



# Father's Day

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I was the only *gaijin* but I'm accustomed to that, and everybody spoke English for my benefit. Norio Matsumura, at left with Yoshi and me, was in town from Japan to say goodbye to large numbers of Nissan Motors folks who will move from Los Angeles to Tennessee next month.

We dined at Cannons Seafood Grill on a cliff overlooking the Dana Point marina. The obligatory group photo shows Jackson, Norio and Masa Usami in front, and Shinji Hino, Tohru Kanbe, Yoshi, Fusako Usami, Yoshiko Hino and Kazuko Kanbe in the back row. Norio is president of an Osaka outfit that runs more than 100 Nissan dealerships in Japan's Kansai region, but he was until recently executive VP in charge of Nissan international operations.



All of us adjourned to Masa and Fusako's lovely condo in the midst of a San Juan Capistrano golf course. Here, Masa and Norio and Tohru and Shinji discussed Nissan matters when they weren't watching the spectacular collapse of Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie in the U.S. Open on a golf course 3,000 miles away. — **Jackson Sellers**