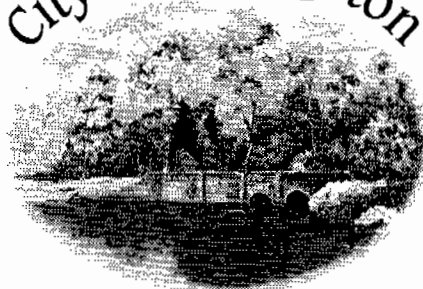


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May 17, 2001

Honorable Max Baucus
US Senate
207 N. Broadway
Billings, MT 59101


FAX: (406) 657-6793

RE: Second Request for Scheduling of an Appointment on May 31st at the
Embassy of the United States of America in Tokyo, Japan

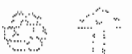
Dear Max,

The City of Livingston supports Mr. Koji Yamaguchi's request for assistance in setting up an appointment on May 31st in Tokyo to apply for a non-immigrant visa. Mr. Yamaguchi is planning on being back in Japan for job related purposes from May 27th to June 1st of this year. We would very much appreciate your office's assistance in trying to schedule an appointment with the Tokyo embassy on May 31st.

Sincerely,


Steve Golnar
City Manager

Cc: Koji Yamaguchi, Coordinator of International Relations
Pat Mikesell, President Sister Cities Board



The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
207 North Broadway
Billings, MT 59101

Koji Yamaguchi
19 Billman Lane
Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-9680

Re: Visa petition matter

May 16, 2001

Dear Senator Baucus,

Thank you very much for your reply. I am sorry to bother you so often, but I again would like to ask your assistance in setting up the appointment of an interview date to apply for a non immigrant visa with Embassy of the United States of America in Tokyo, Japan on Thursday, May 31.

I am going back to Japan on my job for a short time, from May 27 to June 1. Then I need to reapply for visa in order to reenter to the U.S. and continue my duties in Livingston as a Sister City Coordinator. I called the Embassy of U.S. in Tokyo and found out that they have interviews every Thursday with limited numbers of applicants. However, they are already full next four weeks. Besides, since it takes 7 to 10 days to process on issuing visa if I apply by mail, it will not be done by the time I hope to come back to the U.S..

The reason I need to come back to the U.S. so soon is that I have to coordinate and prepare upcoming middle school student exchange between sister cities, Livingston and Naganohara, which we hold every summer. I understand this is not an official matter, but I would appreciate if you could somehow coordinate and book me in the interview date of Thursday, May 31 at the Embassy of U.S. in Tokyo. Thank you very much for your assistance in supporting my visa petition. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



Koji Yamaguchi
Livingston - Naganohara
Coordinator of
International Relations

cc. Mr. Steve Golnar, City Manager, City of Livingston
Mr. Mamoru Tamura, Mayor of Naganohara

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May 15, 2001

Mr. Steven Golnar
City Manager
City of Livingston
414 East Callender
Livingston, Montana 59047

Dear Steve:

I am enclosing the reply I have received from the American Embassy in Tokyo in response to my inquiry on your behalf.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact my office again:

Senator Max Baucus
207 North Broadway
Billings, Montana 59101
406-657-6790; fax 406-657-6793

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



MSB/mmk



Embassy of the United States of America

Tokyo, Japan
May 14, 2001

The Honorable Max Baucus
United States Senate
207 North Broadway
Billings, MT 59101

Dear Senator Baucus:

Thank you for your letter in support of the non-immigrant visa application of Mr. Koji Yamaguchi, who is currently in Livingston, MT as the Sister City Representative of Naganohara, Japan.

Mr. Yamaguchi writes that he is currently in the U.S. for an approved stay under B-1 status until August 3, 2002, as reflected on his form I-94. He therefore does not need a new visa to complete his stint as Sister City Representative, which is scheduled to end in July, 2002, unless he departs the U.S. and wishes to apply to re-enter.

While we will be happy to schedule an appointment for Mr. Yamaguchi, he does not need to apply here in person. He may send in to this office his completed OF-156 and a money order for U.S. \$45.00, along with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope. We will renew his visa and return it to him by mail. If he does come to Japan for just a short time, he can request a visa appointment letter in advance by calling this telephone number from the U.S. He will receive an appointment letter by return FAX: Country code: (81) city code: (3) 5354-2633.

I am enclosing our information sheets on applying by mail. I trust this method will be the most convenient for Mr. Yamaguchi. If our office can be of any further assistance, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Tynes".

Robert E. Tynes
Minister Counselor and
Consul General

American Embassy Tokyo
 Visa Branch, Box 205
 1-10-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku
 Tokyo 107-8420

Visa Information Line **Fax 07**

NIV: Applying from the U.S. Info Sheet

APO Address:
 Visa Branch
 Unit 45004, Box 205
 APO AP 96397-5004

Fax (09) 5570-6041

U.S. Consulate General Osaka-Kobe
 11-5 Nishikanma, 2-chome, Kita-ku
 Osaka 530-8543

Fax: (06) 6315-5930

We're delighted to provide visa information all day every day through our Visa Information Line. The Visa Information Line has recorded and fax information about U.S. nonimmigrant and immigrant visas for residents of Japan. Call us any time at 0990-528-190. If you need information not found on the Visa Information Line, we welcome your fax at the fax numbers on this page. You may also access the State Department's Internet at travel.state.gov.

FAX 07 NIV: Applying from the United States

This info sheet concerns applying for a visa in Japan when you are physically in the United States. Please note that you may still stay in the U.S. even though your visa expires. You should check your status and authorized period of stay on your I-94. If you plan to depart the U.S. after your visa expires and wish to reentry for business purposes, you may do so if you meet the following requirements:

- You must be a resident of Japan temporarily in the United States.
- You have an expired E, H, I, L, O, or P visa, and need a new one, or
- the INS has approved a change from one of these categories to another and you need a new visa.

