

**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

**Pre-College Japanese Program:** Eriko Sato, JCSB Executive Committee Chair

**Teaching Certification Program in Japanese:** Eriko Sato, JCSB Executive Committee Chair

**The Outreach Program:** Gerry Senese, JCSB Outreach Program Director

**Program in Japanese Studies:** Mary Diaz, JCSB Executive Committee

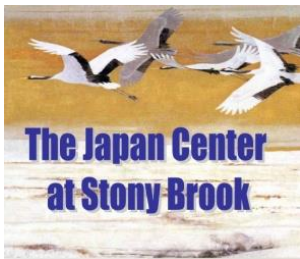
**Inoh Collection:** Mary Diaz, JCSB Executive Committee

**Study Abroad Program for Japan:** Eva Nagase, JCSB Executive Committee

**Taiko Tides:** Joe Dvorak, Taiko Tides Co-Advisor

**Japanese Students Organization (JSO):** TBA

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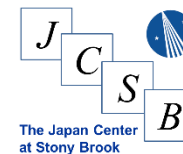
**11<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Japan Center Essay Competition**

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

**Award Ceremony**

**April 17, 2016  
Charles B. Wang Center  
Stony Brook University**



## JCSB Essay Competition Award Ceremony

2 pm – 3 pm (Chapel)

### Opening Remarks:

Iwao Ojima, JCSB President

### Greetings:

Nancy Goroff, Associate Provost, Integration of Research, Education and Professional Development, Stony Brook University

Lee Farrell, VP & GM, Systems & Technical Support (Canon U.S.A., Inc.) Business Imaging Solutions Group

Koji Abe, Deputy Consul General/Deputy Chief of Mission, Consulate General of Japan in New York

### Result of the Essay Competition:

Eriko Sato, Chair, JCSB Essay Competition Organizing Committee

### Award Presentation:

Moderator: Sachiko Murata, Chief Judge, JCSB Essay Competition

Presenters: Kouji Abe, Lee Farrell, Nancy Goroff, and Iwao Ojima

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place Best Essay Award in High School Division (\$3,000 check & EOS Rebel T5)

*Wave of Peace* by Jean Mahn (Division Avenue High School)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Best Essay Award in High School Division (\$1,500 check & PowerShot SX540 HS)

*Hope in Anguish: A Study of Names* by Shaikat Islam (Stuyvesant High School)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Best Essay Award in High School Division (\$750 check & PowerShot SX420 IS)

*The Secret of Anti-Aging* by Miho Horigome (Syosset High School)

#### Best Essay Award in College Division (\$3,000 check & PowerShot ELPH360)

*“Kuuki o Yomu”*: *The Complexity of Keigo* by Mizuho Yoshimune (Yale University)

#### Uchida Memorial Award (\$1,000 check & PowerShot G9X)

*Hayao Miyazaki’s Exploration of Social Issues* by Claire Shapiro (Rocky Point High School)

#### Merit Award (\$200 check)

*Ikebana: An Upbringing* by Louis Herman (Rocky Point High School)

*Japanese Hospitality: How Kindness Led to a Significant Personal Change* by

Tiara Hess (Stony Brook University)

*My Dream in Tokyo* by Elizabeth Hughes (Huntington High School)

*Irezumi- East to West* by Anita Maksimiuk (New Explorations into Science, Technology and Math High School)

*A Lesson in Humility: Respect in Japanese Culture* by Olivia Poplawski (Northport High School)

#### Consul General of Japan Special Award

(Presenter: Koji Abe)

*Wave of Peace* by Jean Mahn (Division Avenue High School)

### Essay Presentations by Awardees:

*The Secret of Anti-Aging* by Miho Horigome

*Hope in Anguish: A Study of Names* by Shaikat Islam

*Wave of Peace* by Jean Mahn

*Hayao Miyazaki’s Exploration of Social Issues* by Claire Shapiro

*“Kuuki o Yomu”*: *Complexity of Keigo* by Mizuho Yoshimune

## Reception

3 pm - 5 pm (Theater Lobby)

### Japanese Music Performance

Masayo Ishigure and Kenneth Hutchinson  
presented by Yoko Ojima, JCSB Board Member

1. *Ito Ranbu (Sonic Dance on the Three Strings)*  
composed by Hikaru Sawai
2. *Yomigaeru Itsutsuno Uta (Five Songs of Youth Revisited)* composed by Tadao Sawai
3. *Fly* composed by Hikaru Sawai



**Masayo Ishigure** began playing the koto and juita shamisen at the age of five in Gifu, Japan. After initial studies with Tadao and Kazue Sawai, Masayo became a special research student in 1986 at the Sawai Koto Academy of Music. Masayo moved to New York City in 1992. She has performed at Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, BAM, Merkin Hall, Japan Society, Symphony Space and served as a guest artist with the San Diego Symphony, New Haven Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony Orchestra and Hartford Symphony Orchestra. In 2001 she released her own solo album (CD) entitled *Grace*. In 2005 Masayo served as a recording artist for the Grammy Award-Winning soundtrack from the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha* by John Williams alongside Yitzhak Perlman, Yo-Yo Ma, and others. Masayo is currently teaching at Columbia University and offers private lessons as the only Sawai Koto Academy Instructor in the New York City and Washington DC area. (<http://www.letsplaykoto.com>)

**Kenneth Hutchinson** was born in New York City where he studied classical piano and blues guitar. In the 1980's he became involved in the film industry composing music for the independent films *Agent on Ice* and *The Sandman*. In 1990 Ken moved to Japan to pursue his growing interest in Architecture and Design. A chance discovery of a shamisen in his grandmother's Tokyo home was put aside until 2007 when he began studying with Masayo Ishigure. He has since had the good fortune of performing at numerous cultural events in the U.S. and abroad with the New York Sawai Koto Academy. Currently Ken is an architect and Director of Construction for the Wildlife Conservation Society, headquartered at the Bronx Zoo.

### Raffle

Prizes include Canon cameras (PowerShot ELPH180).

### Closing Remarks: Iwao Ojima, JCSB President

#### Uchida Memorial Award

Mr. Kinya Uchida's warm support was instrumental in launching the JCSB Essay Competition sponsored by Canon U.S.A. in 2005, to which JCSB is deeply grateful. The JCSB instituted Uchida Memorial Award in honor of late Mr. Uchida in 2013.

