at the banquet was Folklorama, as Folklorama will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019. In addition, JCAM will be hosting its Japanese Pavilion at a new venue and I thought it would be a good time to advertise this new location and solicit volunteers. Each team was assigned a flag of a country that is participating in Folklorama. As an activity, we had the 16 teams face off on various events: dice-roll, ring-toss, egg-toss and table-top curling.

Congratulations to all curlers (16 teams) and a special congratulation to the winning teams for 2019.

- 🏆 Toru Suzuki Champions: Shibata: Gary, Doug, Karen (Vancouver), Sandra (first time all 4 siblings curling together), Jerad, Steve, Karen Tosh
- 🏆 A side runner up: Paul Dymont, Brent Yamamoto, Jason DeBaets, Ashley DeBaets
- 🏆 B side winners: Kara Gomez-Sanchez, Kathryn Marcynuk, Mathew Kalasza, Elizabeth Page
- 🏆 B side runner up: Don Kusano, Debbie Kusano, Steve Hanner, Gail Cumming
- 🏆 C side winners: Larry Gompf, Jim Ellis, Norm Scott, Les Kojima
- 🏆 C side runner up: Dan Namba, Betty Piotrowski, Henry Piotrowski, Linda Namba

This bonspiel would be impossible to execute without our generous sponsors. Domo arigato (thank you) to:

- 🏆 Silver Sponsor: Ken Matsukubo
- 🏆 Donations: Folklorama
- 🏆 Draw Prizes: All 16 curling teams

I increased the price of the registration to \$45 per person to maximize the event's profitability for JCAM. The registration fee had been \$40 since 2012. We made a profit of **\$2,281.03**. This is an increase in profit over last year by \$580.19. The increase is due in part to the \$5 per person increase in the registration fee, increased revenue in 50-50 draws and auction, and despite a decrease of \$300 in a donation we usually receive each year and ice rental increasing by \$120.

In addition to JCAM, a special thank you to our community's volunteers: shoppers, cooks, sushi-rollers, set-up, servers, clean-up crew, bartender and more. Without this community volunteerism, this event would not be possible. The Cultural Centre's volunteers deserve a special thank you from all the curlers and their guests!



Sandra Shibata, Chair
JCAM Bonspiel 2019



Asian Heritage Month

The Asian Heritage Society of Manitoba celebrates its 17th year this year and the month of May is designated Asian Heritage month in Canada. A big part of this celebration is recognizing Asian heritage and contributions made by Asian Canadians in Canada. At the Asian Heritage of Manitoba fundraising gala on May 3, 2019 Sadao Ono was bestowed with the Community Leadership Award for his contribution to the Japanese community, having demonstrated exemplary leadership in community volunteerism. Sadao first came to Canada in 1972, coming to Winnipeg in 1975 where he worked at a renowned restaurant. He and his family opened Edohei Sushi & Japanese Restaurant, the first restaurant in Winnipeg offering authentic Japanese cuisine. During his tenure he mentored many assistants who learned from the master and went on to open their own Japanese restaurants. Edohei was closed in 2012, after 25 years, but will be remembered for introducing sushi to Winnipeg and for its fine traditional Japanese dining.



L to R Art Miki, Sachiko Ono and Sadao Ono (holding his award)

Ono san's legacy continues as he and his wife, Sachiko, continue to offer his unique talents to the Cultural Centre with fund raising events such as donburi, cuisine night, ramen lunches and the many special events including Keirokei, Gala dinners and special fund raisers offering superior Japanese dishes. He offers Japanese cooking classes at the Centre and other locations. During Folklorama, Sadao demonstrates the fine art of sushi making, enlightening visitors with his sushi making skills. He is an ambassador for the Japanese community when it comes to Japanese cooking, sharing his skills with other Manitobans and giving back to the community. Sadao is deserving of the Leadership Award for his contribution in preserving Japanese culture and cuisine.



JCAM members supported Ono san by attending the Fundraising Dinner May 3 where he was honored. (L to R) Joy Letkemann, Dr. Debra Lane, Debra Takeuchi, Alice Kinoshita, Yuhito Adachi, honoree Ono holding his award, Tak Tonogai, Sachiko Ono, Marlene Mori, Satoshi Takeuchi, Sara Ebata. Ken and Cathie Teramura and Art Miki.



