2013 Annual Award of Honor Gala

Saturday, November 16, 2013
Nobuko Saito Cleary and Allen M. Okamoto, Gala Co-chairs, members of the Gala Committee, and the Board of Directors welcome you to the 2013 AWARD OF HONOR GALA Saturday, November 16, 2013 The Westin St. Francis on Union Square 335 Powell Street San Francisco, CA VIP Reception: 5:30 pm General Reception & Silent Auction 6:00 pm Dinner Program 7:15 pm Presenting our Award of Honor to MRS. MARGRIT BIEVER MONDAVI of ROBERT MONDAVI WINERY MR. KENZO TSUJIMOTO of KENZO ESTATE, CAPCOM, CO. LTD., CAPCOM U.S.A., INC. Presenting our World Visionary Award to DR. SHINYA YAMANAKA of GLADSTONE INSTITUTES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO, CENTER FOR IPS CELL RESEARCH AND APPLICATION (CiRA), KYOTO UNIVERSITY, JAPAN
WELCOME
Nobuko Saito Cleary, 2013 Gala Co-chair
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REMARKS
Isao ‘Steve’ Matsuura, Board Chair

TOAST
The Honorable Masato Watanabe,
Consul General of Japan in San Francisco

AWARD OF HONOR
Mrs. Margrit Biever Mondavi
Vice President of Cultural Affairs,
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Capcom Co., Ltd.
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WORLD VISIONARY AWARD
Dr. Shinya Yamanaka
Senior Investigator and the L.K. Whittier
Foundation Investigator in Stem Cell Biology
at the Gladstone Institutes
Professor of Anatomy,
University of California San Francisco
Director, Center for iPS Cell Research and
Application (CiRA), Kyoto University, Japan

DINNER ENTERTAINMENT
Community School of Music and Arts
DINNER MENU

First Course
Baby Sonoma Greens with shaved fennel, shredded Fuyu persimmon, sun-dried cranberries, candied walnuts, pear gorgonzola vinaigrette

Entrée
Filet of Angus beef, risotto cake, broccolini, roasted winter vegetables, Napa Valley Merlot reduction

Alternating Desserts
St. Francis Pumpkin Cheesecake with an almond shortbread crust, fresh seasonal berries, cinnamon crème anglaise
&
Chocolate Tresor, a 74% chocolate mousse, star anise crème brûlée in the center, coastal strawberry coulis

Wine generously donated by Kenzo Estate
2012 Kenzo Estate Asatsuyu Sauvignon Blanc
2010 Kenzo Estate Rindo red wine

2013 WORLD VISIONARY AWARD RECIPIENT

DR. SHINYA YAMANAKA
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Dr. Shinya Yamanaka is a Senior Investigator and the L.K. Whittier Foundation Investigator in Stem Cell Biology at the Gladstone Institutes. At Gladstone, he conducts research at the Roddenberry Stem Cell Center. Dr. Yamanaka is also a Professor of Anatomy at the University of California, San Francisco, as well as the Director of the Center for IPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA) and at Kyoto University, Japan.

In 2012, Dr. Yamanaka was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that adult somatic cells can be reprogrammed into pluripotent cells. By introducing the genes for four factors that turn genes on and off, he induced the skin cells of adult mice to become like embryonic stem cells, which he called induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells. In addition to the Nobel Prize, Dr. Yamanaka has received many awards and honors, including the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award, the Wolf Prize in Medicine, the Millennium Technology Award, the Shaw Prize, the Kyoto Prize for Advanced Technology, the Gairdner International Award, the Robert Koch Award and the March of Dimes Prize.

