

January 29<sup>th</sup>- March 16<sup>th</sup>
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Girls' comics, or *Shojo Manga* occupy a very special place in the world of Japanese comics. Not just tales of love, these illustrated stories empower the girls of Japan and aid them in traversing the intricate societal roles and expectations females face in Japan. Featuring artwork from World War II to the present, "Girl Power!" focuses on a period of Japanese history that has seen women's position in society undergo drastic changes. That path is documented in *shojo manga*.

Curated by Dr. Masami Toku, Associate Professor of Art and Art History at California State University, Chico, "Girl Power!" has toured throughout North and South America. Dr. Toku will provide an opening lecture for this exhibition, offering insights into the featured works as well as the artists themselves, on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, in the JICC Auditorium, from 6:30 p.m. RSVP to <u>jiccrsvpwinter07@embjapan.org</u>

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