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The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
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Dear Sirs:

Report of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to the 2018 Legislature

S.R. 63 and S.C.R. 141 ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE EMIGRANTS TO HAWAII.

I am pleased to provide you with a report on the plans to celebrate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the first arrival of the Japanese emigrants to Hawaii.

When the SFCA reached out to the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i to discuss formation of the subject task force, the SFCA was informed that the Consul General of Japan has formed a steering committee to lead the efforts of the Gannenmono celebration and an additional task force would duplicate and confuse the efforts. The Executive Director of the SFCA met with the President & Executive Director of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i and Senator Brian Taniguchi to discuss the resolutions and all agreed it was un-necessary for the SFCA to pursue formation of the task force.

The Gannenmono steering committee has developed plans to coordinate various program activities to celebrate/commemorate 150th anniversary of the arrival of Japanese emigrants. A list of these activities is attached to this report. The SFCA is supporting these efforts by funding promotion of Gannenmono through the Japanese Culture Center of Hawaii.

If you have any questions, please call me at 586-0301.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Johnson
Executive Director
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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO PLAN AND COORDINATE THE CELEBRATION
OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST
ARRIVAL OF JAPANESE EMIGRANTS TO HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the first Japanese emigrants to Hawaii, one
2 hundred forty-seven men and six women from Yokohama, arrived at
3 Honolulu harbor aboard the vessel *Scioto* on June 20, 1868, after
4 a thirty-three-day voyage under Captain Reagan; and

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6 WHEREAS, these first emigrants were recruited by Eugene M.
7 Van Reed, Consul of Hawaii in Yokohama, through employment
8 agents in the Keihin area to work mainly as laborers on sugar
9 cane fields, and later came to be called the *gannen mono*,
10 meaning "first year men," to describe the first year of Meiji
11 era arrivals; and

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13 WHEREAS, persons of Japanese ancestry and the Japanese
14 community as a whole have subsequently made significant and
15 distinguished contributions to all facets of the rich
16 multicultural history of the Hawaiian Islands and the United
17 States of America; and

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19 WHEREAS, June 20, 2018, will mark the one hundred fiftieth
20 anniversary of the first arrival of Japanese emigrants to
21 Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts was
24 established by the Legislature in 1965 with a mission to
25 promote, perpetuate, preserve, and encourage culture and the
26 arts, history, and the humanities as central tenets contributing
27 to the quality of life of the people of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that there is established,
32 within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, a task



1 force to plan and coordinate the celebration of the one hundred
2 fiftieth anniversary of the first arrival of Japanese emigrants
3 to Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members be
6 selected as follows:
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8 (1) Three members to be selected by the President of the
9 Senate, provided that at least one member is a member
10 of the Senate;
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12 (2) Three members to be selected by the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, provided that at least one
14 member is a member of the House of Representatives;
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16 (3) Five members to be selected by the Governor; and
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18 (4) The Executive Director of the State Foundation on
19 Culture and the Arts, or the Executive Director's
20 designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force select a
23 chairperson from among its members; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a vacancy on the task force be
26 filled by the same selection authority that appointed the
27 vacating member; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eight members of the task force
30 constitute a quorum; provided that an affirmative vote of six
31 members is necessary for decision-making; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force meeting schedule
34 be determined by the members; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop, plan,
37 and coordinate various program activities to celebrate and
38 commemorate the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the first
39 arrival of Japanese emigrants to Hawaii, including a series of
40 events from January 1, 2018, through September 4, 2018; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a report
2 of its proposed activities, plans, and recommendations,
3 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
4 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
5 of 2018; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report to the Legislature
8 include:
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- 10 (1) Events the task force has planned and executed prior
11 to the submission of the report;
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13 (2) A detailed plan on how the task force will implement
14 its remaining recommendations; and
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16 (3) The identification and recommendation of procedures
17 for the appropriate disbursement of any public funds
18 related to the task force's work; and
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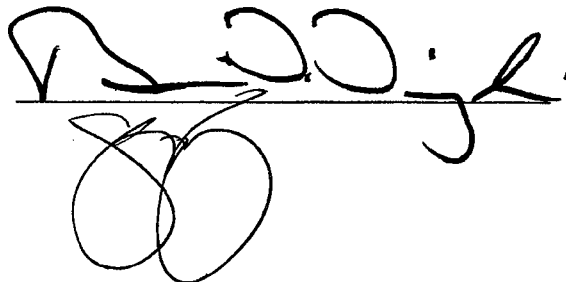
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be exempt from
21 chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force not
24 be considered state employees for the purposes of chapter 84,
25 Hawaii Revised Statutes, due solely to their service on the task
26 force; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force dissolve on
29 June 19, 2019; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
33 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
34 Executive Director of the State Foundation on Culture and the
35 Arts.
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Event List of 150th Anniversary (tentative)

