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Dear Coaches and Team Reps,

Thank you for participating in the 2008 Nikkei Games 3-on-3 and 4-on-4 co-ed basketball tournament!

And thank you for joining us at the new location for this year - the American Sports Center (ASC), the largest indoor sports complex in the country.

This year's tournament covered two days, had 88 divisions, 352 teams and 1,407 participants, making it the largest tournament ever. We gave out over 1,100 medals and awards this weekend.

It was through your participation and support that made the tournament possible. We are very thankful and appreciative of your support. We trust that you, your teams and families and friends had a great time. Hopefully, they enjoyed the excitement and fast-paced games of the 3-on-3 half court format as well as the closer proximity of the spectator seats relative to the games at the ASC.

For those of you that were at the Opening Ceremonies, we trust you enjoyed the beautiful singing of Lauren Hanako Kinkade, 2001 Nisei Week Queen and accomplished vocalist. We also hope you and your families enjoyed the Parade of Athletes. We think the kids had a great time marching in the Parade behind their respective organization's placard. We also hope you enjoyed the Taiko performances of Kodama Taiko of Pasadena. And thank you for being there to show your support for our generous sponsors. For those of you who could not make it, we hope you will take the opportunity to join us next year.

In keeping with the legacy our Nikkei Games forefathers started over 75 years ago, our goal is to create an environment for having healthy competition and building lasting friendships. We also endeavor to celebrate the Japanese traditions of our past and preserve them for our future.

Remember our motto: "The Nikkei Games: Games for the Generations". We hope you will share this vision and help make the Nikkei Games something our grandchildren will be able to enjoy.

The basketball tournament results should be posted very soon on the Nikkei Games website at [www.nikkeigames.org](http://www.nikkeigames.org).

A special thank you to those of you that volunteered to be a court commissioner. It is one of the most challenging jobs of the tournament and it is also one of the most important. We are always in need of strong court commissioners because of the length of the tournament. It is very clear the success of the tournament is directly related to the quality of our court commissioners. If you did not have the opportunity to be a court commissioner this year, please take advantage of the opportunity next year.

This year we closed all but three divisions in July. Even though the tournament is two days now, we still turn away teams each year. So next year, please get your applications in early. The 2009 Nikkei Games basketball application should be available on our website sometime in March 2009. The tournament is expected to be even bigger and better next year!

Also, please join us in thanking our Nikkei Games sponsors, coordinators and the more than 300 volunteers that worked to make this event such a great success. The only way we can keep the player fee low is through the generous support of our sponsors.

Finally, if you have any comments or suggestions on improving the Nikkei Games basketball tournament, please let us know. We would really like your comments regarding the ASC since it is our first year there. Your feedback is very important to making the tournament better each year.

Again, thank you for your participation and support. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Sincerely,

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2008 Nikkei Games  
Basketball Chairperson