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## Editorial

*By Hazel Asamoto*

This year was the 37th Annual Japanese American Holiday Fair sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). The purpose of the Japanese American Holiday Fair is to preserve the Japanese American Culture and to develop an understanding within our multi-cultural society.

The event was on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at St. Ignatius High School, Cleveland, Ohio from 1:00 to 5:p.m. The entertainment for the evening was the Kendo Demonstration-Cleveland Kendo Club, Mame Daiko – Icho Daiko's Youth Group, The Sho-Jo-Ji Dancers, and the Icho Daiko Taiko Drumming Group. The groups were all well received by a full house in the auditorium. Food, raffle and door prizes and the silent auction were enjoyed by all. (See page 4 and 5)

Many hours were spent planning this event and its success was in no small part to our volunteers and dedicated individuals who donated time, money and many other items. The Holiday Fair Committee truly appreciated your attendance at this event.

(See page 3 for the President's Message)

The Bulletin Staff would also like to thank all the support from our readers. It is your contributions that help to continue the publication of The Bulletin. Our best wishes for the holidays and A Happy 2007 New Year.

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**Donations - \$70**  
Fusako Shijo  
Anonymous  
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### Sympathy and Condolences

**Shig Okada**, 85 passed away November 4, 2006 survived by wife, Mary; son, Ron of Strongsville, three grandchildren and a brother. Retired executive director of the Golden Age Centers of Greater Cleveland. Past president of the Mandel School of Applied Social Science Alumni Association.

**Peter Junger**, 73 passed away November 22, 2006 survived by his 105-year old mother, Genevieve, of California. President and religious chairman of the Cleveland Buddhist Temple and professor emeritus at Case Western Reserve University's School of Law.

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## President's Message

By Rick Ishiyama

Another year....another Holiday Fair. Often that is the thought that goes through my mind each year as the first Saturday of November approaches. All of the preparation meetings, email, phone calls and stress build up to the point where "another Holiday Fair" can be a burden. But like all Holiday Fairs the burden turns into energy, activity and then into joy from working with friends and family, to satisfaction from a job well done. This year was no different.

I was personally satisfied when I spoke to my brother Howard after the event. This was the first Holiday Fair that he, his wife and three children have attended. Though their youngest Lucy was afraid of the Kendo fighting, she just loved the food and making origami with her mother Shannon and sister Claire. Their oldest, Kate, had a wonderful time watching the Sho-Jo-Ji and Taiko performers as well as helping Ed Ezaki select door prize winners. I even found my brother helping in the kitchen and serving udon and tempura. As I went over the final bids for the silent auction, his name was on one of the list. Unfortunately for him he was out bid. You can see that every part of the Fair can touch a single family. His family had such a good time that he told me that they will definitely plan on coming back next year. This is a message that we all should be proud of.

Thanks to the many, many volunteers who donated food and their time in preparing as well as working at the Fair. All of you should be very satisfied. Special thanks go to the planning committee: Ken Arie, Hazel Asamoto, Keith Asamoto, Roy and Aiko Ebihara, Ed Ezaki, Diane Asamoto Grant, Shig Igarashi, Jerry and Irene Omori, Paul and Mitzi Matsumoto and Karen Sodini. Their tireless hours planning and doing since the end of last year's Holiday Fair was the reason this event all came together. We have identified the list of the volunteers and I hope we were able to recognize everyone who contributed. I apologize if your name was inadvertently omitted. On behalf of JACL as well as future scholarship recipients, thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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## Calling All Cooks

We need your recipes. If we have enough, we can make up a cookbook. Let this be part of your new year's resolution...give us some of your favorite recipes, so we can put together a brand new community cookbook and hopefully publish it this coming year.

Send recipes to the editor of the Bulletin.