When applying from the United States for an E, H, I, L, O, or P visa, please submit the documents noted the message about how to apply for a visa: FAX 08 (for Tokyo) and FAX 09 (for Osaka). Please note you must provide us with your passport. We are unable to accept photocopies of passports.

In addition, you must enclose an International Postal Money Order made out to "US Embassy" for \$45 for each applicant to cover the visa application fee. You may submit one money order per family (for example, a family of four may submit one money order for \$180). Please put the name of the applicant or attorney and his or her address on the postal money order. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash, personal checks, bank, or corporate checks. Also enclose a prepaid, self-addressed courier service mailer or stamped, self-addressed envelope. Applicants from the United States find it most convenient to enclose a prepaid international courier service mailer and label with their applications. FedEx and DHL have delivery and pickup at the Embassy every day.

You must be physically in Japan to apply for a student, tourist, or short-term business visa at the American Embassy in Tokyo or the US Consulate General in Osaka. We welcome your application when you return to Japan.

Thank you for using the Visa Information Line.

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May 3, 2001

Senator Max Baucus
FAX: 406-657-6793

RE: Request for Assistance in Scheduling an Appointment with US Embassy in Tokyo for Obtaining a B-1 Visa for Our Coordinator of International Relations

Dear Max,

The City of Livingston would like to request your assistance in setting up an appointment for Mr. Koji Yamaguchi, our coordinator of international relations at the US Embassy in Tokyo between the dates of May 28th and June 1st, 2001. Mr. Yamaguchi's service as Coordinator of International Relations between the City of Livingston and our Sister City in Naganohara, Japan has been extended for one year. Our understanding is that he needs to reapply for a B-1 visa at this time. Enclosed is background information for your use. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Steve Golnar
City Manager

Cc: Koji Yamaguchi, Coordinator of International Relations
Pat Mikesell, President Sister Cities Committee



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May 3, 2001

Embassy of the United
States of America
Non Immigrant Visa Section
1-10-5 Akasaka
Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420
Japan

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing this letter in support of the petition by the town of Naganohara, Japan, for a B-1 visa for Mr. Koji Yamaguchi. Mr. Yamaguchi has and will continue to be working in the City of Livingston as a Sister City Coordinator for the Education and Cultural Exchange between our communities from August 4, 1999 to July 31, 2002. The City of Livingston, Montana and the Town of Naganohara, Japan have enjoyed a Sister Cities relationship since 1991. Mr. Yamaguchi is our second coordinator of International Relations to be based in Livingston from Naganohara, Japan.

The City of Livingston does not pay Mr. Yamaguchi a monthly salary, living expenses, health insurance, a welfare annuity, or any airplane tickets. It is our understanding with Naganohara, that they will pay these expenses while Mr. Yamaguchi is assisting in the capacity of Coordinator of International Relations.

The main purpose of the Livingston Sister City Coordinator of International Relations position is to facilitate growth in the Sister City relationship between Livingston and Naganohara by: 1) improving cultural understandings between Livingston and Naganohara, the United States, and Japan; 2) increasing awareness and participation in the Sister Cities educational and cultural exchange programs in Livingston and Naganohara; 3) developing an economic trade relationship with Livingston and Naganohara; and, 4) pursuing special projects as assigned to improve understanding of Livingston and Naganohara.

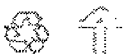
Thank you for your consideration in granting Mr. Yamaguchi's B-1 visa. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information regarding the Coordinator of International Relations function here in the City of Livingston.

Sincerely,



Steve Golnar
City Manager

Cc: Mr. Mamoru Tamura, Mayor of Naganohara
Mr. Koji Yamaguchi, Livingston Coordinator of International Relations
Mr. Pat Mikesell, President Livingston Sister cities Committee
Ms. Marilyn Kramer, Senator Baucus' Office



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"Basic Information on the Town of
Naganohara, Japan"

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The following is a direct translation of pages 2-21 of "The Basic Framework for Urban Planning in Naganohara," (長野原都市計画基本構想); Naganohara, 1990. The work contains information on Naganohara's geography, history, population, industry, infrastructure, and other related areas. It is hoped that all who read this report will increase their understanding of Naganohara, and its people.

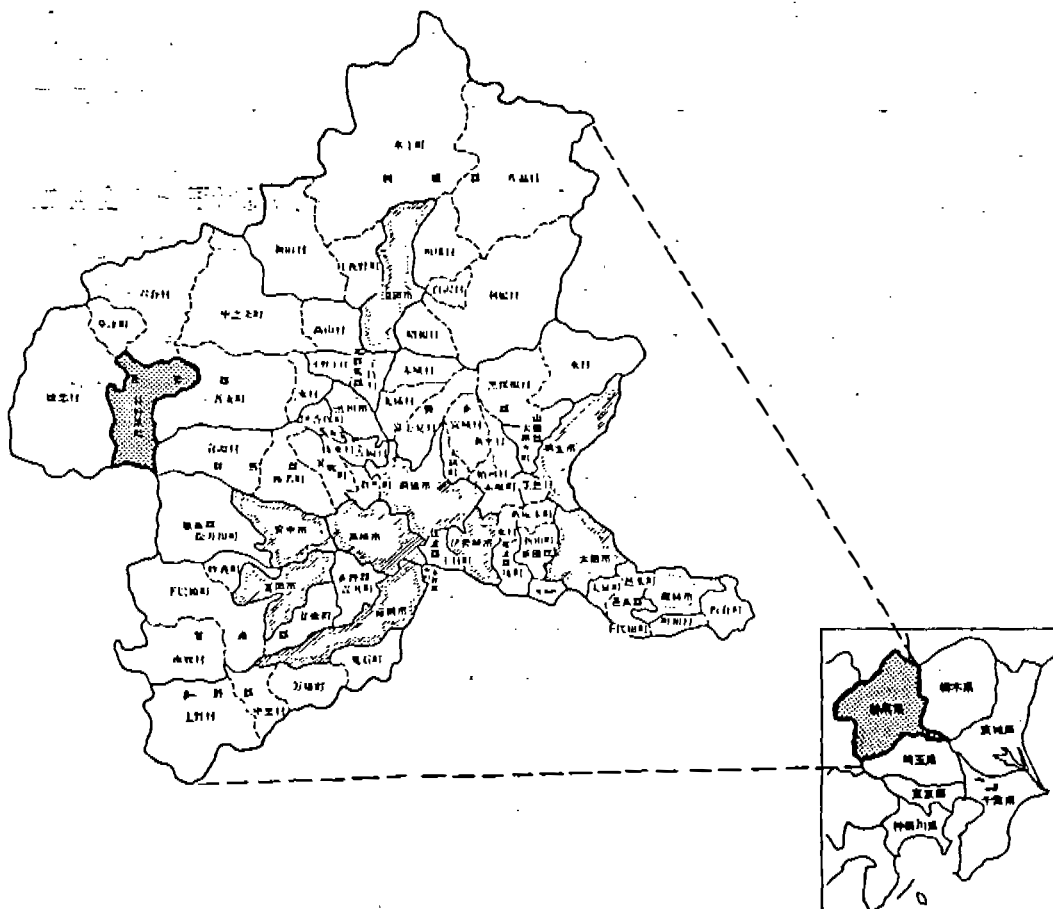
Location and Topography:

