

Green and Serene

In the midst of campus hustle and bustle, a place of serenity was created in the form of a traditional Japanese garden on the east side of the GYM in November. The garden is the project of a Japanese garden workshop taught by Dr. Takeo Uesugi, a landscape architect who has designed acclaimed Japanese garden installations and professor emeritus at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and Tokushirou Tamane, master gardener for the Kinkakuji Temple, Golden Pavilion, Kyoto. About 35 landscape designers and landscape architects attended the two-day workshop.

"The symbol of the crane is represented in the garden," Uesugi said. "The crane is a symbol of peace and the bright future of JCCC. We hope that people will look at the garden and find peace in its harmony and balance."

The garden is composed of 18 rocks that create the head, wings and tail of the crane, a selection of pines, dwarf heavenly bamboo, Japanese maples, periwinkle, monkey grass and azaleas.

Dr. Takeo Uesugi (left) and Tokushirou Tamane direct the placement of the first rock in the traditional Japanese garden Nov. 8 in front of the GYM.

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