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# MOSHI MOSHI

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## Yass HAKOSHIMA Master Mime - Two Shows SUB THEATRE SEPT. 23

Yass Hakoshima is a master mime. His mime is a blend of many sources: dance, Japanese theatre - the stillness and starkness of Noh, and the frolicking foibles of the Kyogen; pantomime - his expressive face can brilliantly mimic fool, peasant, sage, insect or animal; and corporal mime - the full body in pursuit of an idea; using illusion to suggest reality.

Yass Hakoshima will make his first appearance in Edmonton for two performances only on Sunday September 23 at SUB Theatre, University of Alberta. Performance times are 2 & 8 p.m. and tickets (\$5.50) at S.U. Box Office, Bay, Mike's, all BASS outlets, at the door.

Yass Hakoshima is a soft-humored, irresistible soul; began his career as a professional mime in 1956 when he joined a pantomime group in Tokyo. Between '63 and '66 he traveled extensively in Germany and Holland, came to North America for the first time in '67, participated in festivals, made films and television appearances.

Imagine a man deep in thought zipping open the top of his head, removing his brain, and after a moment of close inspection, placing it back from whence it came but . . . the wrong way around. What results is a curious and hilarious vignette on the distortions of one's motor apparatus and the strange yet lovable creature this creates.

A chance to meet Yass Hakoshima occurs on Saturday September 22 when a 3-hour mime workshop, taught by Hakoshima, will be offered at Espace Tournesol, 11845-77 St. Call 471-5235 for further information. (10:30-1:30)

Carole Yamada Eder

## JAPANESE PAVILION HERITAGE DAY SUCCESS

The planning for the Heritage Days Festival held at Hawrelak Park was started in early spring when the Edm. Japanese Community Club agreed to participate after a yr's rest. When the Metro Edm Japanese Language School offered to assume the responsibility of organizing and running the Japanese pavilion, EJCC delegated to the Language Sch. this huge task.

Preparations for the festival were extensive. Many weeks of work were required by the participating families for the pre-fabrication of the pavilion and for the preparation of food and the making of arts and crafts items.

On the weekend of August 5/6, thousands of people turned out to enjoy the big festivities. The Japanese pavilion was certainly one of the outstanding pavilions both visually and for the excellence of the food and cultural presentations. Kendo, karate and odori groups volunteered their talents and their demonstrations attracted large numbers at each performance.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious inari-sushi, yaki-tori, manju, etc. The lovely origami dolls and various other craft items sold quickly. The demonstrations of iite-making and silk screening of the koi nobori and the displays of bonsai trees added greatly to the Japanese atmosphere. An unique feature of the Japanese pavilion, which was visible from afar, were the four poles of koi nobori plus the traditional Japanese architecture.

The Japanese community of Edmonton can truly be proud of their part in making this year's Edmonton Heritage Days an overwhelming success.

Diane Nawata



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER EJCC GEORGE NAKAMURA

A warm welcome to all on your return from your holidays!

During the past months the event of greatest interest and which required the most effort was the Heritage Day Festival of August 5 & 6. The Japanese Pavilion was most impressive and I believe rec'd the most comment. It required not only a great deal of work, but a great amount of dedication by the members of the Japanese Language School, and much coordination by their leadership. My personal appreciation and admiration go to:

- (1) the superstructure for the Pavilion and the koi-nobori;
- (2) the fine arts and crafts items, and
- (3) the delicious Japanese dishes.

Also, our grateful appreciation to the odori dancers, the karate group and the kendo members for their fine presentations. And our thanks to all the others who helped to make the Japanese Pavilion such a striking experience.

In the next issue of MOSHI MOSHI there will be this year's scholarship award report.

There are a couple tentative activities which are being considered. ITV (Village Square) has developed a program revolving around the concept of Zen Buddhism and its influence and involvement in the various Japanese art, crafts, sports and related cultural activities.

The other is QCTV which is aimed at the children, in honor of The Year of the Child; a visit to Japan and a look at Japanese cultural activities re children are involved.

An item of possible interest to the Japanese community is the proposal to construct a Japanese garden at the Devonian Botanical Gardens near Devon.

