

Board Meeting  
July 25, 2019

NAME THE OGURA/SATO JAPAN HOUSE ANNEX, COLLEGE OF FINE AND  
APPLIED ARTS, URBANA

**Action:** Name the Ogura/Sato Japan House Annex, College of Fine and Applied Arts

**Funding:** No New Funding Required

The Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Vice President, University of Illinois with the advice of the Urbana-Champaign Senate recommends approval of a proposal from the Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts to name the Japan House Annex as the Ogura/Sato Japan House Annex, in recognition of the generosity of Dr. George Ogura, Professor Shozo Sato, and Mrs. Alice Ogura Sato for their substantial contribution towards the construction of a 6,250 gross square foot addition which will allow the Japan House to continue to fulfill its stated mission and strengthen relationships with key constituents: students, donors, and collaborators.

Dr. George Ogura, a loyal Japan House supporter, made a \$1.0 million lead gift for an addition to the Japan House. Dr. Ogura passed away before he could see what his gift would make possible. In January 2019, Professor Emeritus Shozo Sato, founder of Japan House, along with his wife, Alice, who is Dr. Ogura's sister, made an additional

outright gift of \$1.0 million, matching Dr. Ogura's lead gift, making it possible to move the project to the next phase.

Professor and Mrs. Sato will also be establishing a charitable gift annuity (CGA) with the proceeds from the sale of the Ogura family home in Denver, Colorado. This CGA will eventually support maintenance of this new annex. The 6,250 square foot addition will provide much needed meeting and library space for Japan House interns, calligraphy classes, offices, and storage space for growing collections. The addition will also offer improved accessibility for visitors with physical disabilities, supporting greater inclusion in tea ceremonies and other cultural activities.

The original Japan House was established through the efforts of Professor Sato. He is an internationally renowned Japanese master of Zen arts and visionary theater director. Mrs. Alice Sato's brother, Dr. George Ogura, was a leader and father of forensic pathology. When he moved to Illinois, he visited the Japan House almost weekly which helped develop a stronger appreciation for Japanese culture.

This addition will expand the roll of students within the programs and classes of Japan House, make the house and garden more welcoming and accessible to students and the broader community, increase tea room capacity and related preparatory operations, multi-functional activity areas, dedicated space for additional staff and interns, and provide storage for collections gifted to the unit.

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes, The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of

Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.