## **Holiday Fair-In Appreciation**

*It is not a coincidence that the majority of those on the planning committee are Board members. If you get a chance please show them your appreciation for taking on responsibilities that most won't, as well as working on all projects and events. By their continuous support, participation and actions they stand out in our community as those who sacrifice their time throughout the year, and should be recognized for that whenever possible. The following is a list of those who worked so hard to make this Holiday Fair such a success.*

### **Volunteers:**

- |                    |                         |                       |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Nanci Taketa    | 14. Mitzie Matsumoto    | 27. Carrie Offtermatt |
| 2. Reese Germany   | 15. John Akiba          | 28. Jayne Paullin     |
| 3. Mindi Porter    | 16. Don Hashiguchi      | 29. John Matsumoto    |
| 4. Aliya Porter    | 17. Roslyn Hashiguchi   | 30. Rob Matsumoto     |
| 5. Shig Igarashi   | 18. Hazel Asamoto       | 31. Ed Ezaki          |
| 6. Jerry Omori     | 19. Aiko Ebihara        | 32. Carole Ezaki      |
| 7. Irene Omori     | 20. Roy Ebihara         | 33. Dana Taddeo       |
| 8. Ken Arie        | 21. Keith Asamoto       | 34. Ray Taddeo, Jr.   |
| 9. Allan Kraft     | 22. Natalie Grant       | 35. Carol Peer        |
| 10. Junko Kraft    | 23. Nicole Grant        | 36. Sue Nakamura      |
| 11. Masy Tashima   | 24. Diane Asamoto Grant |                       |
| 12. Ben Furukawa   | 25. Howard Ishiyama     |                       |
| 13. Paul Matsumoto | 26. Tomi Andow          |                       |

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### **Food Donations:**

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| 1. Mindi Porter - Chicken                | 12. Kiich Furukawa - Chicken               | 22. Hazel Asamoto - Chicken              |
| 2. Nanci Taketa - Inari                  | 13. Don and Roslyn Hashiguchi –<br>Chicken | 23. Eva Hashiguchi - Baked<br>Goods      |
| 3. Rick Ishiyama - Chicken               | 14. Sadie Yamane - Chicken                 | 24. Betty Yasaki - Baked Goods           |
| 4. Tina Ishiyama - Inari, Baked<br>Goods | 15. Mutsuko and Teruko Ikuta –<br>Chicken  | 25. Nancy White - Chicken                |
| 5. Yuki Sakaguchi - Sushi                | 16. Kim Maki - Inari                       | 26. Aiko Ebihara – Chicken               |
| 6. Mae Shirasawa - Sushi                 | 17. Betty Ochi - Chicken                   | 27. Sue Nakamura – Baked<br>Goods, Mochi |
| 7. Allan and Junko Kraft - Mochi         | 18. Bette Idemoto - Chicken                | 28. Carol Peer – Baked Goods             |
| 8. Masie Yamauchi - Inari                | 19. Terrie Takahata - Inari                | 29. Toshiko Ebihara – Chicken            |
| 9. Mary Reese - Chicken                  | 20. Rose Ishiyama - Inari                  | 30. Jerry Omori – 25# Rice               |
| 10. Mari Kuroda - Chicken                | 21. Pat Sadataki - Sushi and Inari         |  |
| 11. Joyce Ito – Chicken                  |  |  |

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### **Sushi Making Volunteers at the Buddhist Temple 11-03-06:**

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| 1. Jerry Omori         | 8. Karen Sodini       |
| 2. Irene Omori         | 9. Beverly Kerecman   |
| 3. Hazel Asamoto       | 10. Kathleen Kerecman |
| 4. Diane Asamoto Grant | 11. Aiko Ebihara      |
| 5. Natalie Grant       | 12. Masie Yamauchi    |
| 6. Nicole Grant        | 13. Gloria Siebold    |
| 7. Shig Igarashi       | 14. Ken Arie          |

### **Holiday Fair Booths:**

JACL – Bulletin – Raffle  
Origami Demo – Sadie Yamane  
“Going for Honor, Going for Broke: The 442 Story”  
DVD-JACL  
Unique Christmas Lights - Drema and Jim Hawkins  
Jean Purses – Margaret McKowan  
T-Shirts, Pins, Sweatshirts – Icho Daiko/Mame Daiko

