

Kamloops & Area Chapter of the  
National Association of Japanese Canadians  
and  
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society

**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Japanese Canadian Redress  
Settlement  
1988 - 2008**

**CELEBRATION  
BANQUET**

September 13, 2008  
Forster's Restaurant at Best Western  
1250 Rogers Way  
Kamloops, BC

## OUR GUEST SPEAKER - HENRY KOJIMA

Currently the Past President of the National Association of Japanese Canadians, Henry has been active within the Japanese Canadian community for the past thirty-five years. During the campaign for Redress in the 1980's, he served on the NAJC President's Committee, assisting in encouraging public and community support for redress of injustices perpetrated against Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

Within the local Manitoba Japanese community, Henry has served as both President of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Citizens Association and President of the Manitoba Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre.

His thirty-five year career in education has enabled Henry to experience all facets of the public education system. As Superintendent and CEO of the River East School District in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Burnaby School District in Burnaby, BC, he was primarily involved in organizational restructuring and the creation and implementation of new educational delivery models for both school districts.

Henry resides in Winnipeg with his wife, Vivien. They have four adult children -- Jay, Dean, Tad and Elizabeth.

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## BUFFET MENU

Assorted Dinner Rolls & Butter  
Fresh Vegetable Crudites with Dip  
Assorted Pickles & Relish Platter

Caesar Salad with Parmesan and Croutons  
Organic Mixed Greens with two Dressings  
Greek Salad

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables  
Wild Rice Pilaf  
Roasted Potatoes

Chef Carved Certified Angus Beef  
Herb Roasted Chicken  
Dijon Crusted Pork Loin

Dessert Platter with Assorted Squares  
Coffee and Assorted Teas

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## PROGRAMME

Masters of Ceremonies - Janice Buick & Roy Inouye

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS  
INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE GUESTS

### GREETINGS

Councillor Jim Harker, City of Kamloops  
Member of Parliament, Betty Hinton  
Kamloops (NAJC), President Debbie Cairns  
Vernon Japanese Cultural Society, President Aubrey Comley

### DINNER

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER  
Debbie Cairns

GUEST SPEAKER  
Henry Kojima, NAJC Past President  
"Our JC Community: The Journey Continues..."

PRESENTATIONS  
to  
Henry Kojima  
Randy Enomoto  
Sakaye Hashimoto  
Tony Tamayose  
Jeff Chiba Stearns  
by  
Aubrey Comley

### DOOR PRIZES

ENTERTAINMENT  
Kamloops' Raiden Taiko  
Vernon's Chidori Kai Dancers  
"Tanko Bushi" (Everyone)

THANKS & FAREWELL

*One-New D  
Tashime  
Redress Plaque  
Nats. Historic  
Site  
Pottery  
Udon Bowls  
by local artists  
Yoko Suzuki  
Not Acceptable  
absc  
Mem. Cairns*

*Change of focus & attitude*

## 20th Anniversary of the Redress Agreement

*On September 22, 1988, the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement was signed by the President of the National Association of Japanese Canadians and the Prime Minister of Canada. This document acknowledged the injustice committed by the Canadian Government against Japanese Canadians during and after World War II and pledged that such events will not happen again. This was a major historic event not only for Japanese Canadians, but for all minority groups as well, in that it set precedence for other redress settlements in Canada.*

*At our Redress Wind-up Banquet held on January 14, 1989, we celebrated the Achievement of Human Rights. We celebrated the historic achievement of the redress settlement reached by the government of our country and the representatives of our community.*

*We celebrated the final erasing of the label "enemy alien" imposed upon thousands of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin during 1942 to 1949. We celebrated the triumph of the Canadian principle of universal justice over the official wrong perpetrated on us during those years.*

*For some of us, the redress settlement brought an inner peace because the wartime wrong had been righted at last. For some of us it meant that the rights and privileges of citizenship could not be taken away from us, or any other group of Canadians for racist reasons. For some of us, it meant we could finally take our rightful places as full citizens of Canada without the slightest shadow of doubt.*

*September 22, 2008 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this historic event. The National Association of Japanese Canadians are holding a national celebration in Vancouver on September 19-21.*

*The Vernon Japanese Cultural Society and the Kamloops & Area Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians are pleased to celebrate this occasion today in Kamloops.*