Standard Interview Consent Form

Project Name: _____ Date: _____

Interviewee (Storyteller) Name: _____

Interviewer Name: _____

Introduction
Your memories, experiences, and stories are a vital part of the Japanese Canadian Nikkei community. By recording and preserving them, we ensure that future generations can understand our shared struggles, triumphs, and everyday life. Thank you for trusting us with your story.

What Will Happen

- Your story will be recorded (audio and/or video).
- It will be preserved so future generations can listen and learn.
- You can decide how and where your story is shared.

Your Choices (please check any that apply)

☐ My story can be kept in the archive for future generations.
☐ My story can be shared publicly (website, exhibits, education, publications).
☐ My story can be shared only within the Nikkei community/museum.
☐ Please do not share my story publicly until the year _____.
☐ I would like my family to have a copy.

AI & Digital Processing Consent

To help us organize, summarize, and analyze the stories we collect, we may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., transcription software, NotebookLM, etc.) to process the recordings and transcripts.

I agree that (please check):

☐ My interview data (audio, video, transcript) may be processed using AI tools for the purpose of organization, summarization, and research analysis.
☐ My interview data should not be input into any AI tools; please process my story using manual methods only.

Your Rights

- You can stop the interview at any time.
- You can choose not to answer any question.
- You can withdraw your permission later if you change your mind.

Signature of Storyteller: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Interviewer/Facilitator: _____

Date: _____

Recording & Media Release Form

Project Name: _____Date: _____

Participant Name: _____

Introduction

Japanese Canadian history has often been passed down through personal stories. Photos, videos, and recordings help bring these stories to life for future generations. This form ensures you have a say in how your image and voice are used.

I understand that photographs, video recordings, and/or audio recordings may be taken during this project. I give permission for the following uses:

☐ Educational use (schools, workshops, community programs)
☐ Museum/Archival exhibitions (in person or online)
☐ Website and social media related to this project
☐ Printed materials (books, newsletters, articles)
☐ Research use by students, scholars, or community members
☐ Other (please specify): _____

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☐ My interview data **should not** be input into any AI tools; please process my story using manual methods only.

I understand that these recordings will become part of the project record. I will not receive payment for their use, and I may request limits or restrictions at any time.

Signature of Participant: _____Date: _____

Archiving & Donation Form

Project/Archive Name: _____Date: _____

Storyteller Name: _____

Introduction

The Nikkei community has a long tradition of protecting and passing on its heritage. By donating your recorded story, you are ensuring that your voice becomes part of a permanent record of Japanese Canadian life, so that it will not be forgotten.

I choose to donate my recorded interview and related materials to the above project/archives.

Copyright & Ownership

☐ I keep copyright to my words but give permission to the archives to preserve and share them.
☐ I assign copyright of my interview to the archive.

Access Level (please check one)

☐ Open to the public immediately
☐ Restricted to family/community only
☐ Closed until the year _____
☐ Other restrictions: _____

I understand that my story may be preserved for future generations, even beyond my lifetime.

Signature of Storyteller: _____ Date: _____

Minor Consent Form

Project Name: _____Date: _____

Minor's Name: _____ Age: _____

Introduction

Young voices are an important part of our Nikkei story. This form ensures that parents and guardians are comfortable with how their children's memories and experiences are recorded and shared.

I am the parent/guardian of the above-named child. I give permission for my child to take part in an interview and to be audio- or video-recorded.

I agree that (please check):

☐ My child's story may be used in educational programs and exhibits.
☐ My child's story may be archived for future generations.
☐ My child's name **may** be used.
☐ My child's name **should not** be used (please use initials or pseudonym).

AI & Digital Processing Consent

To help us organize, summarize, and analyze the stories we collect, we may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools (e.g., transcription software, NotebookLM, etc.) to process the recordings and transcripts.

I agree that (please check):

☐ My child's interview data (audio, video, transcript) **may be processed** using AI tools for the purpose of organization, summarization, and research analysis.

☐ My child's interview data **should not** be input into any AI tools; please process my story using manual methods only.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____
Date: _____

Child's Signature (if old enough): _____
Date: _____

Translator / Interpreter Consent Form

Project Name: _____Date: _____

Translator/Interpreter Name: _____

Introduction

Many Nikkei stories are told in Japanese or in a mixture of languages. Translators and interpreters help bridge generations and cultures. This form ensures accuracy and respect for the storyteller.

As a translator/interpreter for this project:

- I promise to provide an accurate and faithful translation of the storyteller's words.
- I understand that the stories I hear are private and may be sensitive.
- I agree to keep all information shared during the interview confidential.

Signature of Translator/Interpreter: _____ Date: _____

Facilitator / Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement

Project Name: _____ Date: _____

Volunteer/Facilitator Name: _____

Introduction

Volunteers and facilitators play a key role in helping preserve Nikkei heritage. This form is a promise to handle stories with the dignity, care, and confidentiality they deserve.

As someone helping with this project (recording, editing, archiving, or assisting storytellers):

- I will treat all participants with respect.
- I will not share, copy, or distribute any recordings, transcripts, or materials outside of this project.
- I understand that the stories belong to the storytellers and must be handled with care.

Signature of Volunteer/Facilitator: _____ Date: _____