Become a Japanese Canadian Young Leader!

The Young Leaders Committee (YLC) of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) was established in 2014 as a core group of engaged young leaders from Japanese Canadian communities nationwide. The YLC seeks to engage, connect, mentor, and advocate for young people in Japanese Canadian communities, and to support the

development of the next generation of Japanese Canadian leaders. In accordance with its mandate, the YLC has established the Young Leaders Fund (YLF) to help support the work of young leaders in Japanese Canadian communities across Canada.

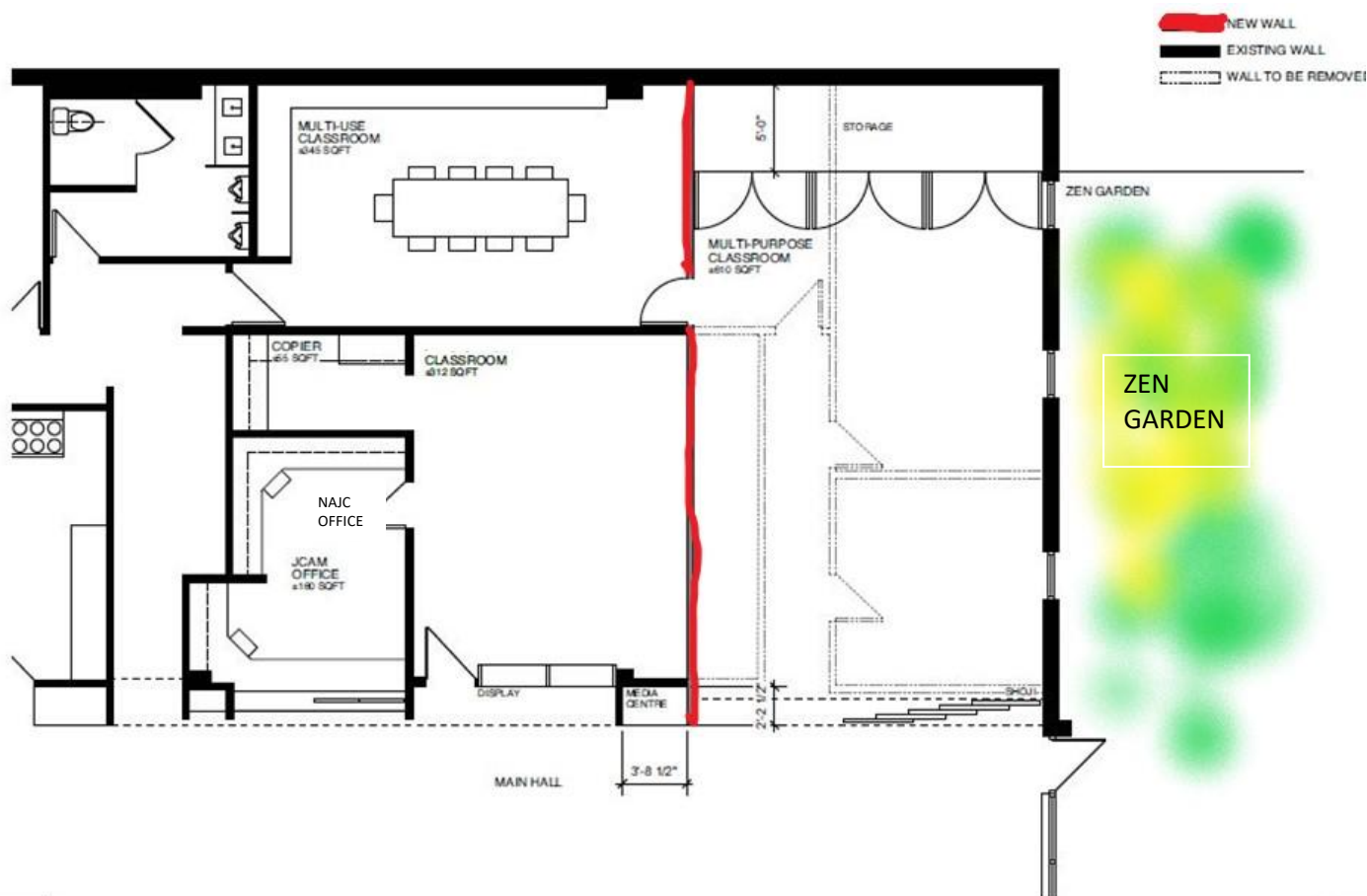
NAJC's Young Leaders Fund has grant money available! If you have a project focused on youth in Japanese Canadian communities (of which Winnipeg is one) you can apply for up to \$2,000 in grant money to support your initiative. Email youngleaders@najc.ca or visit <http://najc.ca/funds-and-awards/young-leaders-fund/>. Submission deadline is June 22, 2019.



