

Immigration seminars by Atty. Gali Koren

ATTY. Gali Koren, the founder and managing attorney of The Law Offices of Gali Koren, PLC, recently conducted a series of informational immigration seminars in the Philippines' three major cities, namely, Manila, Cebu and Davao. This is in line with the law firm's endeavor to help educate and enlighten potential immigrants to the United States, particularly professionals in the healthcare field.

The first seminar was held at the Ateneo Professional Schools in Makati City on February 21, 2009, which was followed two days later by a seminar held at the Marcelo Fernan Cebu Press Center in Cebu City. The last leg of the lecture series was held at Brokenshire Bahay ng Alumni in Davao City on February 26, 2009. Apart from the lectures, Atty. Koren was also invited as a guest speaker at the Philippines Nursing Expo on February 29, 2009, held at the Mandarin Oriental Suites in Quezon City.

Attendees were comprised mainly of healthcare professionals including registered nurses, medical doctors, physical and occupational therapists, medical technologists, medical researchers and others who wish to pursue their careers in the US via temporary or permanent employment-based immigration. Atty. Koren covered subjects touching on temporary and permanent work visas for healthcare professionals and adequately discussed viable options to overcome current retrogressions affecting



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registered nurses and physical therapists. She also delved on immigration options for other professionals such as engineers, accountants and teachers and addressed the concerns and inquiries of business-owners and other individuals interested in investing in the US. The informative lecture series was followed by lively, intelligent, probing question and answer segments which mainly enlightened attendees with current immigration trends and procedures and clarified certain immigration misconceptions. The overwhelming response to the series of seminars in different parts of the Philippines was certainly beyond expectations. Atty. Koren, the founder and managing attorney of the Law Offices of Gali Koren, PLC received her Juris Doctor degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Western State

University. She holds a Masters in International Law, Major in Immigration Law from the University of San Diego. She is a member of the State Bar of California and is authorized to represent clients on immigration matters in all 50 US states. Devoted exclusively to the practice of all areas of immigration law, Atty. Koren has helped thousands of clients, particularly healthcare professionals, pursue and achieve their US immigration goals.

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The Law Offices of Gali Koren conducted a series of informational immigration seminars in three major Philippine cities: Manila, Cebu and Davao. This is in line with the law firm's consistent endeavor and mission to help educate and enlighten potential immigrants to the United States, particularly professionals in the healthcare field. A series of successful seminars was also held in the early part of the previous year in different parts of the country.

People and Events

UCLA Asian American Studies Center celebrates 40th anniversary

Special tribute to Professor Don Nakanishi

THE UCLA Asian American Studies Center will be celebrating its 40th anniversary with an outdoor reception and program on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 4-7pm at Dickson Plaza on the UCLA campus. The event will also pay special tribute to Director and Professor Don T. Nakanishi, who will be retiring after 19 years of distinguished leadership of the Asian American Studies Center and a 35-year career at UCLA. The event is free and open to the public. Please visit the web site: <http://www.aasc.ucla.edu/archives/40thcelebration.htm>

The title sponsors of the celebration are David Nishida and Dr. Tina Yamano Nishida of Los Angeles and Tokyo, who have established the David Nishida and Tina Yamano Nishida Distinguished Scholars Endowment at the Asian American Studies Center. Both are UCLA alumni. David is president and CFO of Hudson Japan, an investment company, while Tina is an educator and writer. They have two sets of twin boys.

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center was established during the 1969-1970 academic year as a result of faculty, student, alumni, and community advocacy. "The Center," the founding steering committee wrote in its proposal to the UCLA administration in 1969, "will hopefully enrich the experience of the entire university by contributing to an understanding of the long neglected history, rich cultural heritage, and present position of Asian Americans in our society."

Through its programs in research, teaching, publications, library and archival collecting, leadership training, and community partnerships, the Center has pursued its original mission, and has sought to enrich and inform not only the UCLA community, but also an array of broader audiences and sectors in the state, the nation, and internationally.

Today, UCLA is recognized as the nation's premier research and teaching institution in the field of Asian American Studies. It has the largest faculty with over forty tenured professors in twenty-five departments across the university, including the Department of Asian American Studies, which was established in 2004. The Department teaches over 60 classes annually, enrolls over 3,000 students, and offers an undergraduate major and minor, and a MA degree.

The UCLA Asian American Studies Center Press has published two national journals, Amerasia Journal and AAPI Nexus, and has released over 200 books, reports, and bibliographies, including classics like *Roots: An Asian American Reader* (1971), and the *National Asian Pacific American Political Almanac*. The Center's Library and Special Collections are at the forefront of the field of Asian American Studies.

The Center has produced a number of renowned leaders, scholars, and writers during its four decades, including Morgan Chu, the nation's top intellectual property attorney; Lisa Hasegawa, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development; Stewart Kwoh, Asian Pacific American Legal Center; Judy Chu, Chair, California Board of Equalization; Chanchanit (Chancee) Martorell, Thai CDC; Angela Oh, civil rights leader; Joel Jacinto, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans; Yen Espiritu, Professor, UCSD; Franklin Odo, Director, Smithsonian Institution; Justin Lin, filmmaker; Erin Kahunawaika ala Wright, University of Hawaii-Manoa, among many others.

Professor Don Nakanishi is being recognized for his leadership as Director of the Asian American Studies Center since 1990. During those 19 years, the Center experienced unprecedented growth, stability, and national visibility and impact of its faculty, publications, policy work, archives, community and campus programs, and endowments.

A recently concluded external review of the Center by a national team of scholars concluded that, "The Asian American Studies Center at UCLA is indisputably the leading Asian American Studies center in the country and an exemplary ethnic studies center of any kind, the gold standard against which all the rest are measured."

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Professor Nakanishi graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School, and received his BA from Yale University and his PhD from Harvard University, both in political science.

Nakanishi is a pioneer in the national development of Asian American Studies. He co-founded Amerasia Journal in 1970 when he was a Yale undergraduate, and served as the second national president of the Association of Asian American Studies. He also has written over 100 books, articles and reports on Asian American politics and education. Among his many former students are faculty members at colleges across the nation and world, award-winning writers and artists, and highly committed elected officials, community leaders and educators.

In recognition of Nakanishi's long commitment to serve and advance Asian Pacific Americans locally and nationally through innovative community-based research and partnerships, the Don T. Nakanishi Fund for Outstanding Engaged Scholarship has been established to recognize exemplary community research by UCLA faculty and students. More information can be found at: <http://www.aasc.ucla.edu/archives/40thcelebration.htm>

California Assembly members Mike Eng and Warren Furutani and UCLA Vice Chancellor Claudia Mitchell-Kernan will be among the featured speakers at the 40th anniversary event. The Chinatown Kung Fu and Lion Dance Troupe, and others, will perform.

RSVP is requested. Please call (310) 825-2974 or email aascersvp@aasc.ucla.edu by Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Parking is available at Lots 2 and 3. Rates are \$9 per day. For more information, please contact: Jolie Chea, (310) 825-2974 or jchea@aasc.ucla.edu

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