



# LITTLE TOKYO

## BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A COMMUNITY BENEFIT PROGRAM OF THE LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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Tad Horino (left), Pat Morita, Saachiko, and Mako star in the 1980 film, *Hito Hata*.

## History-Making Film Screens Tomorrow

***Hito Hata: Raise the Banner***, a 1980 independent film starring two Academy Award-nominated actors Mako and Pat Morita, will premiere in its remastered form on Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Japanese American National Museum's Tateuchi Democracy Forum, 100 N. Central Ave., Little Tokyo.

The free screening represents a collaboration between the museum and Visual Communications and will take place at 2 p.m. followed by a talkback with the filmmaking team.

Directed by Robert A. Nakamura & Duane Kubo is the feature-length film captures the contributions and hardships of Japanese Americans from the turn-of-the-20th century. The story centers on Oda, a feisty first-generation Issei (portrayed by the late actor, Mako. Through a series of flashbacks, the film follows Oda, who begins as a laborer on the transcontinental railroad as he struggles to save the home of Little Tokyo's residents when the community is threatened with redevelopment.

The film also features Pat Morita, who was nominated for an Oscar for his supporting role in *Karate Kid*. Mako received his Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor in 1966 for *The San Pebbles*. He also received a Tony Award for the Broadway play, *Pacific Overtures*.

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Little Tokyo during the Bronzeville period, 1942-46.

## JACCC Evokes Little Tokyo's Bronzeville Era

With the signing of Executive Order 9066 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in February 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry were removed from the West Coast and held in concentration camps for the next three and a half years. Meanwhile, vacant stores and apartment houses were occupied by Black Americans in need of housing due to restrictive real estate covenants throughout the city.

Little Tokyo was dubbed Bronzeville and became a mecca for emerging jazz artists. Throughout the month of October, the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center has been featuring the music of the jazz greats who helped define the era--Gerald Wilson, Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, and Miles Davis. The next event, set for Oct. 28, is already sold out. Check the [website](#) for additional information.

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## Little Tokyo Welcomes New Consul General

The Japanese American community from throughout Southern California greeted the newly arrived Consul General of Japan Kenko Sone on Sept. 30 at the Japanese American National Museum in Little Tokyo.

Sone has been with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA) since 1989 and has held various positions, including director of the International Economy Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, MOFA; and economic and development minister, Embassy of Japan in India. He looks forward to meeting members of the Los Angeles community.



Haru Takehana (left), Japanese Chamber of Commerce of So. Calif. president, and Ann Burroughs, JANM chief executive officer, greet Consul General Kenko Sone.



Petting zoo in Little Tokyo?!



Shaolin Lion Dancers perform.



Child encounters jesters

## Kids are the Stars of Little Tokyo Party

The Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation and Little Tokyo Business Association (LTBA) collaborated with local nonprofit Worthy of Love (WOL) to entertain approximately 250 children and parents from two shelters-- Union Rescue Mission in Downtown Los Angeles and Salvation Army Transitional Village in Westwood.

Additional support came from the Terasaki Budokan, Union Church of Los Angeles, Westwood Presbyterian Church, Fugetsudo, Bunkado Gifts, Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. Aloha Café catered the event.

More than 60 volunteers assisted with the festivities, which included a petting zoo, lantern making, origami, drummers from Walter Nishinaka's taiko class, face painters, caricature artists, pony ride, photo booth, calligraphy, balloon sculptures, and California Shaolin Association lion dancers. Wesley Nishinaka coordinated the program and served as emcee.

Anyone wishing to support the charitable mission of the Little Tokyo Legacy Foundation, a 501(c)(3) or donate toward next year's event, should send an email to [board@visitlittletokyo.com](mailto:board@visitlittletokyo.com) or click the DONATE button below. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

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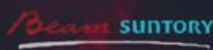
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RSVPs will close Friday, Oct. 28, 9 p.m. Submit RSVP [here](#).

## STASH IT / DON'T FLASH IT

Avoid Car Break-ins Before They Happen

The number of thefts has steadily increased as COVID restrictions are lifted and visitors begin to return to Little Tokyo. Smash-and-grab thieves typically see something they like, and then break in and take it. To avoid being a victim, make sure your valuables are out of sight when you park your car. Never leave these things lying out on your seats, dashboard or floor:

If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, put them in the trunk BEFORE you arrive at your

destination. This will avoid the possibility of someone seeing you with your valuables and breaking into your trunk.

The Little Tokyo BID extends a big thank you" to the Arts District L.A. BID for provided "Stash It / Don't Flash It" signs to remind motorists to remove valuables from their cars.

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## How to File a Police Report

We all hope nothing bad ever happens, but if you are the victim of a crime, we encourage you to file a police report. [Click here](#) to learn how to report a crime online. You can report such crimes as hit-and-run, identity theft, harassing phone calls, theft from vehicle, vandalism, and illegal drug activity. For non-emergencies that require a police response, dial (877) 275-5273. In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.

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