Dr. Yamanaka earned an MD from Kobe University in 1987 and a PhD from Osaka City University in 1993. From 1987 to 1989, he was a resident at the National Osaka Hospital. From 1993 to 1996, he was a postdoctoral fellow at Gladstone.
**KENZO TSUJIMOTO**

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Chairman, Capcom U.S.A., Inc., as well as owner of Kenzo Estate. Kenzo Tsujimoto founded Capcom in 1983, one of the world’s most successful video game developers, in Osaka. Within a few years, the company had achieved international success through development of original games like “Street Fighter” and “Mega Man,” and in 1985 Capcom opened its first overseas subsidiary, which was originally located in Sunnyvale (since relocated to San Mateo). While continuing to lead Capcom through a period of dramatic change and growth in the video game business, in 1990 Mr. Tsujimoto acquired 3,800 acres of undeveloped land in the eastern mountains of Napa Valley. Setting out with the objective of creating world-class wines of distinction, artistry, and tradition, Mr. Tsujimoto retained some of Napa Valley’s most prominent advisors to assist with planning and development of the new winery. Today, Kenzo Estate wines, with Japanese-inspired names like Ai, Asatsuyu, Murasaki and Rindo, are known and appreciated throughout the world for their uniqueness and refinement. Mr. Tsujimoto and his wife Natsuko are significant contributors to community causes in Napa Valley, through the Auction of Napa Valley and other organizations, focusing particularly on children’s issues.

**GREETINGS FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN IN SAN FRANCISCO**

It is my great pleasure to extend greetings to you on the occasion of your 27th Annual Award of Honor Gala. Although having just arrived in San Francisco to take up my post as Consul General, I am well aware and deeply appreciative of the Society’s historic contributions to the strengthening of understanding and friendship between the peoples of Japan and Northern California. I would like to congratulate the recipients of the 2013 Japan Society of Northern California’s Annual Award of Honor: Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Senior Investigator and L.K. Whittier Foundation Investigator in Stem Cell Biology at the Gladstone Institutes, Mr. Margrit Biever Mondavi, Vice President of Cultural Affairs at Robert Mondavi Winery, and Mr. Kenzo Tsujimoto, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Capcom Co., Ltd. and Chairman of Capcom U.S.A., Inc., as well as owner of Kenzo Estate. It is an honor for me to take part in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of these extraordinary individuals.

For over 100 years, the Japan Society of Northern California has dedicated itself to strengthening the bonds of friendship and understanding between Japan and the people of Northern California. Over the years, the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco has been proud to partner with the Japan Society in working toward our shared goal. As Consul General of Japan in San Francisco, I look forward to working with the Society and all who support its invaluable mission. Thank you all for supporting the Japan Society and for furthering relations between Japan and Northern California.

**CONSULAR GENERAL MASATO WATANABE**

Chairman, Robert Mondavi Winery, and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in October 2002. In 1983 Mr. Tsujimoto founded Capcom, now one of the world’s most successful video game publishers, in Osaka. Within a few years the company had achieved international success through development of original games like “Street Fighter” and “Mega Man,” and in 1985 Capcom opened its first overseas subsidiary, which was originally located in Sunnyvale (since relocated to San Mateo). While continuing to lead Capcom through a period of dramatic change and growth in the video game business, in 1990 Mr. Tsujimoto acquired 3,800 acres of undeveloped land in the eastern mountains of Napa Valley. Setting out with the objective of creating world-class wines of distinction, artistry and tradition, Mr. Tsujimoto retained some of Napa Valley’s most prominent advisors to assist with planning and development of the new winery. Today, Kenzo Estate wines, with Japanese-inspired names like Ai, Asatsuyu, Murasaki and Rindo, are known and appreciated throughout the world for their uniqueness and refinement. Mr. Tsujimoto and his wife Natsuko are significant contributors to community causes in Napa Valley, through Auction of Napa Valley and other organizations, focusing particularly on children’s issues.

**PREVIOUS AWARD OF HONOR RECIPIENTS**

- **1987**
  - Edwin & Haru Matsukata Reischauer

- **1988**
  - James Clavell & Jesse Takamiyama

- **1989**
  - Kiichi Miyazawa

- **1990**
  - Donald Keene

- **1991**
  - Yoichi Aizawa (Lifetime Achievement)

