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Happy New Year!





President's Message

Dr. Kelly Kaita

Happy Holidays and Happy New Years from myself and the Board of Directors. Let's say adios to 2021 and hello to 2022 and hope for a much better year. 2021 has been such a difficult time for JCAM with Covid-19 still hanging over our heads as we see the emergence of a new variant of concern, Omicron. We have remained closed now for 22 months to the public with no end in sight. On a brighter note, we have seen a vibrant centre slowly emerging from a deep sleep with many member-related activities taking place.



Since the last edition of the Outlook, many exciting things have transpired. Perhaps one of the most exciting was the presentation of the "Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Rays" to Ms. Kumiko Lucy Yamashita from the Consul General of Japan in Calgary, Mr. Tatsukuni Uchida. This took place on November 28th, 2021 at the centre with over 70 invited guests. Such a honour that one of our very own members to receive one of the highest accolades bestowed by the Government of Japan. Congratulations Lucy, we are all so proud of your award.

You will see upon your return to the centre that there have been some changes. Most of these were under the volunteer efforts of a group of Tec Voc students (Brycen, Connor, and Caden) who provided countless hours of their time to assist teacher Toby Punton. It is wonderful that JCAM can help out by allowing students to learn and master a trade which in return helps us out tremendously. Thank you, Tec Voc!

After all the damage that has occurred at the centre, one of our very own members, Mr. Colin Stanners, offered his services to upgrade our 24 hour video surveillance to now include 14 cameras inside and outside. This should help deter future criminal activities as well as provide our members some piece of mind. Thank you, Colin!



An exciting note is that our membership has grown from around 400 in 2020 to over 800 in 2021 and still climbing. This seems to have coincided with our many food events and becoming more active online and through social media. Our brand-new online store has seen so much activity and will allow us to showcase items for sale all year round. We are trying to develop a small online grocery store with common and unique Japanese foods. Stay tuned and watch all the changes unfold on our very own website!

One final note is congratulations to our very own Winnipeg Blue Bombers for winning the 108th Grey Cup and winning the "Cup" two years in a row. Congratulations from all of us at JCAM.

In 2022, let's all work together in the spirit of volunteerism to remerge from the pandemic to become a better JCAM!

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JCAM extends its appreciation to all donors for their generosity and support.

JCAM Community Fund

The JCAM Community Fund Committee is now accepting applications from non-profit organizations, groups or individuals until March 31, 2022 for projects that meet the goals of the fund. The goal of the Community Fund is to assist organizations, groups, and individuals in undertaking projects to promote educational, cultural, human rights and other activities and programs contributing to the betterment of the Japanese Canadian community in Manitoba.

Application forms are available from the Centre. Submit applications to:

JCAM Community Fund Committee
180 McPhillips Street
Winnipeg, MB R3E 2J9

Email: info@jcamwpg.ca

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022.

The Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Rays Presentation to Ms. Kumiko Lucy Yamashita



On Sunday November 28th, 2021, the Consul General of Japan in Calgary, Mr. Tatsukuni Uchida, and President of JCAM, Dr. Kelly Kaita, co-hosted the “Conferment Ceremony: The Order of the Rising Sun: Gold and Silver Rays” presented to Ms. Kumiko Lucy Yamashita.

The **Order of the Rising Sun** (旭日章 - *Kyokujitsu-shō*) is a Japanese order, established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji. The Order was the first national decoration awarded by the Japanese government, created on 10 April 1875 by decree of the Council of State. The badge

features rays of sunlight from the rising sun. The design of the Rising Sun symbolizes energy as powerful as the rising sun in parallel with the “rising sun” concept of Japan (“Land of the Rising Sun”).



The order is awarded to those who have made distinguished achievements in international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, advancements in their field, development in welfare or preservation of the environment.

During the event we heard Consul General of Japan in Calgary, Mr. Uchida who then presented the prestigious award to Ms. Kumiko Lucy Yamashita. This was followed by speeches from brother, Mr. Thomas Yamashita and close friend, Ms. Theresa Oye. This was followed by a speech by Ms. Yamashita and finally a toast (Kampai) to “Lucy”. This was followed by a reception catered by Chef Sadao Ono.



