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2018 Annual Day of Remembrance “Stop Repeating History” Program Highlights Lessons of Japanese American WWII Incarceration with Dale Minami

Signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on February 19, 1942, Executive Order 9066 called for the forced removal and incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans during WWII. Every year, the Japanese American community in Chicago comes together to commemorate Executive Order 9066 as a reminder of the fragility of civil liberties in times of crisis and the importance of remaining vigilant in protecting the rights and freedoms of all.

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE 2018 features a keynote address from attorney **DALE MINAMI**, who has been involved in significant litigation involving the civil rights of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) and other minorities, including the *coram nobis* proceedings which vacated the Korematsu v. United States conviction. Minami helped found the Asian Law Caucus and the Asian American Bar Association and has received awards for his work including the ABA’s Thurgood Marshall and Spirit of Excellence Awards.

GARY JOHNSON, President of the Chicago History Museum and an attorney, will lead a follow-up discussion with Minami and attorney and civil rights activist **AZAM NIZAMUDDIN**. The program will conclude with a performance by Japanese drumming group **HO ETSU TAIKO**. Meet and greet the participants at the reception following the program.

The program this year will also include a youth-targeted workshop with Japanese American, Asian American, and other Chicago area youth/young adults which will precede the main event.

- WHO:**
- Dale Minami, Attorney and Civil Rights Activist
 - Azam Nizamuddin, Attorney; Civil Rights Activist; Adjunct Professor, Loyola University Chicago
 - Gary Johnson, President, Chicago History Museum

Expected Attendance: ~35 at Youth Meeting; ~300 at Main Event

WHAT: 2018 Annual Day of Remembrance Event, “Stop Repeating History: Lessons Ignored from E.O. 9066”

WHEN: Youth Workshop: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Main Event: Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Chicago History Museum, 1601 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614;
Youth Workshop in the Guild Room; Main Event in the Auditorium;
Free and open to the public; parking information:
<http://www.chicagohistory.org/hostevent/parking>
RSVP: <https://www.chicagohistory.org/event/day-remembrance-2018/>

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