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## Biographical note

Mika Fukuma was born and raised in Toronto. She speaks both English and Japanese. Fukuma has worked for the Nikkei Voice from 2005 to 2012. She is the Vice-President of the Toronto Fukuoka Kenjinkai, and currently sits as a director for the Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians.

## References:

Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians. "Mika Fukuma." Accessed September 21, 2023. <https://torontonajc.ca/team/mika-fukuma/>

Toronto Fukuoka Kenjinkai. "Current Board Members." Accessed September 21, 2023. [https://toronto-fukuoka.ca/?page\\_id=44](https://toronto-fukuoka.ca/?page_id=44)

Nikkei Voice. "About Nikkei Voice." Accessed September 21, 2023. <http://nikkeivoice.ca/about-us/>

## Archival History

Material was collected by Mika Fukuma when *The Nikkei Voice* cleared out its office in Toronto. The material was created and originally collected by staff at *The New Canadian*, a weekly publication for Japanese Canadians, published in both English and Japanese beginning in 1938 and running until 2001. She housed the material until donating it to the University of Toronto in 2023.

## Scope and Content

Dates range: 1924, 1940-1999  
Extent: 1 box (0.4 linear meters)

Material comes from multiple editors of *The New Canadian*, and operations of the newspaper. This includes material sent to the newspaper from The Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy and other similar groups. Material from Thomas Shoyama date from WWII when he joined the Canadian Army. This material is from the Department of National Defence and are education material for learning Japanese, Japan's military structures, and political history. Other material, collected and created by Kenzo Mori, relate to the Japanese Evacuee Committee, which he helped organize during Japanese Canadian internment. Kenzo Mori collected many publications, which have been collected here. Lastly, news and press clippings have been collected regarding the treatment of Japanese Canadians and Japanese Americans, along with Japanese soldiers during WWII. They date primarily from 1942 and cover both the USA and Canada.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Records arrived in two banker boxes and were in no discernable order. The Archivist has arranged the material to group similar material together.

**Access:** News clippings and other material are very brittle due to the highly acidic newsprint they are made of. Handle with care.

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Related material:**

George Tanaka fonds. XL3 MS A005. The University of Guelph. Guelph, Ontario.

<https://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/archives/our-collections/centre-canadian-landscape-architecture-archives/george-tanaka-fonds/>

Thomas Shoyama Collection. 2010.79. Nikkei National Museum. Burnaby, British Columbia.

[https://nikkeimuseum.org/www/collections\\_detail.php?col\\_id=F758](https://nikkeimuseum.org/www/collections_detail.php?col_id=F758)

Thomas K. Shoyama fonds. R10881-0-7-E. Library and Archives Canada. Ottawa, Ontario.

<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/.redirect?app=fonandcol&id=205229&lang=eng>

**Series 1: Department of National Defence**

1945-1946

6 folders of textual material

Thomas Shoyama's exercise books and notes for learning Japanese. Part of his training when he enlisted in the Canadian Army's Intelligence Corps. Material also includes historical information on Japan and an introduction to their military and political structure.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Titles come from original file folders unless square brackets are used.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 2: Central Okanagan Japanese Evacuee Committee**

1941-1945

9 folders of textual material

Letters sent by Kenzo Mori on behalf of the Central Okanagan Japanese Evacuee Committee. This committee advocated for the Japanese Canadians as they were forcibly removed from their homes along the coast of British Columbia. These letters are in regards to employment in Ontario and elsewhere, and include lists of Japanese Canadians still residing in the area.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Titles come from original file folders unless square brackets are used.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 3: The New Canadian**

1943-1948, 1979, 1982

4 folders of textual material

Letters sent to or by *The New Canadian's* staff team regarding information to be published or business operations.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Titles come from original file folders unless square brackets are used.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 4: Letters to Ken Mori**

1986-1994

10 folders of textual material

Letters sent to Kenzo Mori while he worked as the editor of *The New Canadian*. These letters are not strictly related to his work there, but include correspondence with various Japanese Canadian organizations and prominent members of the community.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Titles come from original file folders unless square brackets are used.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 5: Publications**

1924-1999

14 folders of textual material

Various publications collected by the Kenzo Mori and those working at *The New Canadian*.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Titles come from original file folders unless square brackets are used.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 6: News clippings**

1941-1999

19 folders of textual material

Collected news articles and press clippings that focus on Japanese Canadians, Japanese Americans, and Japan.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Those from 1941 and 1942 were found in folders and labeled by month. This is reflected in the current arrangement. The other articles were arranged together in the original box with no apparent order.

**Access:** News clippings and other material are very brittle due to the highly acidic newsprint they are made of. Handle with care.

