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WINNER OF 2010 JACL MINORU YASUI ORATORICAL COMPETITION TO WIN TWO ROUND TRIP TICKETS TO JAPAN

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) has announced that the winner of this year's Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition will receive two round trip tickets to Japan. All Nippon Airways (ANA) has donated flight and hotel arrangements.

The Minoru Yasui Oratorical Competition is named in memory of Minoru Yasui, an attorney and civil rights activist. Prior to the internment, Min Yasui tested the constitutionality of the curfew orders that were imposed against Japanese Americans. Though the Supreme Court of the United States eventually upheld the constitutionality of the curfew, Min Yasui never wavered in his pursuit of social justice for all Americans. During the 1980s, Min Yasui was an articulate voice in leading JACL's successful campaign to obtain redress for the injustice of the internment.

Contestants in the oratorical competition will answer the questions: *What can the Asian Pacific American community and the JACL do to inspire and create change to meet the needs of America's current socio-political landscape?* President Barack Obama inspired and motivated a nation with a simple word -- *change*. As our nation still faces economic turmoil, wars abroad, as well as damaged health care and immigration systems, "change" has never been more welcome.

This year, the JACL will hold its 41st National Convention, in Chicago, IL from June 30-July 4, 2010 at the Swissotel in the heart of downtown Chicago.

For more information on the oratorical competition and its guidelines, please go to:

<http://www.jacl.org/youth/documents/2010OratoricalGuidelines.pdf>
