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## The 4th Sakura Matsuri on April 26, 2008

What started as a cloudy day with rain predicted turned into a beautiful day of sunshine and cool weather. JAA's 4th Annual Sakura Watsuri was



attended by over 400 people with special honored guests Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Adrian Benepe, Assistant Commissioner, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Estelle Cooper, Deputy Consul Mikio Numata and Councilman John Liu.

Two weeping cherry tress were planted in special recognition of George Yuzawa and in memory of Shigeru Inagaki for their special efforts in bringing the Cherry Tree Project to fruition. In their honor, JAA's 100th Anniversary and Mayor Bloomberg's, One Million Trees for New York City Campaign, JAA also presented a gift of nine additional cherry trees to the City of New York. Commissioner Benepe thanked JAA for the twelve trees and made a joke that there must be some connection with everyone's names - Ambassador Sakurai, Mayor Bloomberg, Shigeru Inagaki related to sakura and the growth and blooming of flowers.

We were pleased that members of the Inagaki Family and the Yuzawa Family were able to join in the festivities. The Board of Directors thanked Mrs. Chieko Inagaki for her generous donation to provide bus transportation, and obento for JAA members and guests as well as water bottles from Mr. Iwasaki, Tea from Ito en and Happi coats from Mr. Aida and all of the volunteers organized by Mrs. Noda. We are grateful that once again the staff of Flushing Meadows Corona Park was

so helpful in all of the set up and clean up for the Sakura Matsuri.

Those present enjoyed performances by Taiko Masala and New York Taiko Kai, JAA Chorus and Kuni Mikami and Shinobu Ito. INSERT Children's marching group here. Last but not least, the Hanagasa Ondo Parade was led by Momo Suzuki and her folk dance group.

Sakura Matsuri Committee: Co-Chairs Yusuke Iwasaki, Hiroko Onoyama and Suki Terada Ports, members Mike Aida, Masanori Honda, Shuji Kato, Shigeaki Nakanishi, Earl Shimabukuro, Gene Yuzawa.

Annual JAA Scholarship Dinner of the 38th Scholarship Awards and the 2nd Honjo Scholarship Awards JAA Scholarship & Honjo Scholarship



The 38th JAA Scholarship Awards Dinner was held at the Harvard Club on June 4, 2008. The keynote speaker Dr. Jeanette C. Takamura, Dean of Columbia University, School of Social Work, Deputy Consul General and Mrs. Mikio Numata, and Gary Moriwaki, President of JAA headed the list of 150 guests and members who attended the event. Twelve high school recipients (total of \$36,000 and two Japan Airlines tickets) and six graduate school recipients (total of \$20,000 from the Honjo Foundation) were honored.





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の情報交換を目的にした「第1回ヘルス・ウイーク」が高齢 者問題協議会とJAMSNETの共催で5月17日から25日 までの9日間、日系人会で開催されました。 このイベントには、子どもから高齢者まですべての

ニューヨークに在住の日本人・日系人の健康への意識向上、

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このイベントには、子どもから高齢者まですべての 年齢層を対象にしたもので、54の企画に約1400人 の方が参加しました。(photo by Maseo Katagami)