RENOVATIONS BEGIN JUNE 24 AT THE CENTRE

The contract has been awarded after 3 competing tenders were received and starting Monday, June 24 the work will begin. **Tractus Projects** (the same people who built the vestibule) will be overseeing all of the work which will involve a lot: walls will be torn down, ceilings removed, air duct work, lighting and electrical, flooring etc. will all be affected and will involve the area that is currently taken up by the library, the NAJC office, the board room and part of the Mark Koga room (see floor plan below). Though protective plastic sheeting will be put up, expect a lot of plaster dust

in the first bunch of weeks as the space is opened and cleared. After that the positive construction will begin and hopefully be finished before the September long weekend. While renovation work continues, the Centre office and other parts of the building will run as normal but the eastern part of the building (by the zen garden) will be inaccessible except for construction workers. Also we will be closed for our annual 3 week break starting June 29 (the July long weekend) to re-open Tuesday July 23.





CANADIAN ICON PROJECT INCLUDES ART MIKI

The Canadian Icon Project: Visionaries & Originals is a photographic exhibit celebrating our most accomplished visionaries", commented photographer Don Dixon. "This project is a celebration of citizenship. This initiative brings together distinguished leaders whose contributions have been felt across Canada and in many cases around the world."

This ground-breaking, multimedia exhibit features a curated selection of 30 profiles from this ongoing project that now includes 127 documented legendary Canadians. Art Miki is one of the individuals profiled.

The Icons Project was conceived and produced by renowned photographer and documentary filmmaker Don Dixon. It is a decade-long process of intimate portraiture and interviews documenting the stories and passions of Canadians from all walks of life. Each profile features short essays and video footage of deeply personal reflections. **The Canadian Icon Project is shown at IX Gallery, 101-11 Davies Avenue in Toronto from May 1 to May 31, 2019.**

AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN TO CANADA VISITS JCAM

On Wednesday, May 15 H.E. Kimihiro Ishikane, the Ambassador of Japan to Canada visited Manitoba for the first time since his appointment to Ottawa, and he came to our Centre to acquaint himself with the facility and some of the people in it. Horizon Club members and others welcomed the Ambassador and visited with him. Sadao and Sachiko Ono prepared special snacks which were enjoyed by all.



Many came out to greet and talk with the Ambassador and his entourage. Ambassador Kimihiro Ishikane (seated, second from left) and his wife Mrs. Kaoru Ishikane (to the Ambassador's right) learned quite a bit about JCAM's members in his short visit.

His Excellency was joined on this visit by his wife, Mrs. Kaoru Ishikane, Mr. Shunichi Inoue (Counsellor, Embassy), Mr. Kohei Sakamoto (Consul for Public Relations and Communication, Consulate-General of Japan in Calgary), and Mr. Ken Zaifman (Honourary Consul General of Japan in Winnipeg). The ambassador enjoyed his visit and expressed an abiding interest in the Manitoba Japanese Canadian community. He also purchased a few items from our book display to learn about our Manitoba history..





JCAM members and some board members provided the Ambassador with a good background about what JCAM is all about and also some of the historical perspectives of Japanese Canadians in Manitoba. Pictured immediately above (L to R) are Yuhito Adachi, Junko Rybuck, Miyuki Cumming and Ken Teramura, President of the JCAM Board.