White Elephant Sale – CARP Masie Yamauchi  
Fresh Asian Vegetables – Roy Ebihara  
Manju, Mochi Sale – Cleveland Buddhist Temple  
Clothing/Merchandise – Community Sharing  
Hawaiian Rainforest Naturals – Joan Ishibashi  
Jewelry, Arts, & Crafts – Ernestine Dawson  
Gift Baskets – Lori Burns & Marge Kintz

### **2006 Holiday Fair Local Merchants & Individuals Donors**

#### **For the Door Prizes and Silent Auction**

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Cleveland Cinemas  
East Coast Custard  
Alpine Valley  
Playhouse Square  
Target  
Lolly the Trolley  
Cleveland Orchestra  
Cleveland Browns  
Lake Farm Park  
Cleveland Botanical Garden  
Dunn Hardware  
Fun & Stuff  
Northfield Park  
Pickwick & Frolic Restaurant & Club Home of Hilarities  
4<sup>th</sup> Street Theater  
Freeway Lanes  
Goodtime III Cruise Line  
Lakefront Lines  
Applebee's Grill & Bar

Dave & Busters  
Cain Park  
Peek n Peak Resort  
Somers Restaurant  
Rock n Roll Hall of Fame Museum  
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad  
Cleveland Metro Park Zoo  
Shinano Japanese Restaurant  
Carousel Dinner Theatre  
Columbian Asian Food & Gifts  
Matsu Japanese Restaurant  
Petitti Garden Center  
Wal-Mart  
John Roberts Spa  
Hibachi Japanese Steak House  
Boston Mills  
Ichiban Spa  
Great Lakes Science Center  
Multilink  
Chai-min Chen  
Bill Sadataki  
Jerry Omori  
Ray Taddeo Jr.  
Diane Grant

**Please Note: Coming in the next issue**

Because of the long list of names, those who donated money to the Holiday Fair will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin

## Holiday Fair Performance

By Aryavarta Kumar

On November 4, 2006, Icho Daiko and Mame Daiko performed at the Annual JACL Holiday Fair at St. Ignatius High School. The audience enjoyed many of the choreographed pieces, including Sakura, Ishunboshi, and Miyake, while munching on tasty Japanese food. Visitors also had the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and gifts.

It was my first performance at the Annual Holiday Fair and while I had performed Taiko before, I had not done so at this large a venue. It was exciting and the acoustics of the auditorium really amplified the performance. I had a lot of fun playing some songs which I was performing for the first time. Some of the audience members were impressed and excited about Taiko as well.

I'm always very interested in learning to play new instruments. As a composer for film and computer games, it's part of my job to write music that creates a certain mood. Having started Taiko earlier this year, it was both a pleasure and a wonderful experience to learn and perform the Icho Daiko songs. Additionally, I can definitely learn from each of the Taiko practices and performances, including the Holiday Fair performance, in writing new music.

I'm looking forward to next year's Holiday Fair and hope that more people get to know about the music performed by Icho and Mame Daiko.

## CARP News

By Eva Hashiguchi

Social chairperson, Shig Igarashi and his committee of Mary Reese, Yuki Sakaguchi, Joe and Kay Negrelli, Masy Tashima and John Ochi have been busy preparing CARP's once a year Holiday Party. It will be held at Tizzano's Party Center on December 7, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The October meeting found George Nakanishi and Tats Anraku celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Gung-ho guys! Mary Nakaji donated a beautifully decorated October themed sheet cake in memory of her brother, George.

As usual CARP members played bingo, poker, mah-jong, shanghai rummy and enjoyed visiting with friends. Anyone wanting to join a fund group CARPS your answer!



