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Guest Newsletter

Summer 2008

**A MESSAGE FROM YASUYUKI KOJIMA,
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER**

Our summer newsletter arrives just as New York celebrates a historic pastime and marks a major milestone. I would like to take this time to invite you to experience the city in its full glory this summer.



In the upcoming months New Yorkers and fans from around the world will wish both Yankee Stadium and Shea Stadium a fond farewell as the New York teams play their final seasons in the storied stadiums. As a tribute to the final season, the historic Yankee Stadium will host Major League Baseball's 2008 All Star Game on July 15. This year also marks the 125th anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge. This architectural wonder and New York landmark connects the island of Manhattan to the borough of Brooklyn. Travelers from around the world walk across the bridge which offers views of the New York City skyline and the Statue of Liberty.

In addition to these milestones, NYC in the summer offers an array of street festivals, outdoor concerts, exhibits and more. The Kitano New York is the ideal location for your stay and offers easy access to major transportation hubs.

In addition to our special summer offerings, The Kitano New York offers an exciting line-up of contemporary and classical live jazz performances each Wednesday through Saturday evening in The Bar Lounge.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you happy travels. We look forward to hosting you at The Kitano New York in the near future.

Sincerely,

Yasuyuki Kojima, Acting General Manager

KITANO NEW YORK TRIVIA

Question: What is the neighborhood in which The Kitano New York resides and for whom is it named after?



Answer: The Kitano New York, which opened in 1973 as the city's first and only Japanese-owned hotel, is located on Park Avenue at 38th Street in the historic neighborhood of Murray Hill. Originally, this part of town was a Colonial farm owned by Robert Murray. Throughout history, some of New York's most influential families, including the Rockefellers, the Astors, the Morgans and the Tiffanys have called the Murray Hill neighborhood home.

ENJOY SUMMER IN NEW YORK CITY

Upcoming Events & Exhibitions:

Jazz at The Kitano New York: Every Wednesday through Saturday night The Kitano offers two sets of live jazz starting at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Summer performers include the **Mark Murphy Quartet** on June 6 & 7 and the **Mulgrew Miller Trio** on June 27 & 28.

Circle-Line City Cruise: Cruise the New York waterways and experience some of the city's most breathtaking sites. Now through September 1

BRIDGE as ICON art exhibit: May 22 through July 26 in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Tabla Rasa Gallery presents artwork inspired by the world's best known bridge.

Shakespeare in the Park Hamlet Performance: Now-June 29 in Central Park. Performances held most Tuesdays through Sundays

Japan Day: Sunday, June 1 in New York's Central Park

Museum Mile Festival: Tuesday, June 3

Times Square Block Party: Saturday, June 28

American Girl Mia Drawing at The Kitano New York: Monday, June 30

Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular: Friday, July 4 over the East River

Major League Baseball's All Star Game: Do not miss this year's Major League Baseball All-Star Game played at Yankee Stadium on July 15, 2008, signifying the final season of play at the historic stadium.

Labor Day: September 1

Brooklyn Book Festival: Sunday, September 14

2008 Bryant Park Summer Film Festival: Catch some of the most beloved films outdoors in the park each Monday from June 16-August 18.



**THE KITANO NEW YORK TAKES THE STRESS OUT OF
PLANNING SUMMER GET-TOGETHERS WITH ITS ROOFTOP
BARBECUE PACKAGES**

A longstanding New York tradition of summer rooftop relaxation has gone upscale as The Kitano New York's popular barbecue packages return this season. With its breathtaking backdrop of the Empire State, MetLife and Chrysler buildings and the historic Murray Hill area of New York, The Kitano New York's outdoor rooftop space offers one of the most sought after views in the city.

From Memorial Day, May 26, through Labor Day, September 1, guests can choose from two unique packages. The barbecue package rates begin at \$75 per person, with a minimum of 25 guests, and include food and beverage costs for the three-hour event.

For more information including a complete menu for Rooftop Summer Barbecue packages, please contact Thanya Phanpinyo at 212-885-7017. Reservations are limited and events should be booked early as they often sell out.

DRAWING TO WIN THE 2008 AMERICAN GIRL DOLL "MIA" TO BE HELD AT THE KITANO NEW YORK ON JUNE 30

In honor of The Kitano New York's special American Girl Place Package, available throughout 2008, the hotel will be holding a special quarterly drawing on **Monday, June 30, 2008**, where one lucky participant will have the opportunity to win the limited-edition American Girl Doll, Mia, which is currently on display in the hotel's lobby. Mia is the 2008 "Girl of the Year" who dreams of being a figure skater. Participants do not have to be a guest of The Kitano New York to participate in contest.

As one of the most beloved icons for young girls throughout the country, many travel far and wide to visit the flagship American Girl Place in New York City. The Kitano New York now makes this pilgrimage even more memorable with its unique **American Girl Place Package**, available now through December 31, 2008. The package is valid Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with rates starting at \$345 per night with a two-night minimum stay.

For more information to or to book the American Girl Place Package, call **1-800-548-2666** or log onto www.kitano.com



HOTEL HAPPENINGS

The Kitano New York's Hakubai restaurant showcased at Macy's Herald Square

In honor of May is Asian Heritage Month, Hakubai's Executive Chef Yukihiko Sato was recently showcased during the Macy's at Herald Square's Chef Demonstration series. Chef Sato prepared the summer dishes *Salad with Soba Noodles* and *Sautéed Salmon with Miso and Butter*.



The Princess of Thailand and guests dine at Hakubai
Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidolf of Thailand, her daughter, niece and approximately 40 guests hosted a private dinner at Hakubai restaurant recently. Hakubai serves traditional Japanese favorites at lunch, and during dinner hours, the distinctive Kaiseki cuisine is served. Hakubai is open daily from 11:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. for lunch and from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. for dinner. Reservations can be made by calling (212) 885-7111.



Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Mahidolf and her guests arrive at The Kitano New York for their private dinner at Hakubai.

The Kitano New York's Fourth of July Offer

The Kitano New York invites guests to celebrate the Fourth of July in the Big Apple with its special **Fourth of July Week Package**, valid June 27-July 6, 2008. Package rates start at \$349 per night and includes access to the hotel's rooftop terrace to take in the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular. For more information or to book the package, call **1-800-548-2666** or log onto www.kitano.com.

NEW SUMMER ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE BOUTIQUE AT THE KITANO NEW YORK

This summer, The Boutique at The Kitano invites patrons to peruse through its new items available for purchase, including the delectable Amai Tea Cookie Gift Boxes, starting at \$18.50, a keepsake NYC ornament priced at \$42 each, adorable animal alarm clocks available for \$24 each and much more.



The gift shop is located on Park Avenue and 38th Street, and is open Tuesday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. To contact the Kitano Boutique directly, please call (212) 885-7130.

• The Kitano New York Podcast

The Kitano New York now invites guest to learn more about the hotel and its unique offerings on the go with its new Podcast, currently featured on the luxury travel Web site, JourneyPod.com. [Click here](#) to download the audio podcast showcasing the hotel with interview from Kitano New York staff member, Akane Moriguchi.

• The Kitano New York sponsors New York's 2008 Japan Day

To celebrate the hotel's Japanese heritage, The Kitano New York again sponsored the 2008 Japan Day, held on June 1, 2008 in the East Meadow of Central Park. Throughout the event, attendees enjoyed a true Japanese Summer Festival in which they experienced the best of traditional and contemporary Japan with a wide-range of family-friendly activities and exciting music performances throughout the day.

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