

Dear JANM Supporter,

On my first visit to the Japanese American National Museum, I came to the realization that one of the greatest gifts the institution has to offer those who pass through its doors is its advancement of ideas. Like other distinguished cultural centers around the world, JANM has the ability to change a visitor's perspective on the past so they can create a better future.

When I'm in Los Angeles, I make it a point to visit the museum and walk alone among the exhibits. Inevitably, I come away with a renewed outlook on my own life and an even deeper respect for one of the city's great educational treasures.

As you may know, JANM was founded nearly 40 years ago to preserve and share the unique history of Japanese Americans. Its mission has evolved over the decades to enhance appreciation for America's ethnic and cultural diversity by documenting the stories of Americans of Japanese ancestry as an integral component of America's history.

As President and Group CEO of MUFG, I am a proud JANM supporter, and I am honored to be part of the legacy of MUFG leaders in the U.S. and Japan who have been steadfast advocates for the important work that the organization has done for generations.

MUFG and its many predecessor banks have a long history in California and Los Angeles. After World War II, Yokohama Specie Bank became The Bank of Tokyo, Ltd. and later formed The Bank of Tokyo of California in 1952. The Mitsubishi Bank of California opened its first office in Los Angeles in 1972. Since those early days, we have had a strong connection to the Japanese and Japanese American community throughout the state, including lending and deposit relationships with thousands of Japanese- and Japanese American-owned corporate and small business clients.

As JANM prepares to initiate a major fundraising campaign, it can count on MUFG's financial patronage. Our company was a donor in the early days of JANM's founding and we continue to invest in the museum's future. It is my sincere hope that you also share our sense of obligation to support the valuable work that JANM does every day.

I believe that more than ever, our world needs compassion and understanding between people of all backgrounds. Fortunately, we have a world-class institution in Southern California that offers exceptional programming, exhibits, lectures and more that bring people together and inspire ideas.

History is a powerful teacher. I invite you to join MUFG in supporting one of the greatest teaching institutions focused the history of the Japanese American experience.

Sincerely,



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