## Speaker's Bureau

By Ed Ezaki

Let me play catch up on Roy Ebihara's presentations.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, he spoke to over 50 fourth graders at Prospect Elementary School in Oberlin. June 6<sup>th</sup> he was the main speaker at the Lorain County Optometrist Society with 27 doctors in the attendance. October 19<sup>th</sup>, he had the good fortune of speaking to 28 women and one gentleman from the Women's Guild of the First Congressional Church of Wellington and on November 6<sup>th</sup>, he traveled to Lorain Community College to speak to Dr. Ya-chun Ku's class studying racial ethnicity.

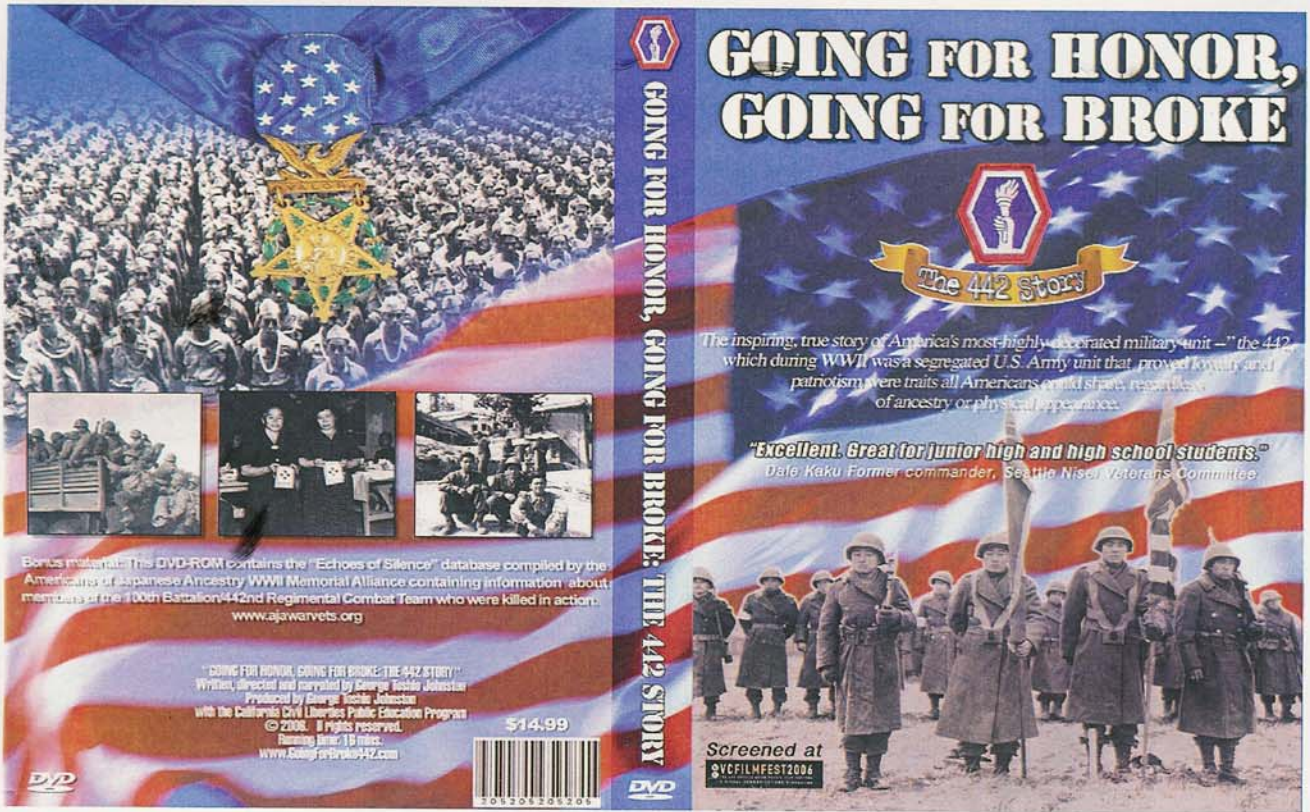
On October 25th, I spoke to Dr. Ku's class studying sociology.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, I participated as the keynote speaker at Chardon Middle Schools Sixth Grade Veterans Day recognition program. They honored all veterans and in the attendance were members of V.F.W. Post 6519, American Legion Post 167, Ladies Auxiliary Post 6519, Chardon Fire and Police Departments. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I was contacted and interviewed by phone for a school project from Rolla Jr. High in Rolla, Kansas. This class read Farewell to Manzanar and their teacher seemed to be well versed on our internment. They had visited the Granada, Colorado site. They pulled my name and number from the internet. I was not aware that my name and number was available across the country but I do recall providing similar interviews to students from Oklahoma and Central Florida awhile back.