**Boxes:** Box 1

**Series 7: Photographs**

[194-] – [198-]

1 folder of 44 photographs

Various photographs.

**Note:**

**Arrangement:** Title given by archivist.

**Access:** No restrictions

**Boxes:** Box 1

## Appendix

### Series 1: Department of National Defence

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.001	Vocabulary Book 4	1945 – 1946
2023.15.002	Civil Administration	1945 – 1946
2023.15.003	Japanese Civil Affairs	1945 – 1946
2023.15.004	Sakusen Yomurei Translation Notes	1945 – 1946
2023.15.005	Translation BKIII	1945 – 1946
2023.15.006	[Nisei Military Japanese study test]	1945 – 1946

### Series 2: Central Okanagan Japanese Evacuee Committee

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.007	[Letter regarding Kelowna area]	February 21, 1945
2023.15.008	Japanese in Kelowna area after December 7, 1941 who have been approved to remain	August 9, 1943
2023.15.009	[Letter to Commissioner Pickersgill]	February 14, 1945
2023.15.010	[Handwritten notes]	[194-]
2023.15.011	[Central Okanagan Japanese Evacuee Committee]	June 26, 1943 – November 5, 1943
2023.15.012	[Kelowna Konwa-Kai]	1943 – 1945
2023.15.013	[Residence of Kelowna]	1941 – 1943
2023.15.014	[Letters from C.V. Booth]	October 10, 1945 – October 23, 1945
2023.15.015	[Letters from C.V. Booth]	October 18, 1945 – October 26, 1945

### Series 3: The New Canadian

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.016	The New Canadian	1946 – 1948
2023.15.017	J.A.C.L.	May 24, 1943 – July 15, 1943
2023.15.018	[Japanese type-setting machine]	April 2, 1979
2023.15.019	[George Tanaka tribute]	April 26, 1982

### Series 4: Letters to Ken Mori

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.020	[Printed material by Sasaki]	1993
2023.15.021	[History of Kelowna]	1994
2023.15.022	[Japanese Canadian Redress Foundation]	March 16, 1992
2023.15.023	[Letter from Toshiko Tsutsumi]	May 28, 1986

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.024	[Letter from Neil G. Carey]	November 5, 1992
2023.15.025	[Letter from Roy Ito]	February 11, 1991
2023.15.026	[Letter from Ann Sunahara]	March 15, 1992
2023.15.027	[Letter from Toshiaki Izumi]	1992
2023.15.028	[New Horizons Project]	1987
2023.15.029	[Letter written on <i>The New Canadian</i> letterhead]	

### Series 5: Publications

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.030	<i>Pledge '95</i>	1995
2023.15.031	[Haiku meeting]	
2023.15.032	[Occupational Survey]	1924
2023.15.033	<i>Japanese Canadians and the Government of Canada</i>	1983
2023.15.034	<i>Constitution and By-Laws of Saisei-Kai, Incorporated</i>	1956
2023.15.035	<i>National Registration Regulations, 1940: Instructions for the use of Deputy Registrars and Voluntary assistant Deputy Registrars</i>	1940
2023.15.036	<i>The Japanese in Canada</i>	1963
2023.15.037	<i>Kelowna: A Pictorial History</i>	1979
2023.15.038	<i>Through Lions Gate</i>	1966
2023.15.039	<i>A Hundred Poems by A Hundred Poets of Peace</i>	1949
2023.15.040	<i>Proceedings of the Special Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms</i>	1950
2023.15.041	Toyohiko Kagawa	[1988]
2023.15.042	JC History	
2023.15.043	[Japanese publications]	

### Series 6: News clippings

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.044	USA 1941	1941
2023.15.045	USA 1942	1942
2023.15.046	USA 1944	1944
2023.15.047	March 1942	March 1942
2023.15.048	April 1942	April 1942
2023.15.049	May 1942	May 1942
2023.15.050	June 1942	June 1942



File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.051	July 1942	July 1942
2023.15.052	August 1942	August 1942
2023.15.053	September 1942	September 1942
2023.15.054	October 1942	October 1942
2023.15.055	November 1942	November 1942
2023.15.056	December 1942	December 1942
2023.15.057	[Unknown dates]	[194-]
2023.15.058	Postwar Dispersal Policy, Aug. 4 1944 (Prime Minister King)	1944
2023.15.059	Ken's Articles	1993 – 1999
2023.15.060	[Scrapbook]	1943 – 1948
2023.15.061	[Spiral notebook]	1957
2023.15.062	[Various news articles]	1955 - 1991

**Series 7: Photographs**

File number	File title	Date range
2023.15.063	[Photographs]	[194-] – [198-]