(1) Location

The Town of Naganohara is located in the northwest portion of Gunma Prefecture, and bordered by Agatsuma-machi to the east, Tsumagoi-mura to the west, Kusatsu-machi and Kuni-mura to the north, and Nagano Prefecture's Karuizawa-machi to the south. It is roughly 150 kilometers (90 miles) from Tokyo--a distance covered in 2 hours 30 minutes by express train--and within 60 kilometers (35 miles) of the Prefectural Capitol, Maeashi.

The town's total area stands at 133.93 square kilometers and accounts for roughly 2.1 percent of Gunma Prefecture's and 10 percent of Agatsuma County's total land mass.

Illustration 1-1
"Naganohara's Location in Relation to the Tokyo Area"



(2) Topography and Climate

Naganohara can be broken down topographically into two distinct areas. The first consists of the northernmost portion of town which contains the east-west flowing Agatsuma River. The second consists of the southern highland area that lies at the foot of Mt. Asama.

The Agatsuma River area, with the exception of a narrow strip of land containing the Japan Railroad (JR) Agatsuma Line and Interstate 145, is dominated by mountainous terrain inclined toward the river basin. Located at an altitude of 500~600 meters, the river system is punctuated by rapids in many sections, while surrounding residential areas find themselves blessed with spectacular views of the surrounding valley. Due to sulfur run-off from near-by volcanos, however, water from the Agatsuma River is not suitable for drinking.

The Asama Highland area, by contrast, sits at an altitude of 900~1300 meters and consists primarily of land that slopes gently northeastward.

As much of Naganohara's soil contains a high percentage of volcanic ash originating from Mts. Asama and Shirane, it is not particularly well suited for farming.

Naganohara's average yearly temperature is approximately 10°C, and average annual rainfall stands at 1200 millimeters. Though quite cold in winter, compared to neighboring Kusatsu, annual snowfall is relatively light. Furthermore, cool summers make Naganohara an ideal location to weather the summer heat.

Demographics:

(1) Population

According to the 1985 National Census, Naganohara's population stands at 7,063 individuals and 2,026 households.

Compared to figures compiled in 1960, Naganohara's population has declined by roughly ten percent over the past twenty-five years--an annual rate of 0.4% per annum. The number of households, however, has risen to 1.3 times the 1960 count with numbers leveling off around 1980.

The number of individuals per household declined significantly between 1960 (5.1) and 1985 (3.5) reflecting a [national] trend toward family kernalization as well as movement away from the traditional rural family structure to a more urban one.

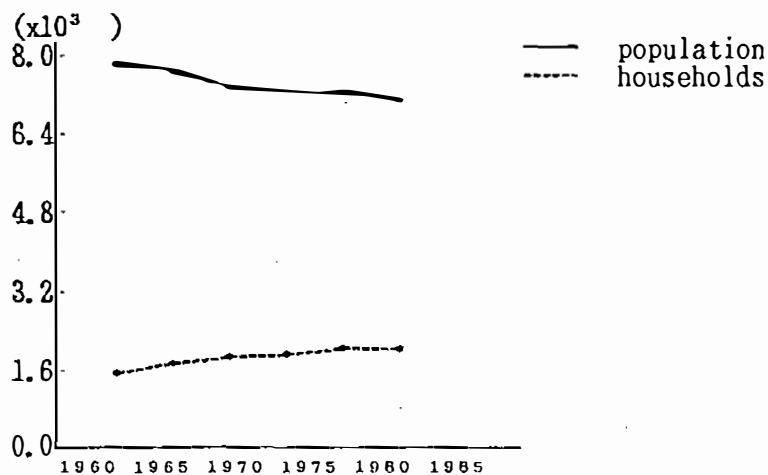
Chart 1-1
 "Trends in Population/Household Count"

(Ind., Hh., Ind./Hh.)

	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985
Pop.	7,825	7,690	7,342	7,194	7,237	7,073
Hh.	1,529	1,736	1,855	1,911	2,030	2,026
Hh. size	5.1	4.4	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.5

Ind.=Individuals
 Hh.=Households
 Ind./Hh.=Individuals/Household

Illustration 1-2
 "Trends in Population/ No. of Households"



If one looks at Naganohara's population as broken down by age group, a change from the pyramid-shaped population curve of 1955 to the bell-shaped population curve of 1985 clearly demonstrates an increase in elderly individuals as a percentage of the town's total population.