The hosts wish to thank the following:

Mr. Yuhito Adachi (Secretary, JCAM Board of Directors) – Primary Organizer

Mrs. Debbie Tsuyuki – Ikebana arrangement

Mr. Ron and Lily Kaita – Table Centres

Chef Sadao Ono – Caterer

All the volunteers behind the scenes who helped complete the celebration.

SEVA International Charitable Foundation for their generous support.



HORIZON CLUB NEWS

The Horizon Club members have been so very happy to be able to get together once again to enjoy great lunches, friendship and laughter in a safe environment. Our membership has grown to 100 with an average attendance of around 50. We enjoyed a number of attendances of about 65 when the weather was warmer. Wouldn't it be wonderful to get all of our members out for lunch?

Thank you to the following for your donations to the Horizon Club.

March 2020	Jennifer Hashimoto, in memory of her father Hiro Hashimoto
June 2021	Jennifer Hashimoto, in memory of her father Hiro Hashimoto
July 2021	Roy Nishimura
August 2021	Kelly and Lisa Kaita
November 2021	Ron and Lily Kaita, Craft Sale
December 2021	Jennifer Hashimoto, Nikkei Books sale

Sadly, a few members of our members passed away during the past year, they are missed - our condolences to the families and friends.

Tets Odaguchi	September 2020	Jake Marks	August 2021
Ken Shimizu	August 2021	Kaye Kusano	November 2021

The Horizon Club is planning on welcoming the new year with a special Shinnenkai lunch on Wednesday, January 26th, 2022. Chef Ono has happily volunteered to prepare an appropriate menu for the occasion. Regular lunches will begin on Wednesday, February 2nd. Let's hope that the COVID – 19 pandemic situation and public health guidance will permit us to safely resume our lunches.

Membership to the Horizon Club is open to all JCAM members who are 55 and older. If you are not currently a Horizon Club member we hope that you will join us. Membership is \$5 and lunches are \$5 (\$7 for guests).



Behind the Scenes at JCAM.....

There is a lot of action that happens to keep the centre running and we cannot thank our volunteers enough for their dedication and generosity of time. Here's a hint of some of the projects recently completed or on the go:

It's all about the food!

December was a busy takeout month with udon, manju, mochi, satsuma-age, and inari sushi sales.

The various food crews were hard at work to make:

570 yaki manju
672 mochi manju
90 mochi
120 bowls of udon
70 slabs of satsuma-age
80 packs of inari sushi

All the delicious food was sold out as soon as it went online!

It was few days of hard work but also days full of laughter and good times.

Many thanks to our food crews:

Sandy Allen, Judy Baccus, David Baccus, Keiko Burke, Kathy Grabowski, Mona Hiebert, Jim Hisanaga, Alice Kinoshita, Les Kojima, Naomi Krasovec, Marlene Mori, Hiroko Nameishi, Ray Normandeau, Miyoko Okano, Pamela Okano, Sachiko Ono, Sadao Ono, Diane Ooto, Ralph Ooto, Ruth Ooto, Susan Oye, Theresa Oye, Lena Takatsu, Tak Tonogai, Caroline Yamashita, Lucy Yamashita, Thomas Yamashita.

Thanks to our takeout crews who battled the elements to deliver food to the cars:

Ken Teramura, Taka Hattori, Sylvie Landry, Grace Lancit, Lisa Cumming, Nina Cumming, Debra Takeuchi, Satoshi Takeuchi, Yuhito Adachi, Kelly Kaita



We welcomed back the crew from Tec-Voc's Student Training Employability Program (STEP) to make preparations for our eventual replacement of the old, unsealed windows on the south and west walls of the centre. The Tec-Voc crew has gently moved the tokonoma and handicraft cabinets, repaired and leveled the concrete under the cabinets, and installed flooring along the west wall to match our existing floors in the front hall. Many thanks to Brycen, Connor, Caden, and teacher Toby Punton for their hard work and enthusiasm in helping us out!



With the generous support from our sponsor, SEVA Foundation, we have been able to replace some old technology at JCAM. The upgrades enable us to better serve our membership.

Thanks to the installers Tom Yamashita, Lisa Kaita, and Kelly Kaita for coming in during the holidays.