January

- 5th (Fri) Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce Shinnen Enkai
- 14th (Sun) Ohana Festival (Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii)
- TBC (5th-8th?) Nippon Maru visit to Honolulu Port
- Nippon Maru visit to Hilo Port (Big Island)

February

- 3rd (Sat) Weimea Cherry Blossoms Festival (Big Island)

March

- 9th (Fri)-11th (Sun) Honolulu Festival
- 11th (Sun) Honolulu Rainbow Ekiden
- TBC (Grand Kabuki ?)

May

- 5th (Sat) Maui Matsuri (Kahului)
- TBC (3rd-5th?) Kaio Maru's visit to Kahului Port at the timing of "Maui Matsuri"
- (13th or 20th (Sat) Annual Nahoku Hano Hano Awards)
- 14th or 21st (Sun) Honolulu Ekiden and Music (HIS)
- 28th (Mon) Memorial Day

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| June – Sep. | Bon Dance Seanson |
| June – Dec. | "Gannenmono" Exhibition in Bishop Museum |

June

- 2nd (Sat) Obon Service and Bon-Dance in Hawaii's Plantation Village
- 6th (Wed) Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad
- 7th (Thu) 150th Anniversary Ceremony and Symposium
- 8th (Fri)-10th (Sun) Pan Pacific Festival (Matsuri in Hawaii)
- (11th (Mon) King Kamehameha Day : 9th (Sat) Parade in Honolulu)

July

- 14th (Sat) ? Obon Service by United Japanese Society of Hawaii in Makiki Cemetery

August

- 15th (Wed) ? Obon Service by Meiji Kai in Makiki Cemetery

September

- 1st (Sat)-2nd (Sun) Okinawan Festival
- 8th (Sat) Queen Liliuokalani Festival (Big Island)

October

- TBC Kauai Matsuri (Kauai)
- TBC Visit of Maritime Self Defense Forces Training Squadron to Honolulu
- TBC Nihon Buyo Performance (Big Island)

December

- (9th (Sun) Honolulu Marathon)

Others

- Judo Exchange Program (?)

150th Anniversary of the Gannenmono (the First Japanese Organized Immigrants)
Committee Members (as of September, 2017)

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h. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii
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l. Shufu Society of Hawaii
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n. UHM Center for Okinawa Studies
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r. Nisei Veterans Legacy Center
s. Meiji Kai

* : to be confirmed

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Thank you for your interest in commemorating the 150th anniversary of Japanese in Hawai'i! This is to provide a brief summary of efforts in the community to honor the *Gannenmono*.

Consul General of Japan, Yasushi Misawa, has spent countless hours researching the 150th anniversary of the GANNENMONO and has initiated leaders in the Japanese American community to celebrate the historic occasion in 2018. Attached is a copy of the Consul General's power point presentation on the history of the Gannen mono and a listing of the steering committee members that has formed to lead in the efforts of the GANNENMONO celebration.

Earlier this year, Consul General Misawa began his quest to learn more about the GANNENMONO or the first Japanese immigrants who traveled out of Japan to Hawaii 150 years ago. They were the first Japanese to leave Japan and left against the will of the then Meiji government – traveling to Hawai'i with no passport or permission to enter but greeted kindly by the people of Hawai'i. 2018 marks the 150th year of the GANNENMONO and many inquiries are being made to the Japan Consulate from Japan to celebrate this event. A large celebration took place in 1968 for the 100th anniversary. Currently, we are working to put together a website, logo, and budget for this celebration. While there will be a number of activities with the 150th anniversary banner, the highlight will be in June when the Convention of Nikkei and Japanese Abroad will meet in Honolulu followed by the 150th GANNENMONO Ceremony and Symposium. I'm happy to keep you informed of the calendar of activities as it is updated.

