



125th Anniversary
Consulate General of Japan
Vancouver

Throughout 2014, in celebration of the 125th anniversary year since its establishment, the Consulate General of Japan in Vancouver is pleased to present:

PARALLEL PATHS

Japanese Diplomacy & Nikkei Heritage

A series of 6 forums tracing the parallel histories of the Japanese consulate in Vancouver and the Japanese community featuring keynote speakers, reports from Japan's Diplomatic Archives, and some personal recollections from those who lived the history.

the first forum:

Early Settlement: Late 19th Century – Early 20th Century

March 28, -- 7 pm

Vancouver Japanese Language School & Japanese Hall
475 & 487 Alexander St, Vancouver

In this first forum, from his research done of documents from the foreign office Archives, Consul General Okada will talk about the opening of the consulate in Vancouver in 1889 as Japan's first government office in Canada. Based on their book Gateway to Promise--Canada's First Japanese Community and other research, keynote speakers Ann-Lee and Gordon Switzer will speak about the earliest contacts between Japanese and Canadians in B.C. and the establishment of the first Japanese communities in the province.

Following the speakers, there will be a panel discussion and a Q&A session open for audience participation. This is a free event open to the public.

Registrations appreciated: event@vc.mofa.go.jp

Other upcoming forums in this series:

May 23 (Fri.) 7 pm	Family Settlement: Early 20th Century – Pre-war Steveston Community Centre; Speaker: Jim Kojima
June 27 (Fri) 7 pm	WW II Period Steveston Buddhist Church; Speaker: Dr. Henry Shimizu
August 2 (Sat) (time TBD)	Post-war Rebuilding Period Location: (TBD); Speaker: Gordon Kadota
October 24 (Fri) 7 pm	Redress Movement – 1990s Nikkei Place; Speaker: (TBD)
Nov. 28 (Fri) 7 pm	1990 – Present: Recent Years Nikkei Place; Speaker: Greg Masuda