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The Japan America Society of Southern California
107th Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebration
Thursday, May 26, 2016
THE LANGHAM HUNTINGTON, PASADENA

Evening Program

– Welcome –

Douglas G. Erber, *President, Japan America Society of Southern California*

– Master of Ceremonies –

David Ono, *Anchor, ABC7 Eyewitness News*

– Opening Remarks –

Joseph C. Portillo, *Chairman, Japan America Society of Southern California*

– Greeting –

The Honorable Harry H. Horinouchi, *Consul General of Japan in Los Angeles*

– Dinner Served –

– JASSC Education Programs Special Appeal –

– Entertainment –

Ray Ushikubo, Pianist, Colburn School

– Kokusai Shimin Sho "International Citizens Award" –

Vivien Usui *and* Douglas Montgomery, *Co-Chairs, 107th Anniversary Dinner Committee*

– Kokusai Shimin Sho "International Citizens Award" Honorees –

Akira Ono

Chairman Emeritus, Morinaga Milk Industry Co., Ltd.

Russell Hanlin, Jr.

President & CEO, Sunkist Growers

– Closing –

Kokusai Shimin Sho "International Citizens Award"

The perpetual *Kokusai Shimin Sho* "International Citizens Award" (known until 1988 as the 'Victor M. Carter Award') is presented at the Japan America Society of Southern California's Anniversary Dinner & Gala Celebrations.

The Award honors and recognizes "individuals, businesses or organizations that have substantively and significantly enhanced the Japan–United States relationship and that are committed to the strengthening of bonds between the two nations." Please see the partial list of past Honorees below (Titles indicate position at the time award received):

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Master of Ceremonies

David Ono, Anchor
ABC7 Eyewitness News

David Ono is the co-anchor for ABC7 Eyewitness News at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Since joining ABC7 in 1996, David has witnessed history worldwide, covering Hurricane Katrina, Haiti's earthquake and Japan's tsunami. He traveled across Europe and Asia chronicling brave acts of the Nisei soldier from World War II. He attended the Royal Wedding in London, tracked drug runners through Central America and reported from Paris on a terrorist plot to bring down the Eiffel Tower.

Ono has trained with the FBI and the elite Los Angeles Sheriff's SWAT team. President Obama invited him to the White House for an exclusive interview. And he witnessed white smoke at the Vatican twice - in 2005 for the selection of Pope Benedict the 16th and 2013 for the selection of Pope Francis.

Recently, Ono surfaced in Boston, chronicling the marathon bombing.

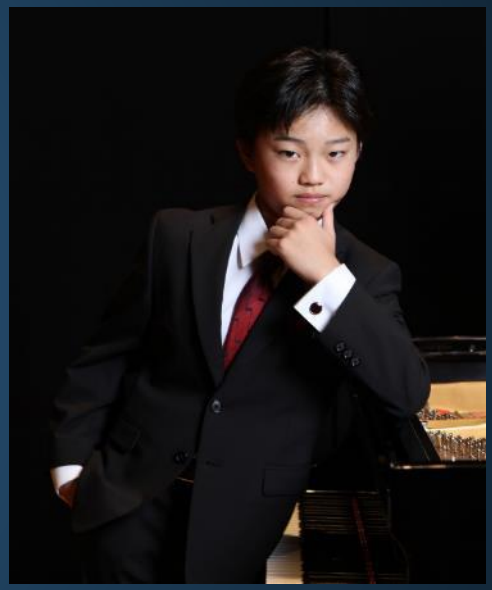
He has won three Edward R. Murrow awards and 16 Emmys.

David grew up in Texas and is a graduate of the University of North Texas.

His career has included stops at KOVR in Sacramento, KDBC in El Paso, KOSA in Midland/Odessa and KXAS in Dallas. He has also hosted ABC7's half-hour show Eye on L.A.

Dinner Entertainment

Ray Ushikubo, Pianist



Exhibiting an innate musicality well beyond his years, fourteen-year-old Japanese-American pianist Ray Ushikubo has performed on the stages of Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall in New York City, and on NBC's The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Following his solo orchestral debut at age 10 with the Young Musicians' Foundation Orchestra at Los Angeles's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ray has appeared with world-renowned pianist Lang Lang at Orange County's Segerstrom Concert Hall, and with pianist and conductor Jeffrey Kahane and the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra at Royce Hall in Los Angeles. He was a recipient of the prestigious Davidson Fellow Laureate Award in 2014. Recent and upcoming performances include Ray's debut with the Reno Philharmonic, a special concert on Grand Performances series in Los Angeles with jazz and electronic musicians Alfredo Rodriquez and Daedalus, his first full-length recital at the Colburn School, a performance on Mainly Mozart's series "Mozart & the Mind" in San Diego, and his appearance on Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? series at the Cerritos Center for Performing Arts. Also an accomplished violinist, Ray performed at the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra's 2014 Gala celebration "StradFest," and with the New West Symphony Orchestra. Since 2010, Ray has studied at the Colburn School's Music Academy, a pre-college program designed to prepare gifted young artists for careers as well-rounded professional musicians, where he is a Camille and Arnon Adar Scholar. Ray studies piano with Ory Shihor and violin with Robert Lipsett.

