



April 30, 2011

**Subject: Recognition Award for Japanese Living Abroad
Who Reached Their 100th Birthday**

Japan observes a national holiday on September 15th called the Respect-for-the-Aged Day which honors the elderly. The Japanese Government has a program recognizing persons who have reached the age of 100 by presenting them a congratulatory message and a commemorative gift. Japanese nationals receive these from the Prime Minister of Japan. Japanese naturalized U.S. citizens receive a congratulatory message from the Consul General in Honolulu. This recognition is presented once to each person who reaches the age of 100.

In order to facilitate the distribution of these honors, we are now collecting the names of qualifying persons who were born prior to March 31, 1912, containing their date of birth, maiden name if female, and telephone number. If you know of any qualifying persons, please inform us by May 31, 2011, via mail, fax at 543-3174 or Email at ryojijapan@hawaiiintel.net.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Consul Shindori or Ms. Nomura at 543-3111.
