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# Stanford's First Japanese Studies Chair Endowed

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PALO ALTO - The Stanford University board of trustees announced last month the establishment of a newly endowed professorship in Japanese studies, the university's first in that field.

The endowed professorship was made possible by gifts from Henri H. and Tomoye Nozawa Takahashi of San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Takahashi are the founders of Takahashi Retail Gifts and Takahashi Trading Company, which has offices in Toronto, San Francisco and Japan.

In addition to the new endowed professorship, the couple's gifts to the university support visiting faculty appointments, faculty research, and student awards, all in the field of Japanese studies.

The first holder of the endowed professorship is Prof. Masahiko Aoki of the Stanford Department of Economics. Aoki was born in Tokyo and educated at the University of Tokyo (MA '64) and the University of Minnesota, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1967.

He also taught at Harvard University and the University of Kyoto before joining the Stanford faculty in January 1984. □