Our Cleveland Chapter JACL is certainly reaching out. December 5th. Sadie Yamane and I will speak to the seventh graders at Harmon Middle school in Aurora.

A Happy Holiday and Healthy Holiday Season for all.

A grateful and heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent for our annual holiday Fair. It could not be a yearly success without their help



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Washington D.C., November 17, 2006.

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The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) commends and expresses deep appreciation to the United States Senate which passed HR 1492, the Camp Preservation Bill, by unanimous consent. Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI), and Senator Robert Bennett (R-UT) were instrumental in gaining favor for its passage in the Senate. The bill is to go back to the House of Representatives in December for expected concurrence and then to the President for signing.

The bill authorizes broad funding for the physical preservation of World War II confinement sites (internment camps) which were used to imprison and detain Japanese Americans. The JACL has long supported preservation of internment camp sites for the critical lessons they teach on constitutional rights. This legislation is important in preserving this part of American history.

HR 1492 passed the House of Representatives overwhelmingly in November 2005, after being introduced by Congressman William Thomas (R-CA). Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA) and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) are original co-sponsors along with 112 other House members who later signed on as co-sponsors.

Rep. Bill Thomas of Bakersfield, CA, chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, introduced the bill in the House and shepherded its approval on the House floor. With Manzanar located in his district and having had close relationships with Japanese Americans throughout his life, Congressman Thomas took personal interest in ensuring passage of the House version of the bill. With his leadership position in the majority party of the House of Representatives, Congressman Bill Thomas was the key factor in passage of the bill. As Congressman Thomas is retiring from the House of Representatives after the current term (his 14<sup>th</sup>), this will be one of his last major acts as a Congressman.

Floyd Mori, JACL Director of Public Policy and former colleague of Bill Thomas in the California State Assembly, praised the last minute work of Congressman Bill Thomas and of Senator Daniel K. Inouye in assuring the bill's passage in the Senate. "The bill had been stalled, but the personal efforts of Congressman Thomas and Senator Inouye on the Senate floor allowed the bill to move forward. Bill's personal commitment to the bill's passage was the reason that we have seen the bill move through Congress."

Gerald Yamada, national coordinator of the Japanese American National Heritage Coalition, and Mori both worked with members of Congress to push for the passage of HR 1492.

The JACL expresses heartfelt thanks to Congressman Bill Thomas and Senator Daniel Inouye, especially, and to all the members of Congress who helped and supported HR 1492.

## High School Seniors of Japanese American Ancestry



### **Deadline Announced for 2007 Cleveland Japanese American Scholarships**

The 2007 Japanese American Citizens League and Cleveland Japanese American Foundation scholarship applications for high school graduates may be obtained from the following:

On JACL website: [www.lkwdpl.org/jacl](http://www.lkwdpl.org/jacl)  
Bill Sadataki at: (330)-659-3880  
Aiko Ebihara at: (440)-775-4435  
E-mail: [raebihara@aol.com](mailto:raebihara@aol.com)

A completed application must be returned to the scholarship committee postmarked by May 31, 2007. Applications should be sent to:

JACL/CJAF Scholarship Committee  
Aiko Ebihara  
13791 Hale Road  
Oberlin, Ohio 44074

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**Lisa Roberson**  
**The Chronicle-Telegram**  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

OBERLIN – Walking more than 5 million steps while lugging around a 35-pound backpack may not seem like fun, but one local family learned in some instances it actually is. Their trek took them from the rocky footholds of Springer Mountain, Ga., to the picturesque slopes of Harpers Ferry, W.Va. The distance between the two locations totals 1,009 miles over a large portion of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Each step brought the family of six to a place where they can say with confidence that they truly enjoy spending time together.

