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Takahashi New Endowed Japanese Studies Chair

STANFORD, March 21 —
The Stanford board of trustees has established a new endowed professorship in Japanese studies, the University's first in that field, with gifts by Henri H. and Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi of San Francisco.

Its first holder is Prof. Masahiko Aoki of the Stanford Department of Economics.

Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi are the founders of Takahashi Retail Gifts and Takahashi Trading

co., importers, which has offices in Toronto, Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan, as well as in San Francisco.

Takahashi, an alumnus of Pomona College, is a noted collector of Japanese folk pottery. Mrs. Takahashi, an alumna of U.C. Berkeley, has compiled a sizable library of early Western writings on Japan. Both are committed to fostering greater understanding between the peoples of the U.S. and Japan.

In addition to the new endowed chair, their gifts to the University support visiting faculty appointments, faculty research, student awards and the annual Takahashi lectures in San Fran-

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cisco — all in the field of Japanese studies — through Stanford's Center for Research in International Studies.

Aoki was born in Tokyo and educated at the University of Tokyo (M.A. '64) and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D. '67). He taught at Harvard University and the University of Kyoto, where he still holds an appointment, before joining the Stanford faculty in January 1984.

He is an economic theorist of international repute whose research interests and lists of publications span economic planning, industrial organization, theory of distribution, welfare economics, comparative economic systems and the behavior of Japanese firms in comparison with their American and European counterparts.

At the same time, he has served on committees for a number of Japanese governmental agencies including the Economic Council, the Economic Planning Agency and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

In addition to continuing his Japanese economic studies, Aoki is expected to play a central role in Stanford's East Asian Studies Program. 1269