While the number of "productive" individuals (aged 15-64) has increased from 56% to 64% of the entire population between 1955 and 1985, the number of individuals over 65 has increased dramatically from 6% to 14% of the entire population during the same period. Children under 15, by comparison, have decreased from 36% to 23% of the entire population, thus pointing to an overall ageing trend within the town.

Illustration 1-3
 "Structural Breakdown of Naganohara's Population (by age)"

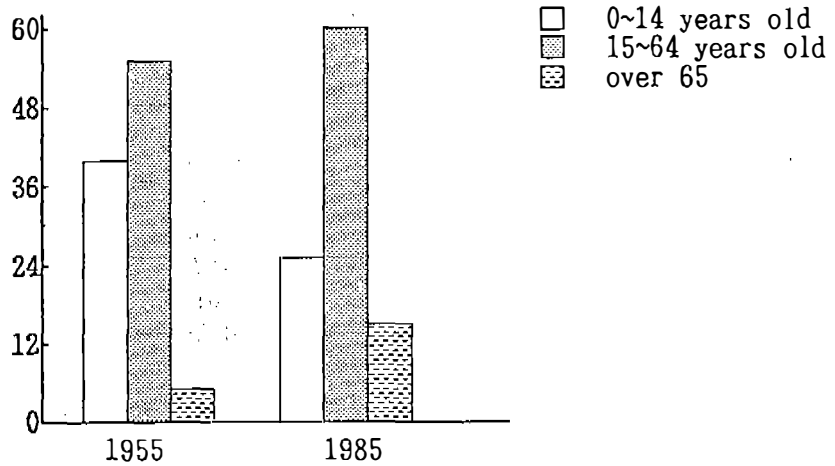
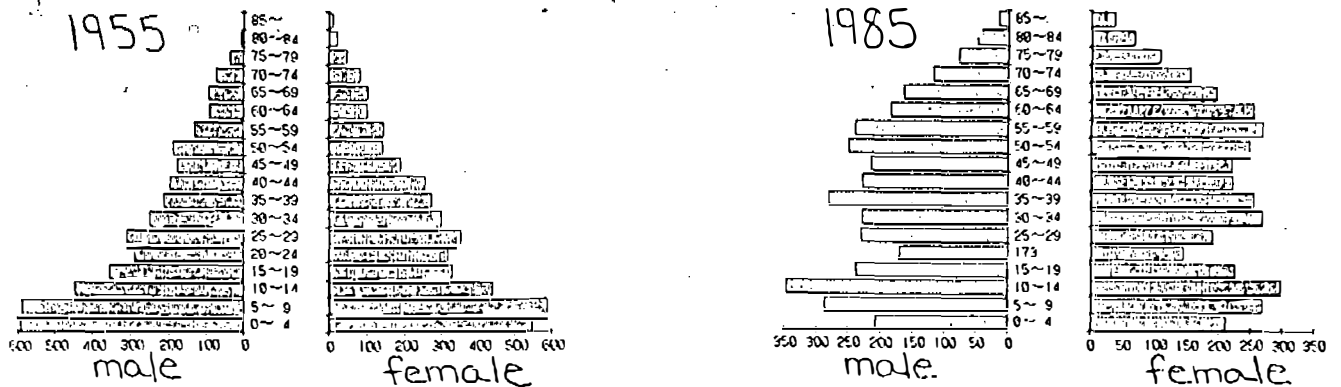


Illustration 1-4
 "Population Broken Down by Age (5 year increments) and Sex"



(2) Industry

ア) Employment Situation

As of 1985 the number of Naganohara residents employed within Naganohara stood at close to 3,722 individuals and accounted for close to 53% of the town's total population. Upon looking at the same figures from 1975, however, it is clear that despite periodic upturns, the overall number locally employed residents is on the decline. Furthermore, the rather precipitous decline of primary industry within Naganohara's industrial structure between 1970 and 1985 is worthy of note.

Secondary and tertiary industries, by contrast, have demonstrated an average annual growth rate of between 1.2~1.3 percent.

Illustration 1-5
 "Trends in Working Population"
 (Individuals Employed within Nagano-hara/ Number of Residents Employed Locally)

