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## **LITTLE TOKYO BASED DISKovery CENTER NOW OFFERS CLASSES IN GARDENA**

LOS ANGELES, CA (April 2, 2008) – The DISKovery Center, a project of the Little Tokyo Service Center (LTSC), will be providing computer classes at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute (JCI) to bring technology access and computer learning to residents and other community members of the Gardena and Torrance area.

JCI serves the generational needs of the South Bay Japanese American community through educational, cultural and social programs by providing a curriculum of activities, sensitive and relevant, to the needs of senior citizens and youth; offering use of facilities and support to community organizations that fosters the best interests and welfare of the community and promoting an environment for better inter-generational understanding, cultural pride and respect for all humanity.

LTSC will address the ever-growing need for computer skills by providing a variety of classes. “There is always a need to bridge the digital divide, certainly in communities of color, and especially in the older-adult and senior population, which JCI serves,” says Steve Wong, DISKovery Center coordinator. “Seniors tend to be overlooked when it comes to technology and education, while technology can greatly improve their quality of life,” says Wong.

The one-year pilot program will provide many of the same programs and classes that have been offered by the DISKovery Center in Little Tokyo and Echo Park. To help promote the JCI computer program, the DISKovery Center will be providing a discounted \$5.00 membership to new members only. Many of the benefits of membership at DISKovery Little Tokyo will apply to the computer classes and programs at JCI, including reduced class fees, free public access hours, and limited free one-on-one tutoring.

Classes at JCI this spring include Computer and Internet Basics, Digital Imaging, Email Basics, and Internet Shopping. DISKovery JCI will hold a kick-off event at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> located at 1964 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street. For more information, please contact Steve Wong at 213.621.4158. To register for membership and new classes at JCI, please call 310.324.6611.

LTSC Community Development Corporation is a non-profit community-based organization, which has been providing services for over 29 years to the greater Los Angeles community. Programs include but are not limited to: assistance for victims of domestic violence, support groups, child abuse and neglect outreach, emergency food and shelter assistance, affordable housing, and community redevelopment.

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