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Mr. Francis Hatanaka
Ms. Colette Machado
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Mrs. Patricia Saiki
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Mr. Masao Yokouchi
Mr. Juan Dionisio

Wednesday, October 9: "Success Story: Myths and Realities"

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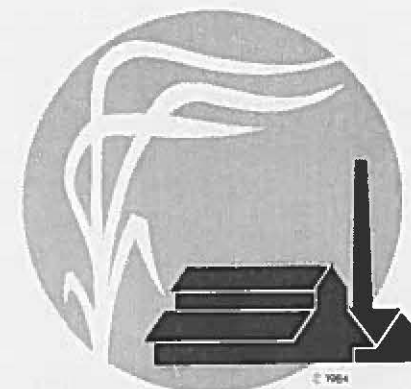
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