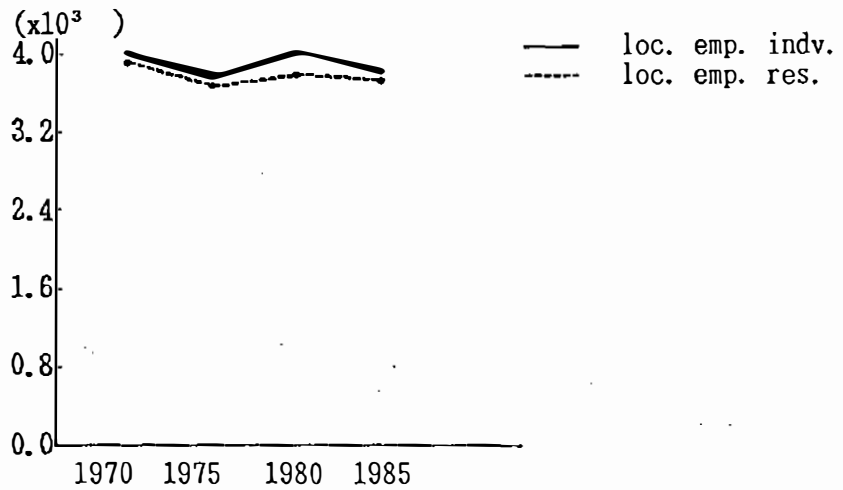
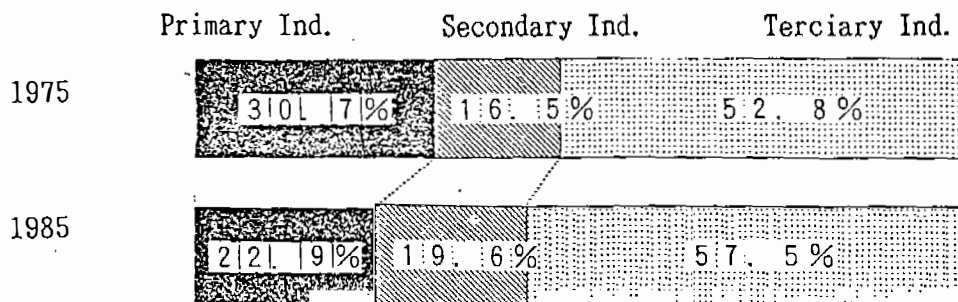
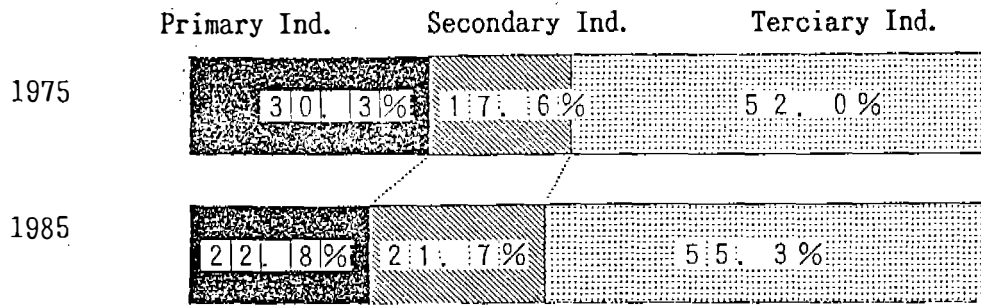


Illustration 1-6
 "Locally Employed Population Broken Down by Industry"



The number of locally employed individuals, despite periodic fluctuations, has also declined over the last two decades. Primary industry, once the town's largest source of employment has fallen into third place behind second and tertiary industries.

Illustration 1-7
 "Breakdown of Locally Employed Individuals by Industry"

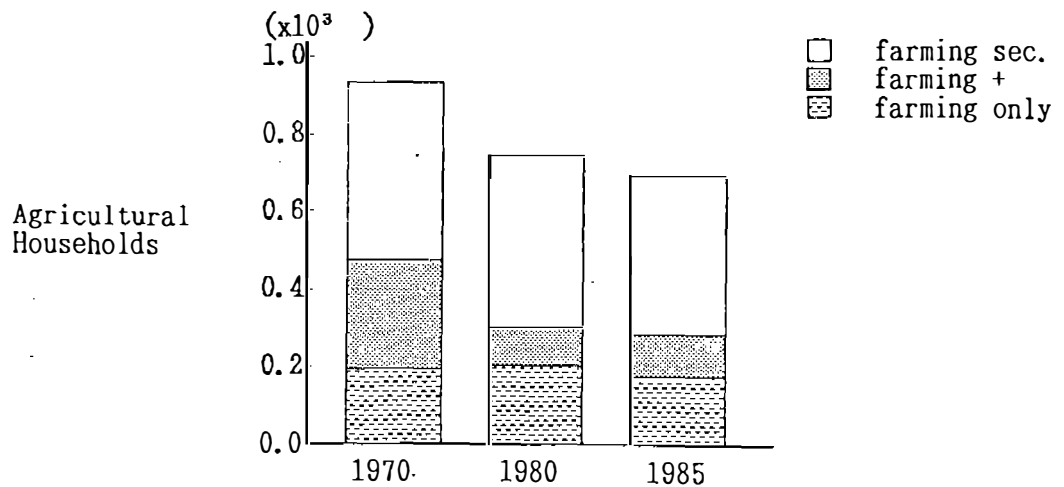


1) Status of Industrial Production

□ Agriculture

With the exception of the western-most section of town, agriculture in Naganohara exists primarily on a small scale. Furthermore, a growing number of aged farmers and a shortage of young people willing to take over their parents' farms has forced many local inhabitants to supplement their income with other forms of work or abandon agriculture altogether. Analysis of local farmers' incomes between 1970 and 1985 shows that of all families engaged in agriculture seventy-five percent obtained supplementary income from sources not related to farming, and of that seventy-five percent, eighty percent relied primarily on outside sources of income. Moreover, the number of farmers forced to take on extra work or abandon agriculture continues to rise annually.

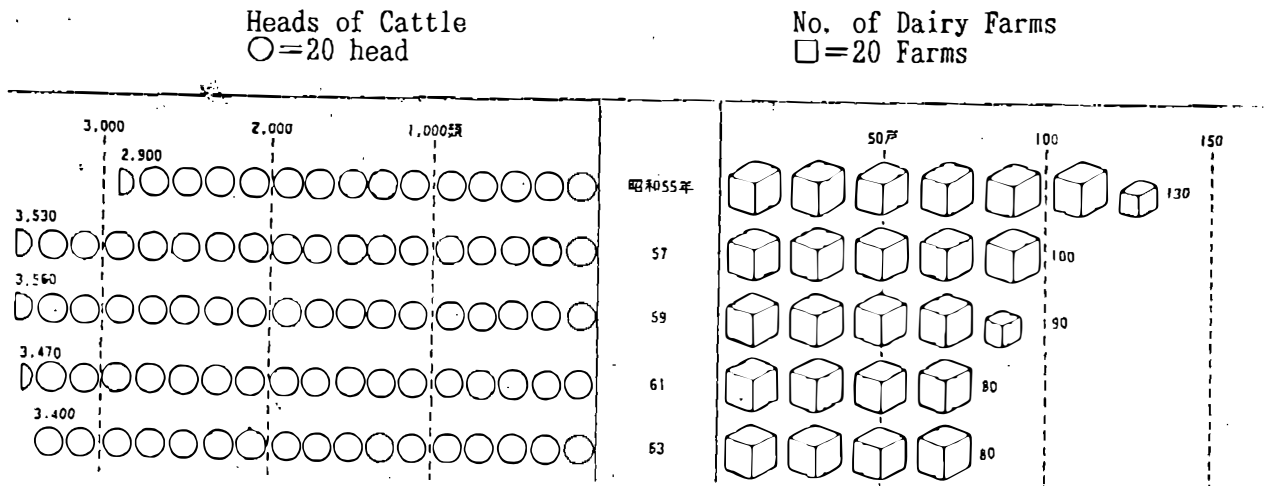
Illustration 1-8
 "Trend in Number of Families Involved in Agriculture"