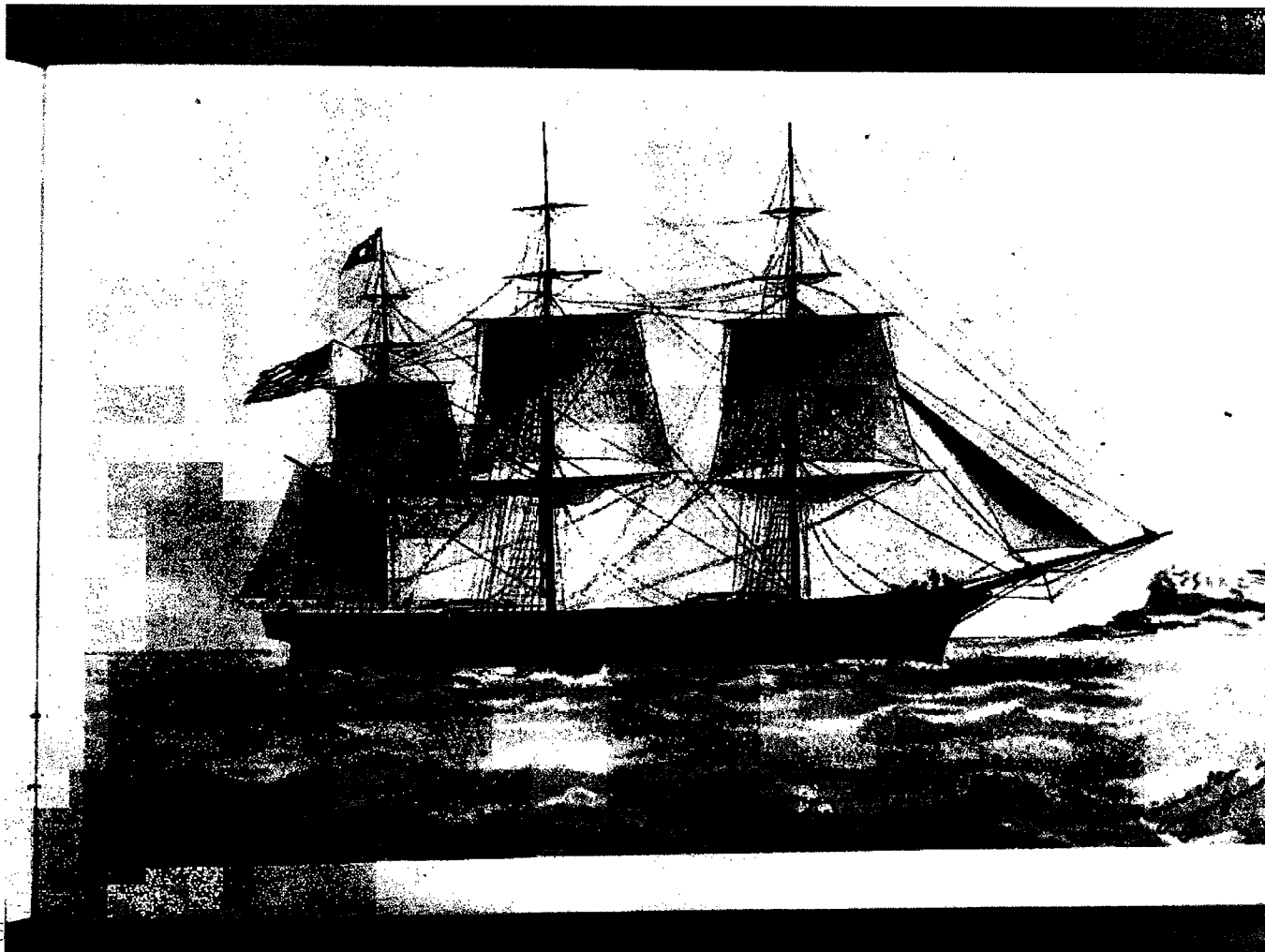
I look forward to having the support and participation from the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 218-6723 or Hayashino@jcch.com.

