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San Mateo JACL is dedicated to promoting the historical and cultural understanding of the Japanese American experience and to protecting and advancing the human and civil rights of our multi-ethnic society through educational and community programs.

Articles must be submitted before the first Friday (one month prior to publication) steveokamoto1@gmail.com

Community Center Corner

The Community Center will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 21, 2011, from 10am to 4pm. In the meantime, donations are accepted Mon. to Fri 10am to 4pm, and they should be clean and saleable. Please no magazines, videos, shoes, or clothes hangers. Your support will be appreciated. Tax deductible forms are available.

National News



L to R: President and CEO of Direct Relief International Thomas Tighe, Assemblyman Paul Fong, National JACL Executive Director Floyd Mori, Assemblyman Das Williams, Assemblywoman Fiona Ma, and Assemblyman Warren Furutani at the California State Capitol press conference.

Sacramento, CA, March 28, 2011- On March 24 the Japanese American Citizens

League (JACL) and Direct Relief International, in promoting their relief efforts for the people of Japan affected by the devastating earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011, participated in a press conference with Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) state legislators and others at the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

Speaker **John A. Pérez** and the Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus joined the JACL and Direct Relief to detail the efforts being mobilized by public and private entities in California to help the people of Japan. Representatives from **Cost Plus World Market** and **Amgen** were also on hand to announce their financial support. The [Japan Relief and Recovery Fund](#) has been established by Direct Relief and the JACL to be used solely and exclusively for Japan.

The Speaker, **Assemblymember Warren Furutani**, **Direct Relief CEO and President Thomas Tighe**, **JACL National Executive Director Floyd Mori**, and the other participants encouraged all Californians to lend a hand during Japan's time of need. Thus far the Japan Relief and Recovery Fund has collected **\$1,700,000** to be used for financial support and medical supplies. The Fund has already distributed **\$400,000** to a local organization in Japan that focuses on helping displaced elderly and disabled persons.

Last week, it was announced that a number of NBA players are participating in the Japan Relief and Recovery Fund by donating \$1,000 for each point earned in games played from this past weekend, March 25-27. Two of those NBA players, **Lakers Pau Gasol** and **Bulls Derrick Rose**, scored 26 points and 23 points respectively on the first designated night, for which they will each donate \$1,000 for each point. **Magic Johnson** has said that he would match Gasol's \$1,000 per point in an equal amount. Other players participating in this fundraising effort include: **LaMarcus Aldridge, Marc Gasol, Al Horford, JaVale McGee, Russell Westbrook**. Players who have committed a set donation include: **DJ Augustin, Jarron Collins, Jason Collins, Mike Durleavy Jr., Tyreke Evans, Darillo Gallinari, Xavier Henry, Antawn Jamison, Jason Kapono, Quincy Pondexter, Brian Scalabrine, Etan Thomas, and Ben Wallace**.

Donations may be made to the Japan Relief and Recovery Fund by visiting www.JACL.org or by sending a check with JACL written in the memo line to: Direct Relief International, 27 South La Patera Lane, Santa Barbara, CA 93117.



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A collaborative effort of San Francisco's Japantown Community

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1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

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CSM Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

Japanese Choral Concert

Saturday, May 21, 2011

7:00 PM

Free Admission

CSM Theatre
1700 W.
Hillsdale Blvd.
San Mateo

Performed by local Japanese choral groups:

*Choral Cosmo, Chorale May, Ensemble Shiki and
San Francisco Forest Choir*

Photo: Japan Festival at San Francisco Davies Symphony Hall in 2010

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