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1985 JAPANESE 100TH
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INTRODUCTION

The Governor's Coordinating Committee for the 1985 Japanese 100th Anniversary Celebration existed from 1984 to 1986. It performed its coordination function by acting as a clearinghouse to review, approve and schedule activities conducted in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1885 arrival of the first Japanese "Kanyaku Imin," or government contract laborers, in Hawaii. The bulk of the records deal with project proposals reviewed by the committee. Information about the committee is detailed in the minutes of their meetings, and summarized in the Final Report.

Access is unrestricted.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Established: By Governor George R. Ariyoshi in March, 1984. A memo in the records dated March 13, 1984 lists the objectives of the committee as well as its membership, by name and/or affiliation. Prospective members were invited to join the committee by letters from the Governor dated March 19, 1984. The initial meeting of the committee was held on March 27, 1984.

Dates: March, 1984-December, 1986. (Note: the collection contains records of both earlier and later dates.)

Predecessor Agency: None.

Organization: An independent committee chaired by Governor George R. Ariyoshi. The vice chair was Mr. Hideto Kono of the Tax Review Commission, and formerly Head of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. The Executive Secretary was Mr. Thomas Sakata, Head of the Hawaii International Services Agency of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. Dr. Franklin Odo, Director of the Ethnic Studies Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, was the Historical Advisor. There were 46 other members, from diverse private sector organizations, such as the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Kahala Hilton Hotel and the Nuuanu Congregational Church. The membership also included the mayors of the four counties and their representatives. Staff support was provided by four members of the Hawaii International Services Agency. The committee created eleven subcommittees as follows: Beiju Oral History Project; Centennial Proclamation and Recognition Day Luncheon; Conference on Values and Tracing Your Japanese Ancestry; Culture; Financial Procedures; Kansha In Appreciation/Closing Program; Kanze Noh in Hawaii; Logo and Project Recognition Review; A Million Trees of Aloha; and Public Information.

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Functions:

- Coordinated activities of all organizations interested in celebrating the 1985 100th anniversary of Japanese immigration;
- Served as a clearinghouse to prevent duplicative or conflicting activities;
- Encouraged celebratory events throughout the entire year of 1985;
- Maintained a central calendar of planned activities and disseminated this information to news media and other interested parties;
- Served as the official liaison of the Governor with governmental agencies, civic organizations and private companies; and
- Coordinated fundraising activities in support of anniversary celebration events.

Activities: The committee met more than 20 times during its existence. These meetings consistently focused on achievement of three objectives: to minimize costly and time-consuming duplication among the many social, cultural and business organizations planning to conduct celebratory activities; to coordinate contribution and distribution of human and financial resources; and to promote the idea that celebratory activities be organized and administered in a manner meaningful to Japanese as well as to other ethnic groups in the community. Early on, the committee formulated a statement of objectives of the centennial celebration to help guide participating organizations in planning their events as well as to guide the committee in its coordination function. These objectives are listed in their Final Report. The principle means by which the committee carried out its coordination function were publication of its Calendar of Events, and granting approval for use of the centennial logo for activities which were deemed to meet the purposes of the celebration. Both of these means required that the committee first review project plans submitted by participants and resolve any issues of timing, funding, relevance and propriety. The committee became involved with numerous projects, from events such as the official opening and closing ceremonies, through establishment at the East-West Center of the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center and a project to collect oral histories of elderly Japanese, to items such as the sale of souvenir T-shirts and placing the centennial logo on beer labels. A list of approved events and projects is in the Final Report. The committee's financial responsibilities were limited, because projects were required to be self-supporting. However, the committee did have to administer \$100,000 appropriated by the Legislature, and in excess of \$220,000 in donations.

Disestablished: Upon publication of its final report in December, 1986.

Successor Agency: None.

References: Session Laws of Hawaii: Act 85, SLH 1984, Section 79G
Governor's Coordinating Committee for the 1985 Japanese 100th Anniversary
Celebration, Final Report, December, 1986
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SERIES DESCRIPTION

Series Number: 483 **Series Title:** Records of the Governor's Coordinating Committee
on the 1985 Japanese 100th Anniversary Celebration

Date Range: 1983-1987

Quantity: 0.50 cubic foot in one 7.5-inch box

Creator: Created or collected in the Hawaii International Services Agency (later the International Services Branch) of the Department of Planning and Economic Development as a part of their function to serve as the "secretariat" for the Committee

Physical Characteristics/Condition: Mostly paper records: notepad, letter-, legal- and folded oversize; manuscript and typescript; originals and xerox and diazo copies; and a small quantity of published material. The records are in good condition although some have glue stains from "cut-and-paste" corrections and rust stains from fasteners. Includes a few color and black and white photographs of various sizes.

Content Description: Consists of agendas and minutes of Committee meetings (no agenda is in file for the meeting of January 15, 1985); subject files; projects files; and a copy of the Final Report of the Committee. The subject files contain a variety of record types, including correspondence and memoranda regarding establishment of the Committee; agendas and minutes of subcommittees; publicity and public relations materials; financial records; and lists and tabulated data on a variety of topics, such as Committee membership. The project files, which include samples of brochures, flyers, invitations, logos and programs, were collected or created because of the primary function of the Committee to review, approve and coordinate Centennial activities. They include project proposal and approval forms and minutes of project committees. They do not include the projects themselves. Some project records have been grouped by sponsor or type; others are filed individually. Remaining projects have been filed together as "Projects: General."

Arrangement: By record type in the following order: agendas and minutes of Committee meetings; subject files; project files and the Final Report. Thereunder, agendas and minutes are in chronological order; subject and project files are alphabetical.

For Additional Information See: Honolulu Advertiser, January 7, 1985, Advertising Supplement "1985 Japanese Anniversary Celebration."

Access: Access is unrestricted.

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483-1-25	Sponsored by Nuuanu Congregational Church, 1984 Annual Meeting of Hawaii Conference, United Church of Christ Asian Theology Endowment Fund Centennial Mission Tour to Japan Centennial Worship Service Commemorative Banquet Oral History of Nichigobu Members of the Church Publication of Biography of Shiro Sokabe Publication of Cookbook by the Women of Nuuanu Publication of History of Nuuanu Congregational Church Senior Citizen Housing Project Speaking Tour of Dr. Masao Takenaka
483-1-26	Sponsored by University of Hawaii, 1984-1985 Art Exhibition: "First Impressions - Japanese Prints of Foreigners" Benraku Puppet Theater of Japan - Hawaii Tour Book: "Imingaisha - Japanese Emigration Companies and Hawaii" Dramatic Readings: "Hawaii's Japanese-American Writers" Dramatic Readings: "Kaiko Dan" Food Show Hawaii International Film Festival Centennial Tribute Kanyaku Imin Centennial Lecture Series Lectures: "Poems of Manyoshu" Lectures: "The History of the Way of Tea" Public Forums: "Japanese in Hawaii - Race, Class and Power" Urakense Hawaii Seminar

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