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Teraoka & Partners Celebrates 30th Anniversary 27 Jan 2007

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Teraoka & Partners LLP recently celebrated its 30th anniversary at its annual holiday party in its Embarcadero Center offices in San Francisco's Financial District with over 150 guests on hand for the occasion.

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The evening opened with a kagamiwari ceremony with sake donated by Ozeki Sake USA Inc. Taking part in the ceremony were Masaki Miki, past president of Kikkoman International Inc.; Hiroyuki Enomoto, president of JFC International Inc.; Steven G. Teraoka, managing partner of the firm; and George Teraoka of Fowler.

Partner Catherine Gormley introduced founder Steven Teraoka, who took a brief moment to highlight some of his more joyful experiences over the last 30 years, both as a trial lawyer and now as a transactional attorney who advises senior executives of international European and Japanese companies.

He thanked the many business executives who, from across the Pacific and the Atlantic, sent floral bouquets, champagne and fine wines to celebrate the occasion. He also expressed his sincerest appreciation to the many clients who have entrusted their legal affairs with his law firm.

Teraoka, who grew up in the Fresno area, then gave special thanks to his parents, George and Mary Teraoka from Fowler, for all of their continuing support.

His brother, Robert Teraoka, a USDA official, was in attendance along with his sister, Janet Umezu, the firm's office manager, who is married to Rev. Kodo Umezu of the Center for Judo Shinshu Buddhist Studies in Berkeley.

The guests enjoyed sushi catered by Tachibana Restaurant and jazz music provided by the Adrian Gormley Ensemble.

With offices in San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Los Angeles, Teraoka & Partners continues to serve domestic businesses and multinational companies from Europe and Asia, with particular emphasis in Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and the Philippines. The law firm also serves growing businesses and high net worth individuals and professionals in all aspects of business start-ups, operations and mergers and acquisitions.

Teraoka has served as president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California and is now on its Executive Board as government relations chairman.



From left: Helen Strabala, Scott Keene, Steve Toda (JFC), Shige Ito, Joseph Strabala, Eugene Tomine, Sako Yasuda, Steven Teraoka, Catherine Gormley, William Rauch, Sam Kitadai and Steven Miyake.



Steven Teraoka took part in the kagamiwari ceremony with his father, George Teraoka, Masaki Miki of Kikkoman International and Hiroyuki Enomoto of JFC International.

He is also a board member of the Japan Society of Northern California and of the California International Relations Foundation in conjunction with the California Senate Office for International Relations.

Teraoka serves on the boards of large Japanese multinational companies as well.

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