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Re: Photo Exhibit – "Scenes of Childhood: Sixty Years of Postwar Japan" at the Seattle Center Pavilion, April 12 – 21

Exhibit Hours: 12 – 4 PM daily (special extended hours: 10 AM – 6 PM, April 16 – 18 only)

Preview reception: 4 PM, Sunday, April 11

Place: Seattle Center Pavilion (just west of the new skate park), Seattle Center, Seattle, WA

Admission: Free



***Special guided tour, "Retracing the 60 years of changes in Japanese society: views from in and out of Japan" - led by Mr. Masashi Kato, Associate Director, Technical Japanese Program, University of Washington:**

Time: 12:00 - 12:40, Saturday, April 17

11:00 - 11:40, Sunday, April 18

Seattle, WA – To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Amity and Commerce, and the arrival of spring, this year's Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival* will feature a special traveling exhibit provided by the Japan Foundation.



"Scenes of Childhood: Sixty Years of Postwar Japan" unveils 100 historic photographs that focus on the daily lives of Japanese children, dating from the end of the Second World War to the present. Selected by the *Japan Professional Photographers Society* from over 30,000 photos, these are the fixed memories of children that remain in the hearts and minds of those who personally experienced the post war era and offer a memorable visual history of children.

In addition to serving as a testimony of the photographers' view of children, the 100 works in this exhibition serve as a historical record of the children themselves and simultaneously capture specific moments and scenes from across Japan and take the viewer on an interesting journey through time spanning over 60 years.

"Human beings begin to enact their own personal dramas from the moment they are born, developing from childhood to youth and then adulthood. The children who are given life in every period of history embrace their dreams and march into the future. That is what it means to be a child." (Takeyoshi Tanuma, President, the Japan Professional Photographers Society).



The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Japan Foundation, the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle, and the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival Committee.

***This exhibit will be showcased at the 35th annual Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival, April 16-18, Festival Hours 10 AM to 6:00 PM**