

**The Japan Center at Stony Brook (JCSB) Annual Meeting**  
11 am – 12 noon (Chapel)

**Opening Remarks:**

Iwao Ojima, JCSB President & Chair of the Board

**Financial Report:**

Patricia Marinaccio, JCSB Treasurer & Executive Committee

**Public Relations:**

Roxanne Brockner, JCSB Executive Committee

**The Outreach Program:**

Gerry Senese, Principal of *Ryu Shu Kan* dojo, JCSB Outreach Program Director

**The Long Island Japanese Association:**

Chikako Nakamura, Long Island Japanese Association (LIJA), JCSB Board Member

**Pre-College Japanese Language Program:**

Eriko Sato, Director of Pre-College Japanese Program, JCSB Executive Committee Chair

**Earthquake/Tsunami Relief Effort:**

Eriko Sato, Campus Response Team co-leader, JCSB Executive Committee Chair

**Minor in Japanese Studies:**

Mary Diaz on behalf of Sachiko Murata, Director of the Program in Japanese Studies, JCSB Academic Affairs & Programs, Executive Director

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**Major in Asian and Asian American Studies with Teaching Certification in Japanese:**

Eriko Sato, Coordinator/Advisor, JCSB Executive Committee Chair

**Study Abroad Program for Japan:**

Eva Nagase, Director, Japan Summer Study Abroad Program, Executive Committee

**Taiko Tide:**

Eva Nagase, JCSB Executive Committee

**Japanese Students Organization (JSO):**

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**JCSB Essay Competition Award Ceremony**  
2 pm – 3 pm (Chapel)

**Opening Remarks:**

Iwao Ojima, JCSB President

**Greetings:**

Harsh Bhasin, Chair, Asian & Asian American Studies, Stony Brook University  
Mason Olds, Vice President & General Manager, Business Imaging Solutions Group,  
Canon U.S.A.

**Result of the Essay Competition:**

Eriko Sato, Organizing Committee Chair

**Award Presentation:**

Moderator: Eriko Sato; Presenters: Harsh Bhasin, Mason Olds, and Iwao Ojima

**HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Essay Award (\$2,000 cash and a Canon camera)**

“Obaachan’s Sword” by Yumiko Siev (Valley Stream Central High School)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best Essay Award (\$1,000 cash and a Canon camera)**

“I Am Mizuho” by Mizuho Yoshimune (Bronx High School of Science)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Best Essay Award (\$500 cash and a Canon camera)**

“A Sacrifice That Should Not Be Forgotten” by Eren “Duke” William Atalay (Ward  
Melville High School)

**Honorable Mention (\$200 cash) (alphabetically ordered by the author’s last name)**

“Thank You” by Emma Alexandra Berniczky (Stuyvesant High School)

“Together: Mirai no Hewa” by Pauline Ceraulo (Trinity School)

“Brooklyn Bonsai” by Jake Reiben (Brooklyn Friends School)

“Mottainai--Learn to Respect What You Have” by Natsuko Sato (Arlington High School)

“The Hope of a Thousand Cranes” by Kaitlyn Shin (Jericho High School)

“Bowling to *Shomen*” by Kelsey Weymouth-Little (Ward Melville High School)

**COLLEGE DIVISION**

**Special Award A (\$1,000 cash and a Canon camera)**

“To Biwa Lake” by Daniel Xu (Princeton University)

**Special Award B (\$500 cash and a Canon camera)**

“Self Discovery through Japanese Harmony” by Shariful Syed (Stony Brook University)

**Special Award from Consulate General of Japan:**

“Obaachan’s Sword” by Yumiko Siev (Valley Stream Central High School)

**Greetings and Presentation:**

Fumio Iwai, Deputy Consul General, Director, Japan Information Center, Consulate  
General of Japan in New York

**Essay Presentations by Awardees:**

“A Sacrifice That Should Not Be Forgotten” by Eren “Duke” William Atalay

“I Am Mizuho” by Mizuho Yoshimune

“Obaachan’s Sword” by Yumiko Siev

“To Biwa Lake” by Daniel Xu

\*The award-winning essays will be posted on the  
JCSB’s website: <http://www.sunysb.edu/japancenter>.

## Reception

3 pm - 5 pm (Theater Lobby)

### Japanese Music Performance

Yumi Kurosawa presented by Yoko Ojima, JCSB Board Member

#### Program:

- ROKUDAN (Kengyo Yatsushashi)
- Sakura Variation (Bondai Fujii)
- Greening (Minoru Miki)
- Green Pt (Yumi Kurosawa)
- Takeda Lullaby (Yumi Kurosawa)
- Inner Space (Yumi Kurosawa)

#### Yumi Kurosawa – Koto, Composer, Computer Sound

Born and raised in Japan, received first prize at National Competition for students in 1989 and '92 and Scholarship from The Agency for Cultural Affairs of Japan in '98. She has appeared in Prague Cello Ensemble Concert at Suntory Hall, Tokyo in '96, NHK Broadcast TV program, Genjimonogatari-WAKANA, in '00. She also studied computer music at computer music lab when she was attending Keio University. As well as extensive performance in Japan, in 2002, she moved to New York, she has appeared on well known venues such as Apollo sound stage and Joe's pub and held her concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie, her first CD, Beginning of a Journey, featuring her own compositions, was released in 2009. Yumi appeared as the soloist for the world premiere of Koto Concerto: Genji, by composer Daron Hagen in NYC, DC and with the Orchestra of the Swan in UK. She has received great concert review several times in *New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and so on. <http://www.yumikuro.com>

### Raffle: Roxanne Brockner and others

Prizes include two Canon cameras.

### Closing Remarks: Iwao Ojima, JCSB President

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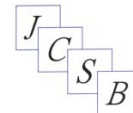
## 7th Annual Japan Center Essay Competition

at Stony Brook University  
Sponsored by Canon U.S.A.

## Award Ceremony

April 14, 2012

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