If one looks at trends in the total area of land under cultivation in Naganohara, it is clear that until the late 1980s highland vegetables such as lettuce and cabbage formed the balance of Naganohara's agricultural output and that the total area of land under use was declining at a rate of nearly two percent per annum. A surge in the reclamation of pastureland between 1985 and 1987, however, has pushed the total area of land dedicated to agricultural production over 1600 hectares—an increase of thirty-one percent over the previous all-time high of 1221 hectares (1970).

As the above statistic might suggest, livestock has come to play an increasingly important role within the local agricultural economy. Dairy farmers in particular have succeeded in increasing the efficiency of the operations by buying out smaller, non-competitive farms and pooling their resources to build a cooperatively owned milk pasturizing facility.

Illustration 1-9
"Trends in Size and Number of Dairy Farms"



□ Commerce

Commerce within Naganohara has traditionally been concentrated in the portion of town surrounding Interstate 145, but the advent of automated transportation and a lack of adequate parking in town have had an adverse effect on many small stores that for decades relied on business brought in by tourists on their way to the neighboring towns of Kusatsu and Karuizawa.

Furthermore, tourism has long been a mainstay of the economies of Kawayu and Kitakaruizawa, but existing facilities have not in recent years been able to cope the the growing number of tourists who anually pass through the Naganohara area. Construction of hotels and sporting facilities in Kitakaruizawa over the past decade, as well as infrastructure improvement throughout town, however, will hopefully play an important role in reversing this trend.

Retail stores and restaurants account for over half of all commercial establishments in Naganohara, and although sales continue to rise at a steady rate, the number of stores, restaurants, etc. continues to decline.

From a commercial standpoint, Naganohara and the surrounding towns and villages of western Agatsuma County depend quite heavily on Nakanojo, Agatsuma's largest and most economically active city.

Illustration 1-10
"Trends in Sales Among Naganohara's Leading Commercial Groupings"

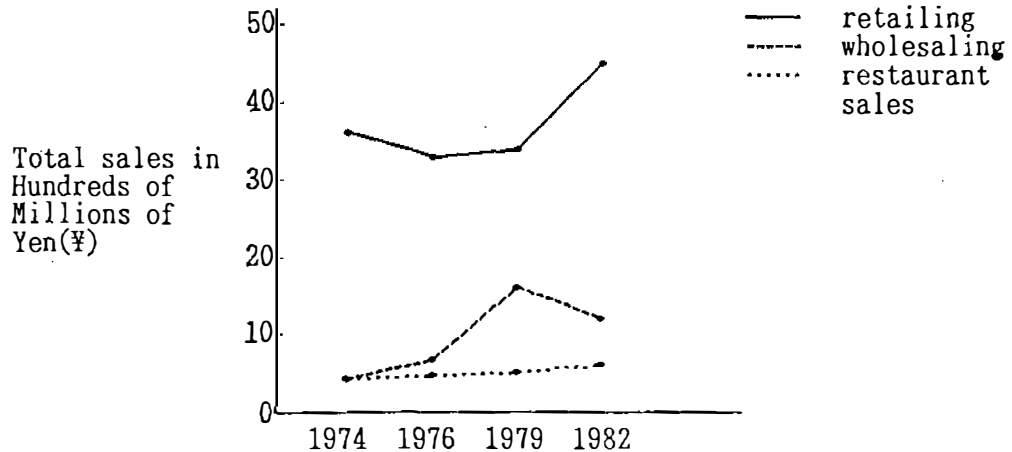
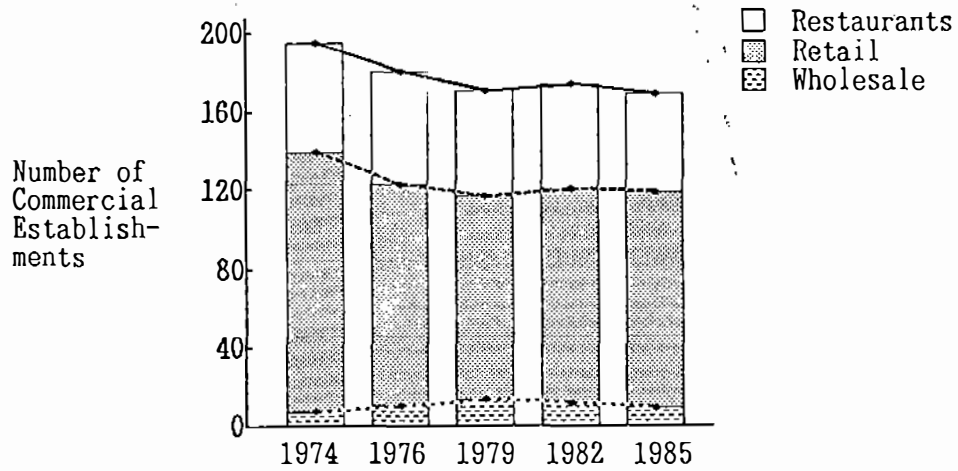


Illustration 1-11
 "Trends in Number of Commercial Establishments"

