



National Association of Japanese Canadians 2017 Conference & Gala Dinner

GENERAL INFORMATION Local and Out-of-Town Guests

Ottawa, ON/Gatineau, QC
September 22 to 24, 2017

VENUE

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

The AGM, Conference and Gala Dinner will be held at the newly renovated Canadian Museum of History, 100 Laurier Street, Gatineau, Quebec.

Website: <http://www.historymuseum.ca/>

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY PRIVATE TOUR

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

For those who are available on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm, please join in a private group tour of the Canadian Museum of History (free); please meet in the lobby. If you can join us for dinner before the tour, we will be dining at 5:30pm at the Bistro Boréal in the Museum (optional, self-funded).

CONFERENCE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

The Conference will feature four themes:

- **The Past** - Finding a New Home: Postwar Relocation to the East and Japan
- **The Present** – Being “Japanese” and being “Canadian”. How Both Identities have Influenced my Life
- **The Future** – “My Story Matters: Using Collaborative Tools to Create an Exciting Future ...while Respecting a Rich History”
- **New Immigrants from Japan** – Japan-Japanese, Canadian-Japanese: Discussion About New Immigrants

Panelists and moderators/workshop leaders will share interesting stories and thought-provoking discussions, with something for everyone.

RECEPTION & GALA DINNER
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

There will be a reception (from 5:30 to 6:00 pm) followed by speeches in commemoration of the gillnet boat, the Nishga Girl, and group photos. (Note that change rooms will be available at the Museum for those wishing to change at the Museum rather than returning home/to the hotel after the Conference and coming back before the reception and dinner.)

The Gala Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. It will be held in one of the grandest venues in the region – a newly renovated room in the Canadian Museum of History which houses a collection of artwork by celebrated First Nations artist, Alex Janvier. It is truly a sight to behold!

The Emcee for the Gala Dinner is Mutsumi Takahashi, chief news anchor for CTV Montreal News. Described as “sophisticated, urbane and with a compelling intellect” she has received several accolades over the years as the "Best Local Newscaster".

The Gala Dinner’s keynote speaker is Peter Shinkoda, a Canadian film and TV actor who now lives in Los Angeles. Peter is currently cast in the Netflix series “Daredevil” and was featured in Steven Spielberg’s sci-fi TV series “Falling Skies” and in “Hawaii Five-O”.

The Gala Dinner will also feature live entertainment including a Taiko-Indigenous drumming collaboration, Silent Auction and prizes.

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions about the Conference, the Gala Dinner or Ottawa-Gatineau, please contact Sachiko Okuda, President, OJCA (sachiko_okuda@sympatico.ca).

HOTELS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS

Two hotels (Four Points by Sheraton, Gatineau and Best Western Plus Gatineau) are holding NAJC room blocks at special rates. The Four Points is less expensive and is located directly across from the Canadian Museum of History. The Best Western Plus Gatineau is a 5-minute walk.

Four Points by Sheraton, Gatineau, Quebec
35 rue Laurier, Gatineau, Quebec J8X 4E9
Phone: (819) 778-6111

(1) Book online:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1703208873&key=95AB3CA>

(2) Book by phone: Reservations toll-free number: 1-888-627-8089. Identify yourself as part of the room block for the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

(3) The group rate is \$139 plus taxes (approximately \$166 with taxes) per night, single or double occupancy. Thirty rooms with two double beds and ten rooms with one king bed have been blocked off. Breakfast and parking not included.

(4) Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out is 12pm.

(5) The room block will be held until Friday, August 23.

(6) This preferred rate will also be offered for three days prior to (i.e., nights of Sept. 19-21), and immediately following the event (i.e., nights of Sept. 24-26) for anyone who wishes to arrive earlier or stay later.

Best Western Plus Gatineau–Ottawa Hotel, Gatineau, Quebec
131 rue Laurier, Gatineau, Quebec J8X 3W3
Phone: (819) 770-8550

(1) Book online:

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/groupSearch.do?groupId=E24SC0M6> (Scroll down to the Guest Rooms and Rates description. NAJC room rate will be shown.)

(2) Book by phone: Reservations toll free number: 1-800-265-8550. Ask for the group name "NAJC" or the group code 5781.

(3) The group rate is \$165 plus taxes (approximately \$196 with taxes) per night, single or double occupancy. Fifteen rooms have been blocked off. Breakfast and parking not included.