"We really worked very well together," Mari Kuroda said. "That was the nicest thing to know. It was nice to be able to spend time together quietly. We were very comfortable just reading or writing in journals. We didn't have to talk all the time or feel the need to entertain each other all day."

Life in Oberlin is not as serene for the modern-day blended family. Kuroda has two children, Elijah and Leah, and her husband Michael Reynolds has two of his own, Gena and Karen. Kuroda is a studio artist and employee of the Ginko Gallery and Studio and Reynolds is a self-employed carpenter.

"We have a rather fragmented schedule because of our blended family situation, but this was a great way to be able to be together for three and a half months," Reynolds said. "I knew once we got through the difficult beginning, it would become a lot of fun."



Photo by The Chronicle-Telegram

Kuroda said her husband came up with the idea for the trip two years ago. "We were just in awe," she said. "I was very apprehensive, mainly because I didn't know if I could do it physically." After much convincing, the family finally agreed to the adventure.

They started out on April 17 for the drive to their starting point in Georgia. Until they returned home on Aug. 4, it was one of only four times the family was in a car. Reynolds said in the beginning they hiked six miles a day. By the end, the family was up to about 14 miles a day. "The whole 1,009 miles we were mostly on foot," Kuroda said. "But, in the end we did it. We learned a lot along the way, like we shipped a lot of unnecessary equipment back over the weeks to lighten our load."

The entire length of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail is about 2,175 miles. It extends from Maine to Georgia and covers about 250,000 acres of land. There are various (Degrees of difficulty along the way, including a point where the family crossed a river on foot.

They stayed in primitive, three-sided shelters most nights and used a tarp brought from home on others. About once a week, they checked out the town they were near. It was the only time they actually took hot showers and ate food that was not cooked on a woodburning camp stove.

For those with city blood flowing through their veins, the hike may not sound like fun. However, if you ask the Reynolds / Kuroda family, they wouldn't trade their experiences for the world. "My kids learned about nature's beauty and power," Reynolds said. "But more importantly, they learned about their own inner strength by being tested both mentally and physically."



# ICHO DAIKO & MAME DAIKO JAPANESE DRUMMERS

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## Taiko Beginner Class

**Place:** Denison Avenue United Church of Christ  
9900 Denison Ave. Cleveland, OH

**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 14, 21, 28

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 PM

**Age:** 12 years and up

**Cost:** \$50 per person

To register or request more information, please contact Yukiko Ebara, Co-Director, at (216) 556-2277 or e-mail [ichodaiko@yahoo.com](mailto:ichodaiko@yahoo.com). Please also visit <http://ichodaiko.50webs.com/index.html>.

Ichodaiko and Mame Daiko are sponsored by the Cleveland Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League,  
<http://www.lkwdpl.org/jacl/>

**Recipe of the Month**

**Stir Fried Garlic Pork**

1 lb. lean pork	1 T. soy sauce
2 T. peanut oil	1 t. rice wine/dry sherry
3 T. finely chopped garlic	1 t. sugar
3 green onions, sliced thin	1 T. chicken stock/water
2 t. chili bean sauce	1 T. sesame oil

**Marinade:**

1 T. rice wine/dry sherry	2 t. sesame oil
1 T. soy sauce	1 t. cornstarch

Cut pork into thin slices 2" long. Put pork in bowl with marinade and leave for 20 minutes. Heat wok or fry pan until hot. Add half of oil and heat until smoking. Fry pork quickly for 2-3 minutes. Drain well. Wipe wok clean and reheat rest of oil. Quickly add garlic, green onions and chili bean paste. A few seconds later, add rest of ingredients. Bring mixture to boil and return pork to pan. Stir fry entire mixture for 5 minutes. Serve at once.

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