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We are taking names for Thanksgiving feast

Club International is planning a feast for Saturday, Nov. 22. Club I President Jay Jongjittirat, a student at King Hall School of Law, and Executive Director Elisabeth Sherwin of I-House are collecting names of people who want to cook a turkey dinner and bring it to I-House on the evening of Nov. 22 and those who want to eat the dinner (tickets are \$8). Reservations are required. Phone Sherwin at 753-5007.

"We will feed about 120 students and friends," said Sherwin. "So we're looking for 12 people to cook turkey dinners and volunteers to come to I-House to help serve, give thanks, and clean up."

Jay says this "Thanksgiving dinner with an international flair" is a Club I tradition that is very meaningful to international students who have never celebrated Thanksgiving before.

A podium and microphone will be set up in the Community Room so students and friends can tell everyone what they're thankful for this year.

"It promises to be a special event," said Sherwin. "Have you ever tried curried turkey? How about moo shu turkey?"

Reach Sherwin at dir@internationalhousedavis.org or Jay at jjongjit@ucdavis.edu

Tac visits I-House on a trip from Japan

Early in October, a man named Saito Takashi stopped by I-House and met with Elisabeth Sherwin.

"I used to come to many events here in 2003," said "Tac" Takashi, who worked as a visiting professor in the computer science department at UC Davis with Dick Walters.

Tac was back in the United States from Japan in order to attend a relative's wedding in Sacramento. But he wanted to take a little time out and come to Davis and visit I-House.

"I remember (former director) Patrick Widner and (office manager) Julia Hunter-Blair," he said. "I came to many, many events here from English classes to movies. I met many foreign friends and had the opportunity to communicate with them. I found people and friends and neighbors in Davis and on College Park to be very kind and hospitable."

Tac said his wife, Aiko, used to come to Connections on Wednesday mornings at I-House. Aiko graduated from the University of Indiana.

Tac said he looks at the I-House web page (www.internationalhousedavis.org) when he is in Japan and is always happy at the memories it brings up. "The web page," he said, "is very informative and friendly."

He is now a professor in the department of social informatics, literature faculty, Chuo University, Tokyo. He can be reached at saitotac@tamacc.chuo-u.ac.jp.

Thanks for coming back, Tac.

