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*The Governors'
Black Ships Gala*

The Honorable Donald Carcieri, Governor,
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Request the pleasure of your company on
Friday, the Twentieth of July,
Half past six in the evening
The Island House at Belle Mer,
Goat Island, Newport

Join us in welcoming
Consul General and Mrs. Yoichi Suzuki
and visiting dignitaries from Newport's Sister City, Shimoda

Experience the breaking of the
Ceremonial Sake Drum Filled with Gekkeikan Sake
Special presentation by
Maturiza Drummers from Disney's Epcot Center
Japanese & American Food

Receiving Line 6:30pm-7:30pm
Open Bar & Martini Bar
Koto Music by Ms. Sumié Kaneko
Dancing to Music by Dick Lupino Quartet

Black Tie Preferred
Japanese Kimonos Welcomed
RSVP by July 17, 2007
Card Enclosed

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**24th Annual
Black Ships Festival**

The annual Black Ships Festival held in Newport commemorates the historic achievement of Rhode Island Commodore Matthew C. Perry, USN, who negotiated the treaty with Japan over 150 years ago, under the direction of U.S. President Millard Filmore. "Black Ships" refers to the Japanese term for foreign ships which, with one exception were excluded from Japan for two hundred years prior to the Treaty of Kanagawa which Perry negotiated in 1854. We celebrate this event each year with our Sister City of Shimoda.

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Proceeds from the event will benefit the Japan-America Society of Rhode Island and support its mission to promote friendship, cultural exchange and education between Rhode Island and Japan.