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Samurai Japan wins World Baseball Classic again!



Players from Team Japan, also known as Samurai Japan, celebrate immediately after winning its third World Baseball Classic championship on March 21st in Miami, Florida by defeating Team USA 3-2 in a game that ended when Shohei Ohtani struck out his Los Angeles Angels teammate Mike Trout in a thrilling match for the ages. Japan previously won the Classic in 2006 and 2009. Ohtani was also named the MVP of the tournament. Photo: screenshot of Sportsnet broadcast by Alan Itakura.

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When three doors close another one opens.

This article contains references to sexual abuse of minors.

Dear Community members,

This is an update from the Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians. We are working with the NAJC and the Anglican Church to support survivors of Mr. Nakayama's sexual abuse. Mr. Nakayama was an Anglican priest who is known to have abused boys from the 1930s to the 1980s. His actions had been covered up for decades. The Healing Fund for Japanese Canadians was established in 2021 and the Project Office has been collecting information on Mr. Nakayama's abuse history. We have faced challenges from some members of the community who do not know the best path forward. Silence has been the dominant approach to healing this pain since the 1930s. For most survivors and families this approach has not worked.

Our recent work

Survivors have asked for openness in telling the truth surrounding Mr. Nakayama and his crimes. They have voiced their support for correcting the historical record that has been written predominately in support of Mr. Nakayama. In our search for information we approached the Anglican Church for information. The Dioceses (Anglican regional administrative districts) of New Westminster and Calgary have yet to provide their records.

The Healing Fund has approached other archives for information. We have done this to ensure a complete picture of Mr. Nakayama's life is known and that the continued trauma of survivors can be remedied, in part, by letting them know that Mr. Nakayama's true nature will be brought to light. Nothing has been more painful for some survivors to know that Mr. Nakayama's prolific abuses were kept secret (Testimonies 5, 16&17, 19). With continued documentation of this history we hope to correct the historical record so future generations can have a full understanding of the crimes committed and the impact these have had on families and communities across Canada.

Following the September 2022 Bulletin-Geppo story (on page 15, where we shared our search into the 1952 Okinawa abuse incident) we contacted the Diocese of Hawai'i. We asked their archivist Mr. Ching and Bishop Fitzpatrick for information regarding Mr. Nakayama. We did this because in 1952 the Anglican Church in Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) was overseen by the American Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i. On December 7, 2022, the Diocese responded that not a single document pertaining to Mr. Nakayama's expulsion in 1952 was found.

The Diocese of Hawai'i suggested the Episcopal archives in Austin, Texas, might have more information. On March 9, 2023, we received this response from the Episcopal archives:

Dear Peter...We have reviewed our holdings around the Episcopal missions to Japan and the missionary district of Hawaii and did not find any (emphasis added) references to Mr. Gordon Goichi Nakayama.

This result is very informative because it demonstrates that evidence of Mr. Nakayama's abuses were hidden, destroyed or forgotten. It is documented that Mr. Nakayama was exposed molesting a child in Okinawa

and was sent home to Canada in disgrace. And yet it is incredibly difficult to find church records on this decision, or records of Mr. Nakayama at all.

Mr. Nakayama's personal files likely contain much information but they remain closed in the private archives at UBC until 2095. We asked for clarification from UBC on this ban on access to these archives and they have been denied by both UBC and by the donor of these materials. The Healing Fund views this restriction to be a deeply saddening decision by UBC. It hides materials from survivors, their families and the community for an unreasonably long time while survivors and their families are experiencing continued trauma and mental health issues related to Mr. Nakayama's crimes.

Three doors that have closed: the Diocese of Hawai'i, Austin's Episcopal Archives, and UBC's Archives. But one has opened in the most unlikely of places: Mr. Nakayama's own published books. In his life Mr. Nakayama published many books that chronicle his missionary trips. We recently acquired a book published in 1958, shipped in from Tokyo. This book details Mr. Nakayama's missionary trips across America in the 1950s. Importantly, these are the first trips Mr. Nakayama is allowed to go on after being exposed as a sexual abuser to the Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Episcopalian Church, and the Anglicans as a clergy sexual abuser. This book will now be added to our list of materials to be translated.

In Closing

The impact of clergy sexual abuse can be profound and long-lasting. Survivors may experience a range of emotional, psychological, and physical effects, including depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and even suicide. The abuse can also damage the trust and faith that people have in their support networks, religious institutions and leaders.

It is important to speak out about clergy sexual abuse, report instances of abuse, and work to prevent future harm. This includes supporting survivors, holding abusers accountable for their actions, and promoting healing and justice for all those affected by this devastating form of abuse.

Ultimately, addressing clergy sexual abuse requires a coordinated effort from individuals, religious institutions, and society as a whole. It requires a commitment to listening to and supporting survivors, holding abusers accountable, and creating a culture of transparency, accountability, and healing. By working together, we can help prevent future abuse and support those who have been impacted by this devastating form of abuse.

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Spring Opening Hours
 Mon-Fri: 10am-7pm
 Sat: 10am-6pm
 Sun: 10am-5pm

IT'S GOING TO BE FINE
 Please refer to our website, Facebook or Instagram pages to see any updates that may occur due to the COVID-19 situation.

NEW Sunday Hours 10am - 5pm

Sunday Classes: Sushi Workshop, Miso Making Workshop, Nerikiri Workshop and Matcha Workshop.

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LAST CALL!
 Coming in the May issue
2022 Babies Special!

Parents and grandparents!
 Send us a photo of your child or grandchild born in 2022 to be featured in our annual babies special. Include your baby's name, birthdate, name of parents (and optionally

Email to: sayeki@videotron.ca
 Deadline: April 22, 2023

Today's Japanese Proverb or Saying

Series No. 27: Researched by Tsukasa Yoshinaka, edited by Alan Itakura

油 を 売る
 abura wo u - ru

Meaning: During the Edo era (1603–1867) in Japan, there were travelling hair oil salesmen. They visited their clients and sold hair oil to ladies. During their visits, they not only tried to sell their products, but also chatted with their clients, which was actually an important part of their sales tactic. However, for ignorant bystanders, these salesmen seemed to be wasting time by just idly chatting. Interestingly, this type of profession has since disappeared, but the bystanders' observations have survived. Consequently, today, "selling oil" means "wasting time by just chitchatting." This an expression that a boss would say to a subordinate who spends too much time talking about non-business things at the office.

Analysis of Kanji

Kanji	On-yomi	Kun-yomi	English
油	yu	abura	oil
売	ba-i	売 (る) u-(ru)	selling

Reference: 「明鏡ことわざ成句使い方辞典」加藤博康著、北原保雄編、大修館書店発行、(2007).
 「詳解漢和大辞典」:服部宇之吉、小柳司気太 共著、富山房発行、(1952)
 「広辞苑」:新村出編、岩波書店発行、(1991)

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Team Japan won its third WBC championship with this year's win and was undefeated in the tournament. They previously won in 2006 and 2009 and is the only team to win multiple championships. Photo: screenshot of Sportsnet broadcast by Alan Itakura.