

Keizai Koho Alumni News



A Newsletter for Fellowship Awardees from the Keizai Koho Center Fall 2008

National Council for the Social Studies Conference

“Embrace the Future” is the theme for the NCSS’s 88th Annual conference in Houston, Texas on November 14-16, 2008. *Open to member and nonmember social studies educators, the NCSS Annual Conference is the nation’s largest social studies conference, offering the latest in content, teaching strategy, and research to enhance your professional growth. The NCSS conference is jam-packed with innovative presentations. Nationally recognized speakers and panels address issues of importance to educators. Many special events enhance the experience of attending the NCSS Annual Conference. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to meet, learn from, and collaborate with social studies education leaders and your peers.* (taken from NCSS website)



Come chat with us at International Alley

Visit us at the Keizai Koho Booth (#120) in the [2008 NCSS Conference’s International Alley](#). This year’s conference will be held at the [George R. Brown Convention Center](#) in Houston, Texas **November 14-16**.

then...

Join us at the KKC Alumni Reception

Join Us on **Friday November 14th** from **6:30-8:30 pm** for light bites and a meet and greet with all KKC Alumni and educators interested in applying for the 2009 Fellowship. The reception will be held in Room 329 at the [Hilton Americas-Houston Hotel](#). Dr. Suzanne Acord, Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa will make a presentation about her personal experience and knowledge gained as a 2008 KKC fellow. Please RSVP to LaShonda by November 7th at lashonda@us-japan.org.



KKC Alumni Japan Prize: ENTER TO WIN!!

2008 KKC Alumni Japan Prize

All former fellows are invited to submit a PowerPoint (or similar type of) presentation on the theme, "My trip to Japan and its impact on my students and community." Entries may not be longer than 5 minutes with no minimum viewing time. Prizes will be awarded to the best 3 presentations.

Submission Deadline: Entries must be received by **November 7, 2008**. Presentations should be saved to a CD in a format that can be opened/viewed by a PC Windows computer. Please include your name, year of fellowship, email and postal addresses, and school information. Send your entry to the JASP, 600 Grant Street, Room 444, Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2703. Please contact LaShonda Bennett at 412-567-5023 if you would like to confirm that your entry has been received.

Award Announcement: The winning project will be announced at the 2008 KKC Alumni Event at the NCCSS Conference in Houston. Winners do not need to be present to win. All entries will become the property of the KKC and not returned.

2009 Fellowship Details Announced

The Keizai Koho Center (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs) in cooperation with the National Association of Japan-America Societies (NAJAS) and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) is delighted to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2009 Educator Tour to Japan. The two-week tour allows teachers to learn first hand about contemporary Japanese society and enhance their classroom teaching of global perspectives.

Time frame: June-July, 2009. The ten day itinerary in Japan will focus on Tokyo. There will be tours of major industrial and corporate facilities, meetings with key business leaders, meetings with educators including school visits, discussions with teachers and students, and a home stay with a Japanese family. Typically, there is at least one scheduled visit to a destination outside of Tokyo.

Fellowship Highlights: The Fellowship covers air transportation from the Fellow's home city to Japan and return, as well as accommodations, transportation as called for by the itinerary, and some meals. Fellows have the opportunity to learn about the Japanese economy and businesses, in addition to contemporary Japanese society. Roundtable discussions between Japanese teachers and the participants, as well as business leaders, will also be arranged.

Application Details:

[http://www.us-japan.org/
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Application Deadline:

February 28, 2009

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KKC Fellow Feedback

Participants in the KKC 2008 Fellowship were asked "What was the most unusual thing you noticed while in Japan?" Here is what they said!



"The cleanliness of such a huge city like Tokyo impressed me immediately. It was 'strange' in a very positive way."

"Of course the great toilets with all the cool features like bidet. I also went to Harajuku on a Sunday to see all the young fashionista (Goth meets Japan) and that was very cool!"



"The most exotic thing had to be the absence of single garbage canisters. Instead, what we saw was a bank of waste separation receptacles. You actually had to think as you disposed off the waste!!!"

"I loved the World Heritage site in Gifu. The drive to get there was a visual feast. As much as I loved the cities, I truly enjoyed the countryside."



"I think the most exotic or strangest thing I noticed in Japan would (of course) relate to the food. I didn't try anything more adventurous than treats in a bento box – but I couldn't even identify some of the things I ate!"



In The News!!

Check out what newspaper coverage our 2008 Fellows have received!

Ms. Marie Tirrell

September 27, 2008, My Central Jersey.com

Article Title: **Fellowship takes Old Bridge teacher back to Japan**

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200809271210/NEWS/809270337>

Marie Tirrell <2>

August 7, 2008, New Jersey newspaper

Article Title: **Educator returns from cultural exchange trip**

http://suburban.gmnews.com/news/2008/0807/front_page/003.html

Ms. Madhu Uppal

August 8, 2008, Daily Herald

Article Title: **Educator gains new perspective from Japan visit**

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=226067>