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**神と紙 KAMI TO KAMI: FUKUI ECHIZEN WASHI EXHIBITION OPENS JUNE 24 AT JACCC**

**LOS ANGELES** — Japanese American Cultural & Community Center and Hiromi Paper Inc. are pleased to announce a special exhibition featuring *washi*, traditional Japanese paper, from Echizen City. **神と紙 KAMI TO KAMI: Fukui Echizen Washi** will open on Sunday, June 24, 2018 and run through Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the George J. Doizaki Gallery. This exhibition is supported in part by Hiromi Paper Inc. and Fukui Washi Kougyou Kyoudo Kumiai.

A gift passed down from the Gods, Echizen in Fukui prefecture is known for its 1,500 year old history of washi papermaking. Approximately 80 factories engaged in papermaking are concentrated in one small valley. The home of Echizen-washi is located in the Goka area of Echizen City from a cluster of five small villages—Oizu, Ōtaki, Iwamoto, Shinzaike, and Sadatomo. These villages are blessed with abundant spring water and surrounded by mountains. The washi of this region is distinguished by its rich variety, and includes traditional thick paper for ceremonial use, official documents, and banknotes. Washi is also made in various sizes for business cards and postcards and for drawing and painting. Echizen-washi was designated as an intangible traditional craft in 1976.

Twenty artisans from the region will present their handmade paper installations, both functional and decorative, including an exquisite full-sized washi tea house. This unique exhibition will explore various utilization of washi through traditional/contemporary printmaking, lanterns, and large format washi.

**WHAT:** 神と紙 KAMI TO KAMI: Fukui Echizen Washi exhibition

**WHERE:** George J. Doizaki Gallery at Japanese American Cultural & Community Center  
244 S. San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, California 90012

**DATE/TIME:** June 24, 2018 – July 29, 2018  
Opening reception: June 24, 1 – 3 PM  
Closing reception: July 29, 1 – 3 PM

**ADMISSION:** Free

George J. Doizaki Gallery Hours  
Wednesday – Sunday, 12 – 4 PM  
Closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Holidays

**About Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC)**

Founded in 1971, Japanese American Cultural & Community Center is one of the largest ethnic arts and cultural centers of its kind in the United States. A hub for Japanese and Japanese American arts and culture and a community gathering place for the diverse voices it inspires—JACCC connects traditional and contemporary; community participants and creative professionals; Southern California and the world beyond. JACCC also provides office space in its five-story complex to a wide variety of nonprofit cultural, educational, and community-based organizations in Los Angeles. Visit [JACCC.org](http://JACCC.org) for more information.