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On March 8, International Women's Day in California, Come explore the importance of Cultural Competence and Why it Matters.

Ms. Yukako Uchinaga, a former Board member and Technical Advisor to IBM, will be one of the Honored Presenters at the 2008 Women's Festivals USA. Ms. Uchinaga is the Board Chair of the Japan Women's Innovative network. J-WIN

Other preeminent women entrepreneurs and distinguished educators and board members will discuss differences and similarities that business women in particular face. A former Board of director of Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank of California in Los Angeles, Ms. Hiroko Tatebe is the Founder of GOLD (Global Organization for Leadership and Diversity Japan and USA) and the former President of the Financial Women International, Los Angeles chapter. Dagmar Steinmetz, PhD, is coming from Germany, where she operates her own property development and consulting firm. She serves on the International Board of Directors for FCEM as the East-West European representative for that World Association of Women Chiefs.

Santa Barbara's own Laurie Harris, J.D. will moderate this panel and encourage the lively discussion of women Leaders from Around the World. Ms. Harris is Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Integrity at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

For more information about the exciting days and evenings of the 2008 Women's Festivals, please go on line: www.womensfestivals.org

The 2008 Women's Festivals, Bringing All our Worlds Together, celebrates Women's History Month in California and Arizona. Patty DeDominic & Mary Schnack, producers; all proceeds being donated to not for profit Women's Economic Development Organizations.