



Hermann Park Japanese Garden

Established in 1992, the **Hermann Park Japanese Garden**, symbolizing friendship and collaboration between the United States and Japan, was designed by Japanese landscape architect Ken Nakajima. Now, 20 years later, the **Japanese Garden** continues to bring enjoyment, beauty and tranquility to Hermann Park and Houstonians. Additionally, this year marks the centennial anniversary of Japan's gift of cherry blossom trees to the United States. To commemorate this anniversary, cherry blossom saplings will be planted this fall in the **Japanese Garden**.

In 2007, renovation efforts began at the **Hermann Park Japanese Garden** under the guidance of Japanese garden architects Terunobu Nakai, Aya Hashimoto and Hiroshi Iwasaki. Houston's Japanese sister city, Chiba City, provided generous assistance in cooperation with the local community effort led by Kunio Minami and Junjiro Naoki. This year Mr. Minami received the Japanese Foreign Minister's Award for his dedication to the revitalization and maintenance of the **Japanese Garden**. The renovation is ongoing and resulted in the founding of the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee of the Hermann Park Conservancy, the board of which includes leaders from: Japan Business Association of Houston, Japanese Association of Greater Houston, Japan-America Society of Houston, Japanese American Citizens League Houston Chapter and the Consulate-General of Japan in Houston.

With gratitude, the City of Houston recognizes the dedication and work invested in the **Hermann Park Japanese Garden**. In addition to Mr. Minami, the City also recognizes the tireless efforts of The Hermann Park Conservancy, its executive director, Doreen Stoller, its conservation director, Barbara Jo L. Harwell; Joseph A. Hafner Jr.; William H. Weiland; Junjiro Naoki; Donna Cole; Glen Gondo; Dr. Toshiko Satake; Jane Curtis; and Keiji Asakura.

Therefore, I, Annise D. Parker, Mayor of the City of Houston, hereby proclaim June 19, 2012, as

Hermann Park Japanese Garden Day

in Houston, Texas.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Houston to be affixed this 14th day of June, 2012.

Annise D. Parker

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