Aloha—Carole



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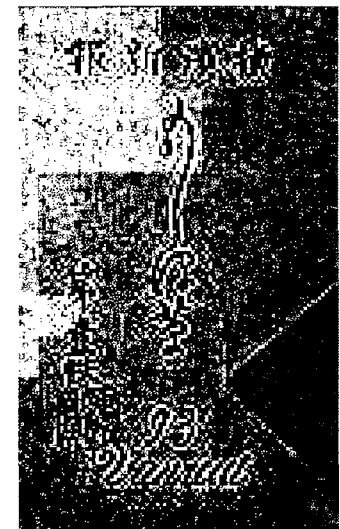
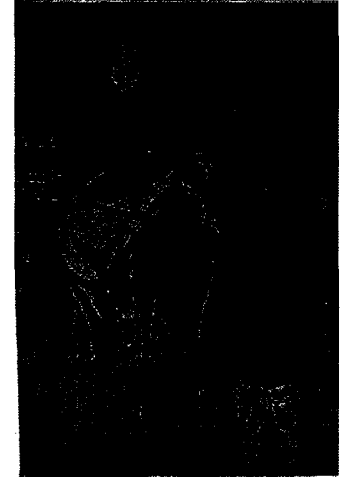
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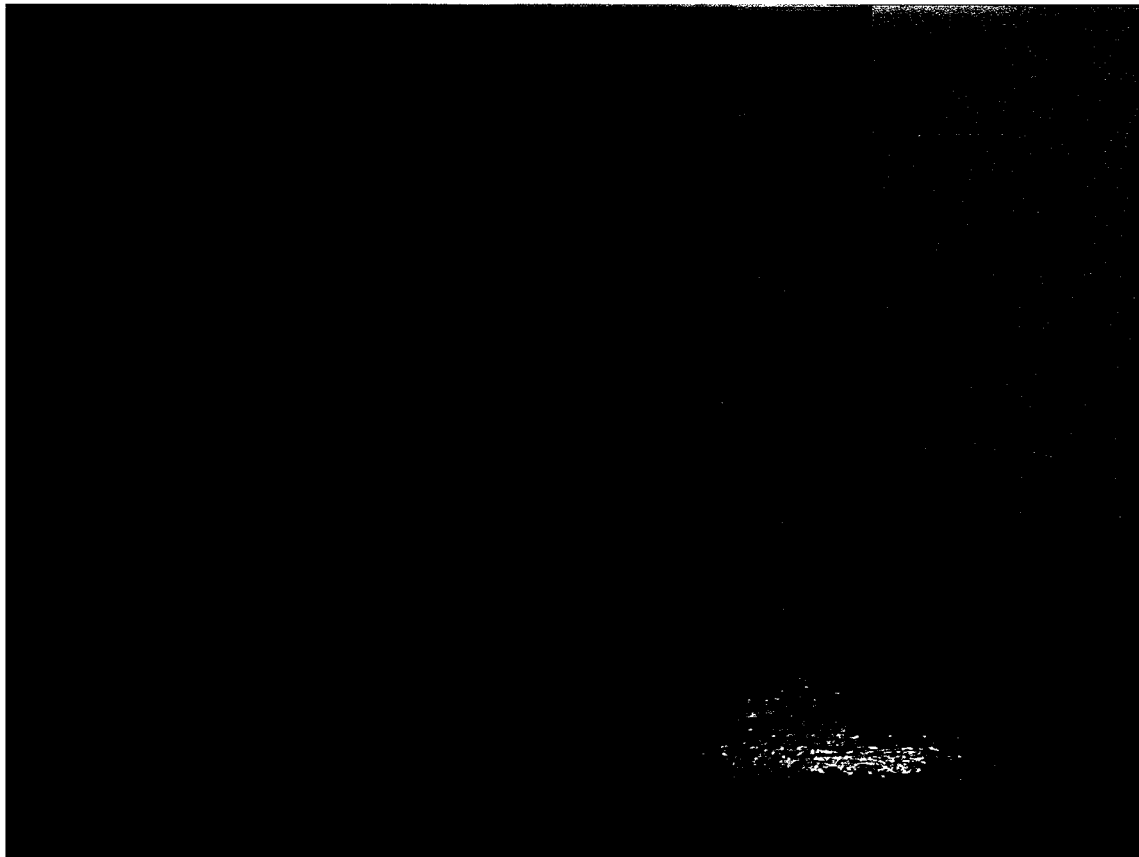
元年者 (Gannenmono)

