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**Shojo Manga! Girl Power!
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September 19 - November 9, 2007

National Nikkei Heritage Centre
6688 Southoaks Crescent. Burnaby, BC.

Shojo Manga! Girl Power! is an internationally acclaimed exhibition of more than 200 artworks from 23 artists who have contributed to the phenomenon of modern *manga* in Japan. The Japanese Canadian National Museum is pleased to be the final venue for the exhibition's successful tour of North America and the last chance for Canadians to see these superb examples of graphic art before the show heads to Japan. Designed by curator Masami Toku to raise issues of gender and representation, the exhibition explores the power of women's aspirations and dreams in contemporary Japanese culture. From its start in post-war era Japan as inexpensive youth entertainment influenced by American comics and Disney animation, to the current immense popularity of *manga* worldwide, this show traces the history of a medium at the intersection of evolving social roles and innovation in Japanese aesthetics. **Shojo Manga! Girl Power!** is curated by Dr. Masami Toku, Associate Professor of Art and Art History at California State University, Chico.

Opening reception: Wednesday, September 19, 7-9pm

This event is open and free to the public. Join us for a special opening talk by Dr. Masami Toku. Refreshments will be served, the exhibition catalogue will be available, and *manga* books will be on sale. Please RSVP to nogiwara@nikkeiplace.org, 604.777.7000 ext.109 by September 15.

Japanese Canadian National Museum

Open Tuesday through Saturday 11am-5pm
6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC Canada
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Check out our website for special programs. www.jcnm.ca

More info about the exhibition at www.jcnm.ca/exhibits and www.csuchico.edu/~mtoku/vc/Exhibitions/girlsmangaka/girlsmangaka_index.html

An essay by Dr. Masami Toku "The Power of Girls' Comics: The Value and Contribution to Visual Culture and Society" can be found here.

http://www.csuchico.edu/%7Emtoku/vc/Articles/toku/Power_Girls_Comics.html

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A **media preview** will be held on **Wednesday, September 19, 4pm**. Please RSVP to Nichola Ogiwara (nogiwara@nikkeiplace.org, 604.777.7000 ext.109) if you plan to attend.

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