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About Discover Nikkei

LOS ANGELES, CA – A project of the **Japanese American National Museum (JANM)**, **Discover Nikkei** is a community website and international network that celebrates cultural diversity, explores global and local identities, connects generations and communities, and shares stories and perspectives of the Nikkei, people of Japanese descent who have migrated and settled throughout the world.

Discover Nikkei brings **JANM's** digital presence to a national and international audience by providing content that celebrates cultural diversity and explores global and local identities. Published in English, Japanese, Spanish, and Portuguese, Discover Nikkei's content includes contributions from hundreds of community members from more than fifty countries, including significant resources in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Japan, Mexico, and Peru.

Founded in 1998 as the International Nikkei Research Project (INRP), Discover Nikkei involved a multidisciplinary and multinational research team of over 100 scholars from ten countries and fourteen participating institutions. It was coordinated by **JANM** and supported by The Nippon Foundation.

The research and relationships developed through that program, which ran until 2001, created an important global network and led to the publication of the books *New Worlds, New Lives: Globalization and People of Japanese Descent in the Americas and from Latin America in Japan* (Stanford University Press, 2002) and *Encyclopedia of Japanese Descendants in the Americas* (AltaMira Press, 2002). In 2003 the Nikkei Legacy Project was established to build on the work of the INRP and was also funded by The Nippon Foundation. DiscoverNikkei.org launched in March 2005. With more than **40,000 unique users** every month, Discover Nikkei has continued to expand in content the rich relationships and connections that the project has fostered.

In 2023–2024, under the leadership of Project Manager Yoko Nishimura, Discover Nikkei is embarking on an ambitious major redesign and growth initiative to become a truly interactive site and an indispensable resource—and platform—for the future global Nikkei community.

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About the Japanese American National Museum (JANM)

Established in 1985, **JANM** promotes understanding and appreciation of America's ethnic and cultural diversity by sharing the Japanese American experience. Located in the historic Little Tokyo district of downtown Los Angeles, **JANM** is a center for civil rights, ensuring that the hard-fought lessons of the World War II incarceration are not forgotten. A Smithsonian Affiliate and one of America's Cultural Treasures, **JANM** is a hybrid institution that straddles traditional museum categories. **JANM** is a center for the arts as well as history. It provides a voice for Japanese Americans and a forum that enables all people to explore their own heritage and culture. Since opening to the public in 1992, **JANM** has presented over 100 exhibitions onsite while traveling 40 exhibits to venues such as the Smithsonian Institution and the Ellis Island Museum in the United States, and to several leading cultural museums in Japan and South America. **JANM** is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday–Sunday from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. and on Thursday from 12 p.m.–8 p.m. **JANM** is free every third Thursday of the month. On all other Thursdays, **JANM** is free from 5 p.m.–8 p.m. For more information, visit janm.org or follow us on social media @jamuseum.