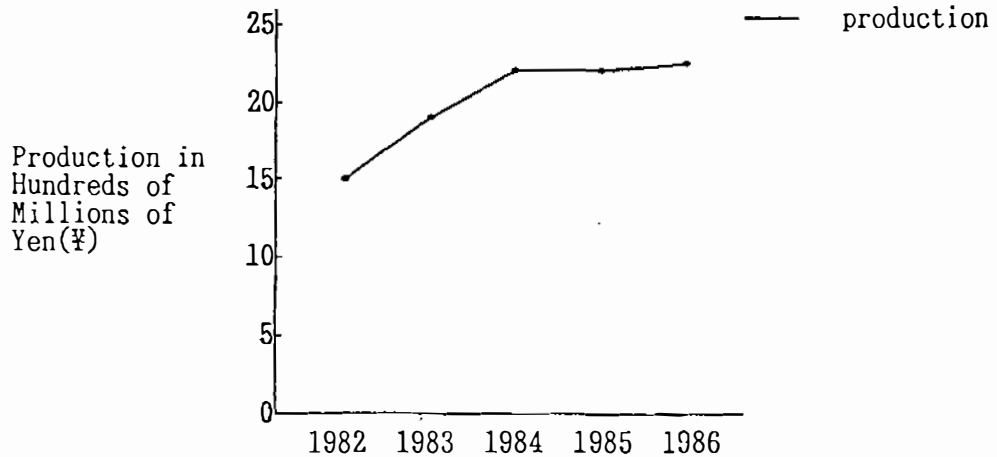


□ Industry

Industry in Naganohara is dominated by wood processing, construction, and other affiliated enterprises. Mountainous terrain, and poor access to high speed transit, however, have forced most locally operated concerns to operate on a small scale.

Local industries have shown slow but consistent growth over the past decade but seemed to have reached their peak sometime around 1984.

Illustration 1-16
 "Trends in Production Among Local Industries"



Education:

Though Naganohara has a population of little over 7000, the town boasts two kindergartens, four elementary schools, and two junior highschools. One of the kindergartens, two of the elementary schools, and one of the junior highschools serve the Naganohara's northern section that flanks the Agatsuma river while the remaining four schools survice the Asama Highland region of town.

Children attend school from 8:40 until 3:30 and receive instruction in mathematics, language arts, science, English (at the junior highschool level), art, physical education, industrial arts (male students), and home economics (female students). School sports clubs at the junior highschool level also play a significant part in the educational process with many teams holding practice both before and after school hours.

Though Japanese schools are often rumored to be exceptionally strict and rather old fashioned in their teaching methods, relations between students and teachers are often very friendly and teachers have become far more willing to use student teacher dialogue as a means of instruction than they were in the past. A rigid highschool and college entrance examination system, however, limits the range of subjects and the variety of teaching materials at a given teachers disposal, and creates an environment where memorization skills are valued more deductive reasoning.

Schools are also assigned the task of inculcating students with the proper set of values necessary for life as responsible Japanese citizens. In this way Japanese school teachers and the school as a whole takes on the role of a third parent, so to speak. School rules determine the clothes a student wear, whether or not students may work in their free time, and how a student must behave when not at school. Schools must also take responsibility for children who have violated the law even if infractions were committed after school hours.

Naganohara's schools are typical of Japanese schools in all the above respects except perhaps for the fact that Naganohara's school rules are not quite as strict as they are in the more metropolitan areas of Japan. Furthermore, the greater majority of students in Naganohara do not attend juku (cram schools) like their compatriots in Tokyo, Osaka, etc. In many ways the Naganohara school system has done away with many of the excesses found in city schools while preserving many of the strong points to be found within the Japanese approach toward education.

Illustration 1-12
 "Size of Student Body at Elementary Schools"

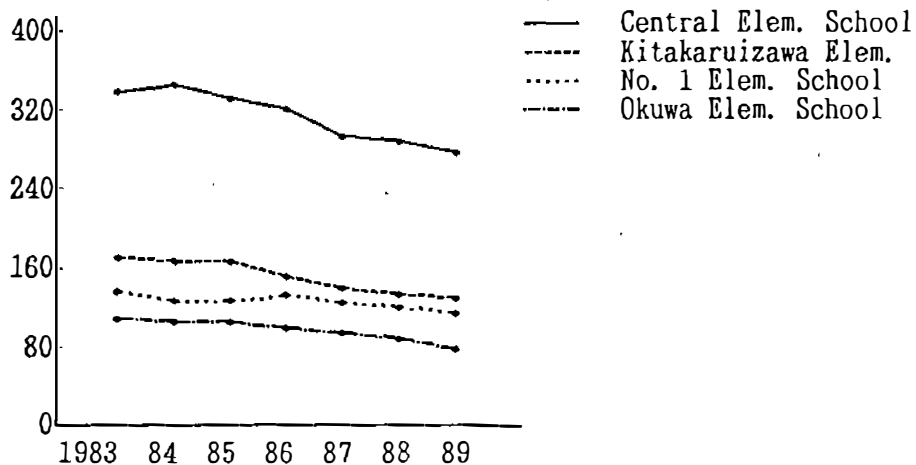
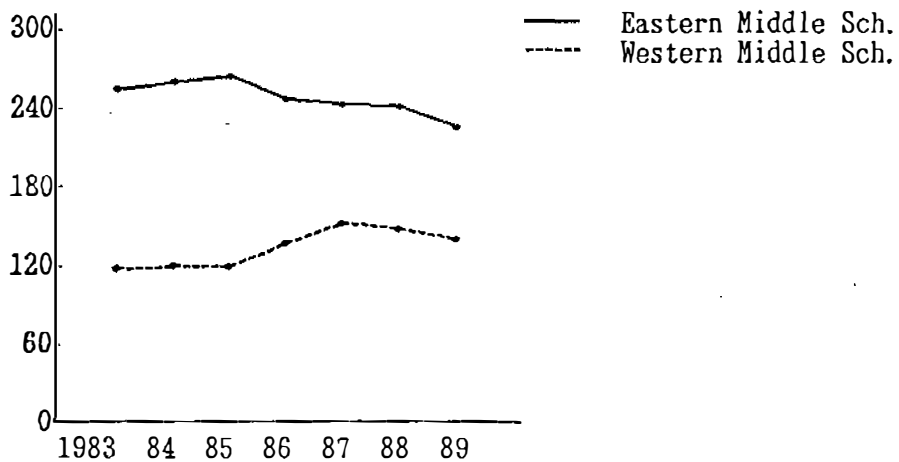