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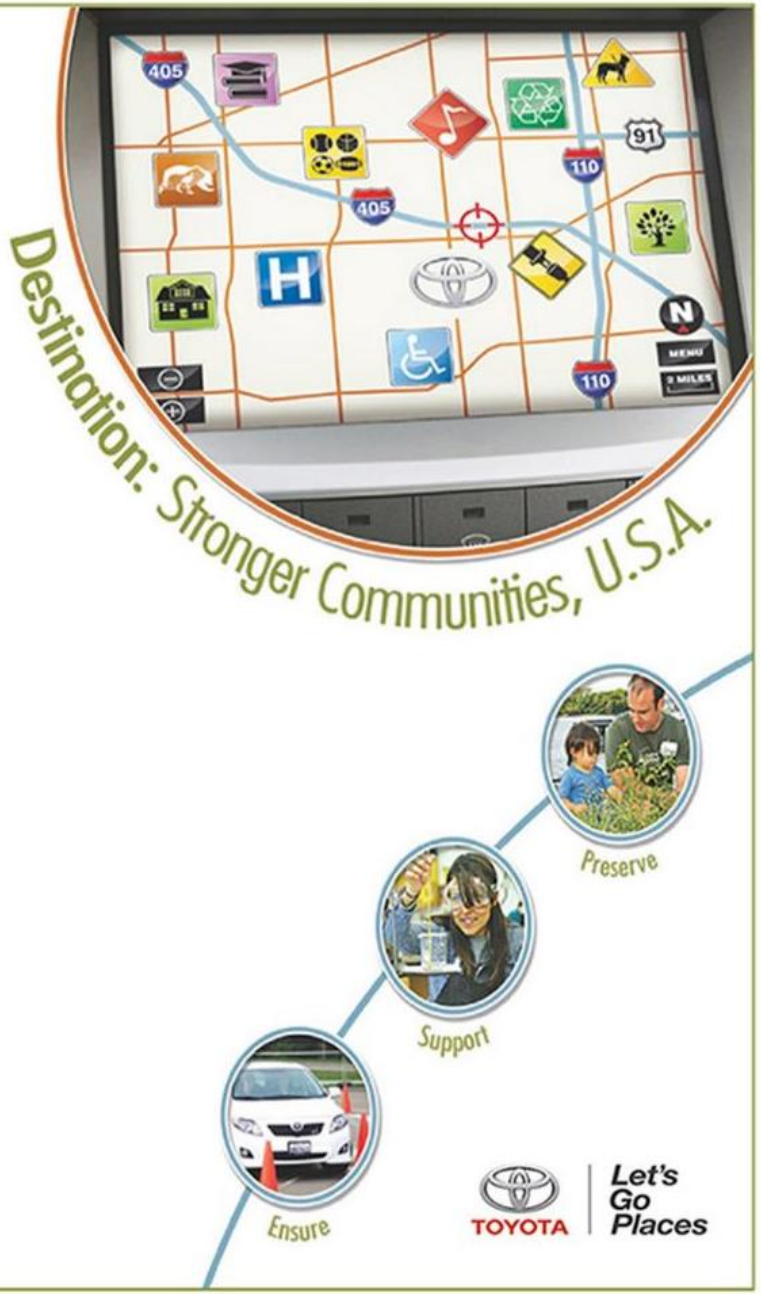

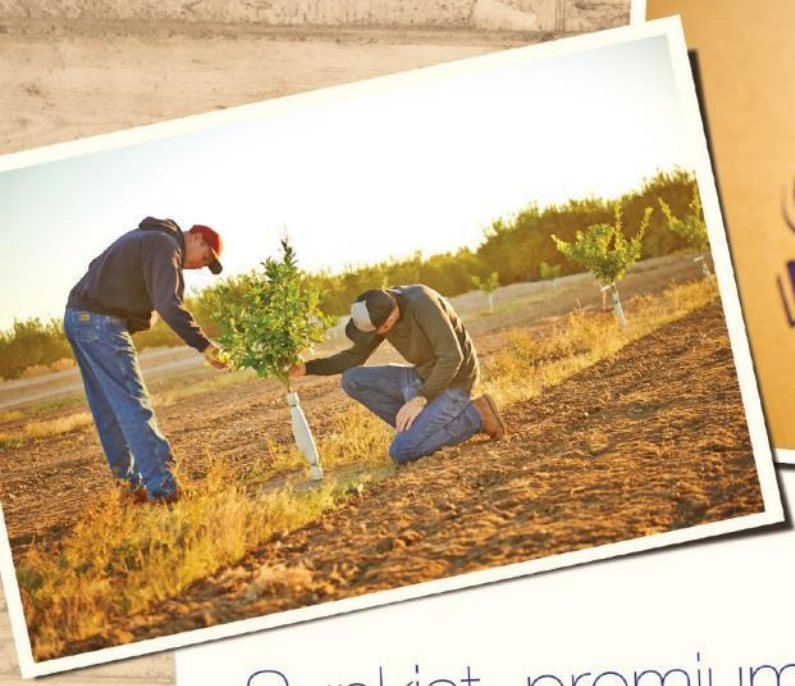

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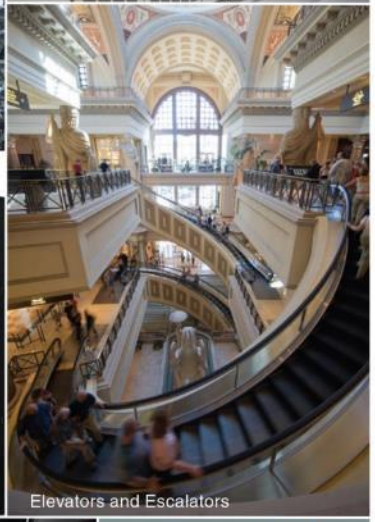
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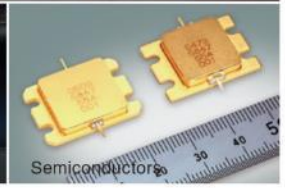
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