The first Japanese organized immigrants

- 1860 : Kanrin-Maru visited Honolulu with Kaishu Katsu, John Manjiro Nakahama, Yukichi Fukuzawa on board. King Kamehameha IV proposed a friendship treaty between Japan and Kingdom of Hawaii
- 1865 : Eugene Van Reed, a Japan based American businessman, was appointed as Consul General of Hawaii in Japan by Kingdom of Hawaii. He began negotiation with the Edo Bakufu (Edo Shogunat Government) about the Japanese immigration to Hawaii under instructions of the Foreign Minister Robert Crichton Wyllie.
- May 3, 1868 : The surrender of Edo-Jo-Castle
- May 17, 1868 : The departure of the ship "Scioto" from Yokohama.
- June 19, 1868 : The arrival of the "Scioto" at Honolulu port
- June 20, 1868 : The landing of the Gannenmono



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Survivors of the group of Japanese who immigrated to Hawaii between 1868 and



元年者 (Gannenmono)

The first Japanese organized immigrants

- June 19, 1868
about 150 persons : Arrived at Honolulu Port
- 1870 (In the middle of the contract period)
42 persons : Returned to Japan.
- After the completion of contract in 1871
11 persons : Returned to Japan
about 40 persons : Moved to the Mainland
about 50 persons : Stayed in Hawaii *

* There were other individual immigrants who illegally emigrated from Japan

元年者 (Gannenmono)

The first Japanese organized immigrants

There was only one female of Gannenmono who continued to stay in Hawaii. Gannenmono were married to Hawaiians or members of other ethnic groups and they assimilated themselves into the local society.



Hawaii

Kingdom of Hawaii regarded Gannenmono as the ideal immigrants who got along with the local community and wanted to promote the immigration from Japan.



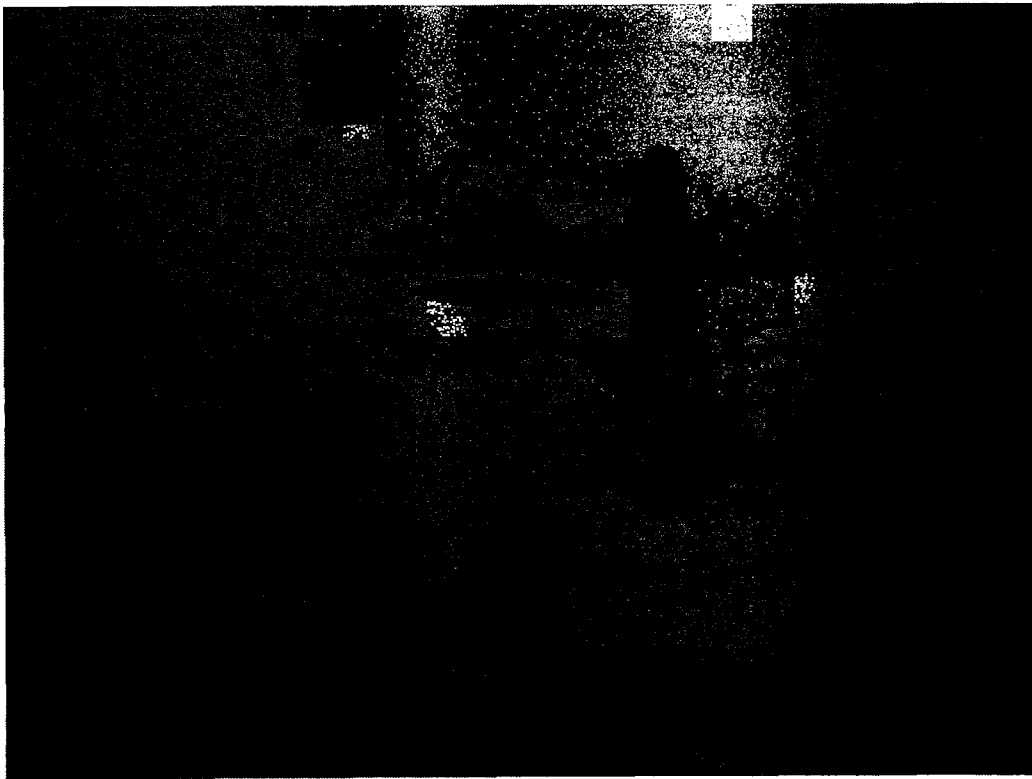
Japan

Gannenmono were illegal emigrants for the Japanese government and Gannenmono were not regarded in Japan.