### Forthcoming events:

Sept. 16. Our postponed picnic, Laurier Park from 11 AM. (In case of rain, go to the downstairs banquet hall of McDougall United Church from 2 PM; films, bingo.

Sept. 20. EJCC Board Mtg, at Marie King's, 22 Beauvista Dr., Sherwood Park, 7:30 PM.

Sept. 23. Yass Hakoshima Mime presentation.

See announcement elsewhere in this issue.

Oct. 27. Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the EJCC. Save the date; more info next MOSHI MOSHI.

Look forward to seeing you at these events. Until the next issue, Best Wishes.

## MOSHI MOSHI TO UNDERGO

### SOME CHANGES

In this issue we are lacking a Japanese language section. Dr. Kawashima, last year's Japanese editor, has resigned and we are now searching for a new replacement. We hope to catch up in the October MOSHI MOSHI.

As well, we will be instituting a modest advertising and personal column to offset rising costs. Rates will be announced.

## Golf Events

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Although rained out for the final Ball Sweep, Sept. 9, the Edmonton Japanese Golf Club had an active and successful season. The big event was the Annual Provincial Tournament (Alberta Japanese Golf Ass'n) which was hosted by the Edmonton Division at Broadmoor Golf & Country Club (Sherwood Park) on Aug. 4 and 5. Ninety two golfers comprising 76 men and 16 ladies participated. The tournament was a huge success due to financial support from various firms and individuals, with the primary donar Edmonton Japanese Community Club.

Winners: Mens Low Gross, Dr. H. Shimbashi, Drayton Valley  
Mens Low Net, Ken Tada, Edm.  
Ladies Low Gross, Mrs. Nancy Setoguchi, Taber  
Ladies Low Net, Mrs. Marg Fujino, Calgary  
Senior Mens Low Gross, Mike Tobo, Lethbridge  
Senior Mens Low Net, Koji Koyanagi, Taber

At the Jasper Fun Tournament, July 15-16, 24 ardent golfers participated, including 5 ladies. BBQ supper was enjoyed by all golfers and families at Marmot Motel Pit on Saturday night.

Winners: Mens Low Gross, Ted Asai  
Mens Low Net, Gord Miyagishima  
Ladies Low Gross, Masako Saito, Grande Cache  
Ladies Low Net, Brenda Yamada

The Club's annual wind-up tournament on Aug. 25-26 produced the following winners:  
Low Gross, Ted Asai  
Low Net, Jack Maruyama

Thanks to all members on the Executive, and their wives, who had assisted our club throughout the season. And to golfing members, thanks for coming out and improving your game with us.

Tats Yamada



ACCESS:

Dr. Kawashima, Gen'l. Mgr.

youth special —

Dr. Junichi Kawashima, formerly Director of Research for Alberta Educational Communication Corporation (ACCESS), last July was promoted to the position of General Manager of Administration and Research, the No. 3 post in the organization. The new appointment requires full supervision of the administration of ACCESS. Because of the heavy responsibilities involved, Dr. Kawashima will reluctantly have to resign from his many volunteer community responsibilities.

The most important position he will vacate will be as President of the Metro Edmonton Japanese Language School, which he was instrumental in developing as a going community concern, with a group of strongly interested parents. From a nervous and precarious start three years ago, last school year there were 51 students enrolled in 6 classes. This fall, they have opened a new class: for children of families without Japanese language base (Sansei and Yonsei).

Dr. Kawashima is also stepping down as Board member of the Japanese Community Club, and his contributions will be sorely missed. And most important for MOSHI MOSHI readers, Dr. Kawashima will no longer function as the editor of the Japanese section. (In a subsequent issue of MOSHI MOSHI his replacements in the Language School, Board of EJCC, and the editor of the Japanese section of this paper will be announced.)

MOSHI MOSHI expresses appreciation for his editorial contribution, and wishes him well in his new responsibility as General Manager at ACCESS. Also, it is hoped he will get on top of his new work quickly so that he can return to some of his favorite community projects.