- **1992**
  - Sakie Fukushima, Kathy Matsui & Richard Hege

- **1993**
  - Yuzaburo Mogi & Philip Kan Gotanda

- **1994**
  - Kiichi Miyazawa

- **1995**
  - Michael H. Armacost & Nobuo Matsunaga

- **1996**
  - James Clavell & Jesse Takamiyama

- **1997**
  - Yasuhiro Nakatone & George P. Shultz

- **1998**
  - Sakiko Ogata & Robert Scalaio

- **1999**
  - Michael Mansfield & Hiroshi Kitamura

- **2000**
  - Yoshikiko Miyasuki, A.W. Clausen & Alexander D. Calhoun

- **2001**
  - Keiji Tachikawa

- **2002**
  - Nobuyuki Idei

- **2003**
  - Kazuo Yoza & Scott Cook

- **2004**
  - Lewis Wolff (on behalf of the Oakland Athletics)

- **2005**
  - John Pokorny (on behalf of the San Francisco Giants)

- **2006**
  - Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, Senior Investigator and L.K. Whittier Foundation Investigator in Stem Cell Biology at the Gladstone Institutes, Mr. Margrit Biever Mondavi, Vice President of Cultural Affairs at Robert Mondavi Winery, and Mr. Kenzo Tsujimoto, Founder, Chairman and CEO of Capcom Co., Ltd. and Chairman of Capcom U.S.A., Inc., as well as owner of Kenzo Estate. It is an honor for me to take part in recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of these extraordinary individuals.

- **2007**
  - Yuzaburo Mogi & Philip Kan Gotanda (Artistic Achievement)

- **2008**
  - Yoichi Aizawa (Lifetime Achievement)

- **2009**
  - Tatsuro Toyota & Scott Cook

- **2010**
  - Kiichi Miyazawa

- **2011**
  - Michael H. Armacost & Nobuo Matsunaga

- **2012**
  - Donald Keene

- **2013**
  - Yoichi Aizawa (Lifetime Achievement)

- **2014**
  - Sakie Fukushima, Kathy Matsui & Richard Hege

- **2015**
  - Yuzaburo Mogi & Philip Kan Gotanda (Artistic Achievement)

- **2016**
  - Yoshihiko Miyasuki, A.W. Clausen & Alexander D. Calhoun

- **2017**
  - Keiji Tachikawa

- **2018**
  - Nobuyuki Idei

- **2019**
  - Bundespräsident Frank-Walter Steinmeier

- **2020**
  - Edward M. Kennedy (on behalf of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

- **2021**
  - Michael H. Armacost & Nobuo Matsunaga (on behalf of NOVA)
We thank you all for your generous support of tonight's Gala. We have heard the great news that the Nobel Prize award was being given to Dr. Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University for his ground-breaking discovery in stem cell research that "mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent". Dr. Shinya Yamanaka, the recipient of the 2012 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, for his ground-breaking discovery in stem cell research that "mature cells can be reprogrammed to become pluripotent". Japan Society is also thrilled to bestow its Gala Award of Honor on two prominent wine makers with roots in the northern California wine country and ties to Japan, Margrit Mondavi and Kenzo Tsujimoto. It seems like yesterday that I had the honor to serve as co-chair as we celebrated our Centennial Celebration to recognize Taturo Toyoda, Scott Cook and Atsuhiko Tateuchi with our first Humanitarian Award.
GREETINGS FROM THE GALA AUCTION CHAIR
HITOSHI YAMAMURO

It is with great honor and pleasure to chair the 27th Annual Award of Honor Gala Auction. This event is the biggest fund-raiser event of the year, raising funds to continue the important mission to strengthen cooperation and understanding between the peoples of the United States and Japan.

Japan Society of Northern California has its origin dating back to 1905. Now more than 100 years later, it continues to provide vital programs and educational opportunities, bringing closer the peoples of Northern California and Japan. By fostering an interest in Japan, the Japan Society shapes the US-Japan relationship in a way that reflects this region's unique values.

Recognizing the value of Japan Society’s missions, we thank the organizations and individuals who gave generous donations towards the pursuit of Japan Society’s continuing mission. We are truly grateful for their continuous support, as well as the tireless efforts of many individuals and volunteers who worked so hard on this auction to make all of this possible. We hope that you will enjoy tonight’s event, and please bid generously on the auction items.

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This year, the Japan Society was delighted to honor three incredible companies in the Emerging Leader category and two journalists in the The Untold Story category. In addition, a special award for Distinguished Accomplishment in Innovation & Entrepreneurship was presented to former US Ambassador to Japan John V. Roos.

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