1927: Gannenmono Memorial (Makiki Cemetery)

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The Inscription of the Memorial

“Since the arrival of these pioneers, an intimate relationship has grown between Hawaii and Japan, with the increase of the Japanese population in the Islands which number 130,000 today. We who are interested in the work of the Japanese pioneers, to keep awakened in citizens of Japanese ancestry an appreciation of the pioneering spirit of their forefathers and a sense of obligation towards Hawaii Nei.”

1968 : Centennial of the Gannenmono

- Prince and Princess Hitachi visited Hawaii.
- The Convention of the Overseas Japanese was held in Honolulu and memorial plaques were placed at the - then-Honolulu International Airport.



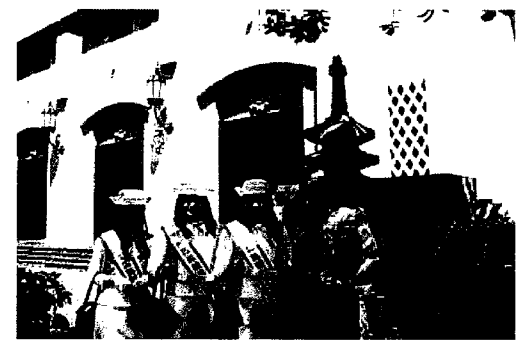
Byodo-In Temple was built in Kaneohe.



The Buddha statue in Foster Gardens was donated by Kanagawa Prefecture.



Hiroshima City donated a five-storied stone pagoda to Honolulu.



A large Buddha was erected in Lahaina.

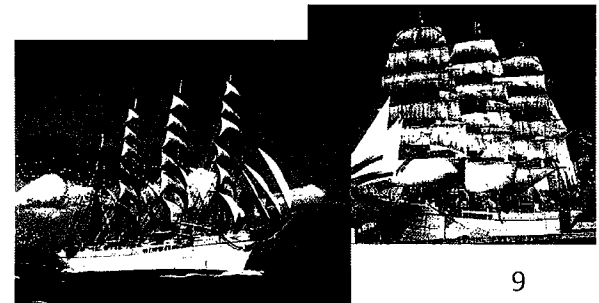


1968 : Centennial of Gannenmono

- A memorial movie was filmed starring Yukio Hashi and Jun Mayuzumi by Shochiku Film. Senator Inouye was also featured on screen.
- Many stone lanterns were donated by Fukushima, Wakayama, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Nagasaki and Ryukyu to the Liliuokalani Japanese Garden in Hilo.
- Training squadrons of the Maritime SDF, and the training ship *Nippon-Maru* and *Kaio-Maru* visited the Port of Honolulu in June 1968



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1985 : Centennial of Kanyaku Imin

- The Celebration Committee headed by a senior Nisei initially took a initiative, but the Coordinating Committee chaired by Governor Ariyoshi played a leading role.
- Major objective was to increase awareness about the collective struggle of the Issei and Nisei and pass this sentiment on to third and forth generation and also to pay respect to the King Kalakaua, the father of Japanese immigration to Hawaii.
- Well over 100 events including the Takarazuka Review were held in Oahu, Big Island, Maui and Kauai and many books were published for the centennial commemoration.
- Prince and Princess Hitachi visited Hawaii (four islands).
- Governors from 10 prefecture including Govenor Suzuki of Tokyo, the chair of National Governors Association, visited Honolulu.
- The erection of “Yosebaka” in the the Makiki Cemetery, the installation of the bronze statue of King Kalakaua and other activities.
⇒ leading to the initiating of JCCH project

What kind of events will be held this time?

2016: 75th commemoration of the Pearl Harbor Attack
Focus on the Nisei Veterans and Pearl Harbor Survivors

2018 : 150th anniversary of the arrival Gannenmono
Focus on the Issei, the first generation(Events through out the year)
Inspiring the future of Hawaii and Japan partnership

1. Lectures, Seminars, Publications and other activities on the History

- Descendants of Gannenmono
- History of the Japanese community and Hawaii and its future
- Support the Japanese American in finding out their family roots

2. Cultural and Sporting Events

- Joint events by local Japanese individuals and groups
(music, dance, martial arts and others)

3. Ceremonial Event

- Timing : June 2018