SEMINAR ON INTERMARRIAGE

ANNEX, OCTOBER 20

Toronto held a Centennial Youth Conference in 1977 to explore the question "Where do we go from here?" Many other questions emerged, some of which were relevant to the main theme but due to various limitations have yet to be fully examined. To meet this situation, ANNEX will sponsor a seminar on one of the major issues, inter-marriage, and its relationship to cultural preservation, not to mention identity, Saturday, October 20.

The tentative format includes three opening springboard comments by Dr. Roland Kuwano of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Dr. Roy Shinobu, chief psychiatrist, North York General Hospital, and a keynoter not yet firmed.

There follows a morning workshop A and an afternoon workshop B, which will report their respective highlights and issues to the general assembly. Panel discussion and questions and comments from the floor will wind up the afternoon.

Workshop A will break into two groups discussing "dating, identity and social attitudes" and "marriage and common law relationships: the interracial factor." The afternoon workshop B will feature "the offspring" and "the community and cultural preservation." Most of the functions will occur at The Third World Centre, Ryerson College. Contact The ANNEX, 1468 Danforth Ave. Toronto M4J 1N4 (416)463-7441 for further information.

Gordon Mizuyabu

EDMONTON JAPANESE COMMUNITY CLUB

June 1, 1979 - May 31, 1979

MEMBERSHIP FORM Membership expired on May 31, 1979, so nearly all of us require renewal. Please complete this form, and send to Mrs. Bonnie Ohashi with the membership fee - in person at the picnic on Sept. 16, at the Annual General Meeting on October 27, or mail: 11736-39 Avenue Edmonton T6J 0M9

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from: Seattle Redress  
Newsletter

WHAT DO I TELL MY FRIENDS WHO  
ASK ABOUT REDRESS?

WHY HAVE YOU WAITED SO LONG BEFORE ASKING  
FOR REDRESS?

The 37 years of relative silence indicates how severe and long-lasting the trauma of expulsion and incarceration has been. For many years we wanted simply to forget and even now it is difficult for many of us to talk about the camps.

Edmonton wedding:  
Mr + Mrs Okimoto, Aug. 25

Maya Harada and Yasushige Okimoto were married at St. Andrew's United Church on Saturday, August 25. The bride is the daughter of Consul-General of Japan Chikamitsu Harada and Mrs. Harada. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Takahiko Okimoto of Japan.

The bride wore a white lace gown with a slight train. Her picture hat was trimmed with a short tulle veil and caught in the back with flowers which matched her bouquet. She was attended by Miru Oshiro, who wore a sunny yellow gown. Best man was Mike Harada, brother of the bride.

Reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. After a honeymoon in the Rockies and Niagara Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Okimoto will reside in Tokyo where he is on staff with the Foreign Ministry.

Flo Shikaze

THREE OF MY SONS DIED IN THE WAR WHILE YOU WERE IN YOUR COMPOUND. JAPAN SHOULD PAY ME BEFORE WE START TALKING ABOUT REDRESS.

Americans of Japanese descent made the same sacrifices as other Americans, at home and on the battlefield. Nearly 12 percent of all Japanese Americans were in Army uniform during the war, a figure 50 percent higher than the national average. But no other group of Americans was evicted from their homes, stripped of their constitutional rights, and imprisoned.

WHY DRAG THESE THINGS OUT NOW? WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO WORK FOR THE FUTURE INSTEAD OF HARPING ON PAST INJUSTICES?

Making amends for violations of Constitutional rights strengthens the Constitution and thus helps to ensure a better future for all Americans. A more humane, more just society can be built only if we recognize past instances when people were denied equality under the law and only if we take steps to prevent such instances from recurring.

Redress will also help clear our reputations in a way no verbal apology from the government can. We and our children have the right to live free from popular prejudice and the stigma of having been suspected as spies and saboteurs.



## FLASH !

Keep Saturday, October 27 open for a special event: The Edmonton Japanese Community Club ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and the Hallowe'en Party. The evening will begin with cocktails and dinner, a short annual general meeting, scholarship awards, and a social evening (hopefully a dance). Plans are not yet finalized. Details will be forthcoming in the next MOSHI MOSHI in October. An opportunity to meet and enjoy new and old friends. Fill in the reverse side and enjoy the membership and its various activities.

Bonnie Ohashi, Membership Director