Many, many thanks to Kelly Kaita for his dedication in researching, purchasing, and installing all the new equipment!

JCAM LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Joint class with Montreal Japanese Language Centre

On Saturday, November 27th, Shoto 4-6 class had a joint class with the students from Montreal Japanese Centre. The students gave their own presentations of each other's cities. The students practiced hard and made a successful presentation. It was a pity that the students couldn't see their faces well because they were wearing masks. After the presentation, they played with quizzes. They enjoyed it.

We had a similar setting through Zoom last year. Online tools gave us opportunities to connect with schools in other cities.



Introducing JCAM's Administration Team



Pamela Okano (Tuesdays to Fridays)

It's wonderful to be back as Administrator at JCAM after 28 years! When the cultural centre first moved to this McPhillips Street location in 1993, I was fortunate to be hired as its first administrator. The title may be the same but the job certainly has changed over these decades. However, as a sansei who grew up within this community, the return to the administrator position feels like coming home. I have been a high school teacher in Winnipeg for 25 years and have also taught in Florianópolis, Brazil and in Shiga-ken, Japan. For many years I was artistic director and performer with Hinode Taiko and served on boards for Kodo (Japan) and the North American Taiko Conference Advisory.



Kumiko Tohjoh (Saturdays)

I was born in Tokushima, Japan. Moved to Tokyo for studying Social Sciences at Hosei University and spent some years to work mostly for accounting related job positions in Tokyo. But my passion was to live in different countries so I traveled a lot as a backpacker and I have experiences of volunteering in Kibbutz, Israel and working as a Japanese cultural representative in Walt Disney World, Florida and studying Spanish in Oaxaca, Mexico (I love dancing Salsa!). Since 2012, I am in Winnipeg and Cora breakfast & Lunch sponsored me for my permanent residence of Canada. Soon after I became to be a permanent resident, I was hired as a clerk by the City of Winnipeg and I started studying for the Certificate of Accounting at Red River College while I work at the front desk of Pan Am Pool. Since 2019, I've started a career as an Accounting Technician at an accounting office and hoping to gain various work experiences to improve my skills. In addition, I am a mother of twins and interested in the education of Japanese language so that I am very happy to join JCAM.

JCAM Board of Directors

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President – Kelly Kaita
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Miyuki Cummings
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Nicolas Matsuo
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Satoshi Takeuchi
Grant Voakes

JCAM Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 15	Mini osechi bento takeout
Sunday, January 30	Ramen takeout
Saturday, February 12	Bento takeout
Friday, February 18	Donburi takeout
Sunday, February 27	Ramen takeout

JCAM continues to be closed to the public.

The office is open by appointment from Tuesday to Saturday, 9:30am to 1:30pm.

For ongoing news from JCAM, check out our social media sites:

www.jcamwpg.ca
Twitter: @WpgJCAM
Instagram: @jcamincofficial
Facebook: @jcam.inc.org
Youtube:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCIM3M-5wl3fVBhNEjgcNkFQ



Welcoming the Year of the Tiger!

We may not be able to gather together at JCAM but we can still celebrate with artistry.



Chef Sadao Ono created a delicious osechi filled with symbolic delicacies to welcome the new year.

Artist Yuhito Adachi produced beautiful calligraphy to hang in the front doorway to welcome the Year of the Tiger.

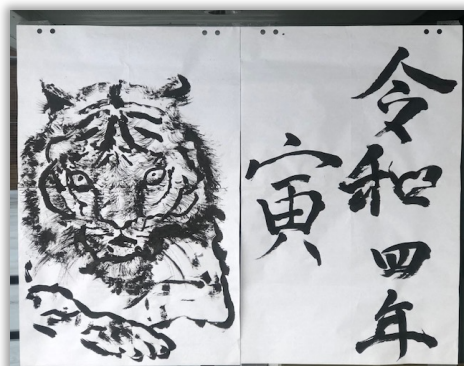
Many thanks to Sachiko Ono, Marlene Mori, Kelly Kaita, and Yuhito Adachi for their help in bringing a bit of the New Year's celebration to JCAM.



We hope that 2022 is the year when we can open our doors and enjoy your company again.

Thank you for your continued support of JCAM.

Stay safe and healthy.



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