(4) Check-in time is 3pm. Check-out is 11am.

(5) The room block will be held until August 10.

AGENDA

CONFERENCE “Honouring Japanese-Canadian History for Canada’s 150th Anniversary” Canadian Museum of History

TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
12:00-1:15pm	Registration for Conference (for non-AGM attendees)	Douglas Cardinal Salon
1:15-1:30pm	Welcome to the National Capital Region Sachiko Okuda, OJCA President	Douglas Cardinal Salon
1:30-3:00pm	<p><u>The Past</u> <i>Finding a New Home: Postwar Relocation to the East and Japan</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Pam Sugiman, Ryerson University</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Manning (Farnham, Québec) • Joy Kamibayashi (Toronto, ON) • Bill Nakashoji (Kapusksing, ON) • Dr. Henry Shibata (Ottawa, ON) 	Douglas Cardinal Salon
3:00-3:30pm	<u>Break</u> – Chat with old and new friends • Talk to the panelists • Check out book sales and displays	
3:30-5:00pm	<p><u>The Present</u> <i>Being “Japanese” and “Canadian”: How Both Identities Have Influenced My Life</i></p> <p>Moderator: Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples, OJCA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Ishii (author) • Brigadier General Steven Moritsugu • Lisa Ann Meawasige-Kertesz (media specialist) • Sumi Nakamura (translator) • Reverend Yoshimichi Ouchi (Buddhist minister) 	Douglas Cardinal Salon

Saturday, September 23, 2017
RECEPTION AND GALA DINNER
Canadian Museum of History

TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
5:30-6:00pm	Reception (cash bar) and Silent auction	Nishga Girl Salon
6:00-6:30pm	<p>Celebration of the Nishga Girl boat</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ken Noma, NAJC • Dr. Dean Oliver, Director of Research, CMH <p>Group Photos</p>	Nishga Girl Salon
6:20 - 6:30pm	<p>Procession lead by Oto-Wa Taiko</p> <p>Seating for dinner</p>	Four Seasons Salon
6:30-11:00pm	<p>Gala Dinner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emcee: Mutsumi Takahashi (CTV Montreal) • Keynote speaker – Peter Shinkoda (actor) <p>Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Miki National Leadership Award • David Fujino Pioneering Artist Award <p>Entertainment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oto-Wa Taiko & Bear Nation drummers • Jun-ken-po! • Minyo-kai Odori dancers <p>Silent Auction</p>	Four Seasons Salon

Sunday, September 24, 2017

CONFERENCE (continued)
“Honouring Japanese-Canadian History for Canada’s 150th Anniversary”
Canadian Museum of History

TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
8:30-9:00am	Sunday registration for Conference (<i>only for those who did not previously register on Saturday</i>).	Douglas Cardinal Salon
9:00-10:30am	The Future <i>My Story Matters: Using Collaborative Tools to Create an Exciting Future ...while Respecting a Rich History.</i> Facilitator: Garry Watanabe	Douglas Cardinal Salon
10:30-11:05am	<u>Break</u> – Chat • Buy books • Talk to the panelists <u>Registration</u> - for New Immigrants session only	Douglas Cardinal Salon
11:05-11:35am	New Immigrants from Japan <i>Japan-Japanese, Canadian-Japanese: Discussion About New Immigrants</i> <u>Moderator</u> : Yumi Schoenhofer <u>Panelists</u> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mariko Niwano (Ottawa) • Kenta Asakura (Ottawa) <i>Discussion continues at 11:45am -1:15pm</i>	Douglas Cardinal Salon
11:35-11:45am	Remarks and Reflections from Ottawa	Douglas Cardinal Salon
11:45-1:15pm	<u>Concurrent sessions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Miki & Rubin Friedman, Presentation: Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) 	Douglas Cardinal Salon
	• Lillian Nakamura Maguire’s play, “Hidden Memories”: Reading (excerpt) and feedback session	Atelier 1
	• New Immigrants from Japan (continued discussion)	Atelier 2
	• Self-organizing group sessions (participants to decide topics of interest). <u>Organizer</u> : Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples	Atelier 2
	• Talk to Peter Shinkoda: A Freestyling Q&A Session. (Bring your ticket to the Talk).	Atelier 3