

## **KAKEHASHI Project – The Bridge for Tomorrow - Reception March 20, 2014**

On the evening of March 20, 2014, the Consulate General of Japan hosted a reception at Shoreline Community College to welcome 400 KAKEHASHI Project participants (15 high schools and 1 college) from Japan.



Greetings from Consul General Omura



Greetings from Interim President Campbell

The event began with Consul General Masahiro Omura's welcome remarks wherein he expressed his high hopes for the KAKEHASHI Project participants to have a good experience and become the bridge between Japan and the United States. Interim President Daryl J. Campbell of Shoreline Community College then spoke of the importance of the KAKEHASHI Project, which serves as an example of international exchange programs that facilitate mutual understanding among students in Japan and the United States to build a strong and closely-knit global community.

Following the speakers, the reception program featured a presentation by Mr. Matthew McCauley, a Shoreline Community College alumni and President of Amanogawa: Pacific Northwest Japanese Government Scholarship Association, on his experiences in Japan both as a Japanese Government Scholarship student and a JET Program participant. The KAKEHASHI Project students from Kure National College of Technology gave a presentation on Ancient Technology in Japan and the students from Gojin performed Yosakoi dance on stage.



Presentation by students from Kure National College of Technology



Yosakoi Dance Performance by Gojin

The KAKEHASHI Project –The Bridge for Tomorrow –is a Japanese Government project which aims to promote potential interest in Japan through a two-way exchange between Japan and the U.S.. It is expected that participants will gain experience that will help them grow to become a new generation of internationally-minded citizens, and that it will contribute towards the advancement of Japan-U.S. relations. For more details, please visit <http://www.jpf.go.jp/e/intel/youth/index.html>

