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## **El Camino College to Celebrate Spring with Annual Cherry Blossom Festival**

El Camino College's 15th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. March 5 between the Shops and Communications buildings on the ECC campus, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance.

The annual "Dr. Nadine Ishitani Hata Memorial Cherry Blossom Festival" is named after the college's former Vice President of Academic Affairs, who passed away in 2005. Dr. Hata was an internationally known scholar who was extremely involved in academia and community work. She was instrumental in bringing the cherry trees to the campus 15 years ago, one of the many programs she supported during her 34-year career at El Camino College.

Under Dr. Hata's leadership, the Cherry Blossom Festival has become a college tradition – a way to ring in the spring season and celebrate friendship.

Taiko drummers from the Taiko Center of Los Angeles will perform at the celebration and light refreshments will be served.

The Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored by the El Camino College Foundation and the Office of Staff and Student Diversity. For more information, call 310-660-3593, extension 3813.

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