



Message from the President

Dear NAOTA Members,

It is so exciting that we are going to Los Angeles for our next conference! According to the conference co-chairs Minako Hayashida and Satsuki Palter the dates are

Tuesday - April 1- Saturday - April 5, 2014

The Welcoming Reception for the 13th Conference will be Tuesday evening and the Demonstration and the Sayonara Dinner will be on Saturday evening. A special event will be the tour that is scheduled for Saturday at the 120 acre Huntington Garden. The picture you see at the right is of the Japanese Garden in the Spring and on the tour will see this garden. In the next newsletter we will have full information about all the events.

Our instructor for the seminars will be Associate Professor Hirokazu Yokohigashi and his assistant will be Assistant Professor Hozuki Oyamada.

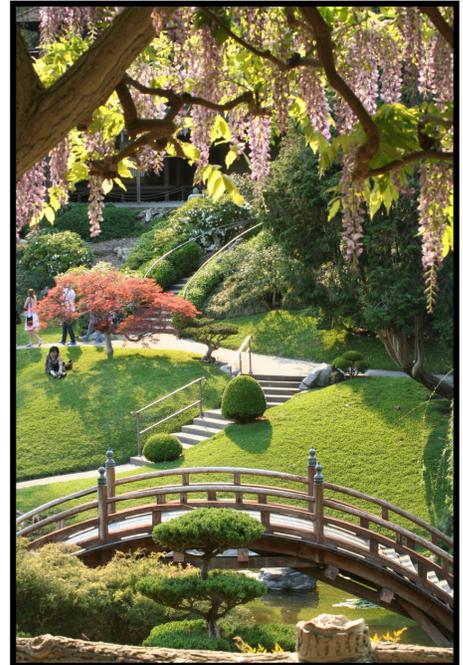
The registration for the conference is attached. Please follow the instructions carefully and make your reservations promptly.

As you may know there are many attractions in Los Angeles and quite a few shopping experiences. To see these you will have to work out your own schedules, make your own hotel reservations (either after or before the conference) , and most importantly remember that Los Angeles is a large city with limited public transportation. There are tour companies that offer day tours to some of the more popular tourist sites and they will pick you up at the hotel at which you will be staying.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Miyako Hotel for our 13th Conference.

Sincerely,

Judy Melton
President, NAOTA



Keiko Thayer Receives 1st Term Master's Degree



Keiko Thayer, member of NAOTA and the Boston chapter of Ohara School, received the 1st Term Master's Degree at the May 2013 presentation ceremony in Kobe, Japan. She is pictured in the second row, far right. In the front row are Kiyoko Ohara (Hiroki's mother) Headmaster Hiroki Ohara, and Wakako Ohara, (Hiroki's aunt). Other overseas awardees are two from India, and one each from Belgium, and Australia . Keiko reports that it was wonderful to be in Kobe and that she enjoyed the ceremony very much.