

State Legislators Honor Japanese American Day of Remembrance

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The time just came yesterday to remember what happened 66 years ago. It was the 66th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which authorized over 110,000 persons of Japanese birth or descent being incarcerated from the West Coast during World War II.

The lesson of injustice in American history was remembered even in the Washington State legislature. State Reps. Sharon Tomiko Santos, Bob Hasegawa, Christine Rolfes, Tom Campbell, Shirley Hankins and Mary Skinner initiated



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Nisei Veterans Committee members attend the state legislative session invited by State Reps. Sharon Tomiko Santos and Bob Hasegawa.

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Japanese Biodiesel Adventure Kicks Off in Seattle

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Shusei Yamada, the leader of the 'Biodiesel Adventure' project, explained the structure of the engine of the biodiesel fuel car last Saturday.

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As global warming has been a concern for many, one Japanese team, lead by Shusei Yamada, who is a photojournalist and rally driver, arrived in Seattle and kicked off their the project named 'Biodiesel Adventure' on Saturday, February 16 in Madrona, Seattle.

Collecting used oil from local residents, and making its own diesel in the car, Biodiesel Adventure has proved the possibility of the biodiesel fuel car. Since the beginning in Japan, the car has driven 250 kilometers (approximately 155 miles) and the tour will go to Los Angeles and all the way to the East Coast, then will continue to Europe, Africa, Asia and finally Japan.

There were dozens who donated their used vegetable oil to power a vehicle at the event. Consul General Mitsunori Namba, who described the project as "cutting edge technology" poured the oil and said "I hope people will be more active for the environment."

"I am neither a scientist, nor an engineer. But it could be the reason why I started this project," said Yamada. "Though, it might not be the answer to solve the environmental issue such as global warming, I want to try to show it is one way to show concern about the issue."