



Center for Japanese Studies 50th Anniversary *Hybrid Japan*

50th Anniversary Kick-Off: Cal Japan Day May 17, Saturday

On Saturday, May 17th, 2008, the UC Berkeley Center for Japanese Studies' 50th Anniversary kicked off with a series of events on the UC Berkeley campus. Cal Japan Day began with a tour of the newly opened C.V. Starr East Asian Library, lead by **Yuki Ishimatsu** (Head Librarian, Japanese Collection). Then several of UC Berkeley's Japan Studies faculty, **Jim Lincoln** (Associate Dean, Haas Business School), **Steven Vogel** (Professor, Political Science), **Mary E. Berry** (Chair, Department of History), and **Duncan Williams** (Chair, Center for Japanese Studies), gave a series of short lectures on Japanese business, current Japanese politics, Japanese history, and Japanese and Japanese-American Buddhism, respectively. This was followed by a Rakugo performance, in English, by **Katsura Kaishi**, the Ambassador of the Ministry of Culture/*Bunkacho Bunka Taishi* in Japan.

That evening, the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner was held at Yoshi's Restaurant and Jazz Club in San Francisco. At the recognition ceremony, **Yasumasa Nagamine**, Consul General of Japan (San Francisco), congratulated the Center for its great contribution to Japanese studies in the United States over the last 50 years, and expressed his sincere hope for the Center's further success in promoting Japanese studies for another 50 years to come. As Chair Duncan Williams acted as an emcee, **Janet Broughton** (Dean of Arts & Humanities, UC Berkeley) honored former UC Berkeley Center for Japanese Studies Chairs, **George DeVos** (Professor Emeritus), **Robert Bellah** (Professor Emeritus), and **Mary E. Berry**, as well as **T.J. Pempel** (former Director, Institute for East Asian Studies) and **Keiko Hjersman** (Program Director, Center for Japanese Studies), for their dedication. Major donors were recognized by **David Blinder** (Associate Vice Chancellor, UC Berkeley) as well. A concert of *Tsugaru-shamisen* performed by the **Yoshida Brothers** followed the ceremony.

Event Program

Location: UC Berkeley, Berkeley, San Francisco

Time: 1:00pm-9:00pm

TOUR OF THE NEWLY-OPENED C.V. STARR EAST ASIAN LIBRARY AT UC BERKELEY

Yuki Ishimatsu (Head Librarian, Japanese Collections)

FEATURE LECTURES

"Back to School with Cal's Japan Studies Faculty"

Berkeley Art Museum, UC Berkeley



Tsugaru Shamisen performance
by the Yoshida Brothers

"Japanese Business Then & Now: Will Japan Remain A Global Economic Powerhouse?"

Jim Lincoln (Professor and Associate Dean, Haas School of Business)

"The Japanese Economic Model: New & Improved"

Steven Vogel (Professor of Japanese Politics, Department of Political Science)

"Japanese History at Cal, Japanese History in Japan"

Mary E. Berry (Professor of East Asian History and Department of History Chair)

"Camp Dharma: Buddhism & The World War II Japanese American Incarceration"

Duncan Williams (Associate Professor of Japanese Buddhism and Center for Japanese Studies Chair)

RAKUGO PERFORMANCE - IN ENGLISH

By **Katsura Kaishi** (Ambassador of the Ministry of Culture/*Bunkacho Bunka Taishi*, Japan)

Gaia Theater, Berkeley

BENEFIT GALA DINNER AND PERFORMANCE

Yoshi's Jazz Club and Japanese Restaurant, San Francisco

Exclusive Dinner Menu prepared by executive chef, **Shotaro "Shô" Kamio**

Dynamic Musical Performance by the world-renowned *Tsugaru-Shamisen* duo, **the Yoshida Brothers**

Award Ceremony honoring distinguished alumni and major donors



Award Ceremony

From left: Keiko Hjersman, T.J. Pempel, Robert Bellah, George DeVos, Mary E. Berry, Janet Broughton