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An Open Letter to All,

Now more than ever, there is a need for people with the ability to guide others through life's challenges and opportunities. Lori Tsugawa Whaley is one such individual; she is a talented storyteller, writer and life coach.

The Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington has had the honor and pleasure of including Lori on the program of events and activities for our annual *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day) event, as well as our Children's Summer Camp program. Every year, the children and adults are entertained and enlightened by her presentation of Japanese folk tales through the magic of puppetry.

Lori's book, *The Courage of a Samurai: Seven Sword-Sharp Principles for Success*, is a must read for anyone who is interested in personal growth and is looking for inspiration. The moral and ethical code of the *Samurai* is the basis for the life principles she shares with the reader. She includes a wide range of people who exemplify each principle. Some have attained wide acclaim and notoriety, while others are familiar only within the author's network of family, friends and acquaintances. But by sharing their stories, she shows how Japanese culture and the spirit of the *samurai* warrior can manifested itself through ordinary people in today's uncertain world.

As a life coach, Lori is able to connect with people through her courage, strength and resilience. She's been thrown a few curve balls in her life, but like the *Daruma*, the Japanese wishing doll, she is the embodiment of the *ganbaru* spirit and the Japanese proverb associated with the doll: *Nanakorobi yaoki*. "Fall down seven times, stand up eight."

Lori is a great potential mentor not only to those who want to focus on personal growth, but also those who think about ways in which we can contribute toward improving the quality of life for people in our community and around the world. She is an invaluable and precious resource in the Pacific Northwest.

Sincerely,

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