Illustration 1-13
 "Size of Student Body at Town Middle Schools"



Senator Max Baucus

Koji Yamaguchi
19 Billman Lane
Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-9680

May 3, 2001

Dear Senator Baucus,

I would like to ask your assistance in setting up an appointment of my interview date to obtain a non immigrant visa with Embassy of the United States of America in Tokyo, Japan. It would be appreciated if you could set up the date between Monday, May 28 to Friday, June 1 of 2001.

I am a Coordinator of International Relations between the sister cities of Naganohara, Japan and Livingston, Montana. I am employed by the town of Naganohara, and I was sent to Livingston in summer of 1999 to stay and perform designated duties for three years. My salary is paid by the town of Naganohara every month. The town of Naganohara also pays for my health insurance, welfare annuity and any air tickets. I do not get paid from any companies or organizations in the U.S. at any circumstances. I will return to Japan when my duty as a Coordinator of International Relations concluded in July of 2002.

Although I have the duration of stay on my I-94 till August 3, 2002 admitted by INS, my B-1 visa has been expired. So I would like to go back to Japan in the end of this month and reapply for the visa in order to be able to continue accomplishing my duties. Then it would be greatly appreciated if you could set up an appointment with US Embassy there. Thank you for your assistance in helping my visa petition. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



Koji Yamaguchi
Livingston - Naganohara
Coordinator of
International Relations

cc. Mr. Steve Golnar, City Manager, City of Livingston
Mr. Mamoru Tamura, Mayor of Naganohara



Mr. Steve Golnar
City of Livingston
414 East Callender St.
Livingston, MT 59047
U.S.A.

Mamoru Tamura
Naganohara Town Offices
66-3 Naganohara
Agatsuma-Gun Gumma 377-1392
Japan

October 28, 2001

Dear Mr. Mikesell,

Our sister-city relationship came to the 10th year. With our appreciation to your partnership, we would like to present the followings as an anniversary gift;

3 ropes for tag-o-war (1 small rope for children, 1 medium rope for young adults, 1 large rope for adults) with rope holders for storage

We heard that in the United States, tag-o-war is not popular as much as it is in Japan. Though we hope presenting these could contribute more fun to your school activities or community events. We are sorry we could not make it by the anniversary date, yet we would appreciate if you could allow us to take some more time to send them in.

Thank you for your partnership. We hope our good sister-city relationship continue as well as it has been.

Sincerely,

Mamoru Tamura
Mayor, Town of Naganohara

In appreciation of your
contribution to the success of the
first Sister City Student Exchange

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City
you to
at
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1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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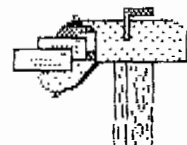
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In appreciation of your contribution to the success of the first Sister City Student Exchange Program, Mayor Dennis, the Livingston City Council and City Manager Ken Griffin invite you to lunch and an informational presentation by students who have participated in the program.

Tuesday, January 5
Winchester Cafe
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

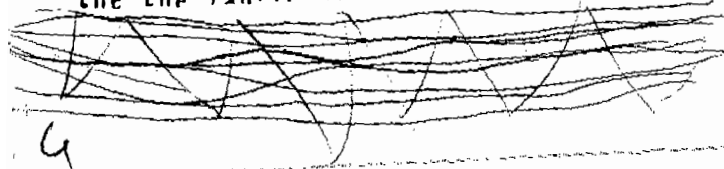
Your presence will be appreciated.
If unable to attend, please contact
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Naganohara: Soaring Toward Tomorrow

Heisei Gannen (1989) is the year that marks the culmination of the Showa Emperor's reign and the nascence of the Heisei** era. It also happens to be the year that marks the one-hundredth anniversary of our town's incorporation. In this year of celebration, Naganohara has undertaken the production of a documentary, "Naganohara: Soaring Toward Tomorrow," a film which retraces Naganohara's past, records the present, and promises to remain as an important cultural resource for future generations of Naganoharans.

The film attempts to capture the lively spirit of the people of Naganohara while weaving the wisdom and the hard work of the town's past inhabitants into the the fabric of ~~the town's~~ al heritage and beautiful natural



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Film Summary

- 0:00.39 A golden Eagle soars through the air.
- 0:01.07 The breath-taking forms of Mt. Asama and Mt. Shirane unfold from above followed by the streets and houses of Naganohara, wrapped in green mountains and perched on the edge of the Agatsuma Canyon.
- 0:01:53 The golden eagle also recounts the countless eruptions and the damage caused by the two active volcanos (Mt. Asama and Mt. Shirane) throughout the milleniums.
- 0:03.01 The numerous artifacts left behind by past inhabitants of Naganohara can be seen at various points throughout the town. The Jorin Temple bell recounts the catastrophic eruption of Tenmei 3 (1783), and the Paleolithic ruins in Otsu's Kanbagi area continue to receive the attention of the archaeological community. The excavation of a new site at Kunugi is also proceeding apace while a stone pagoda and a 14th century road marker unearthed on the grounds of Naganohara's Central Elementary School remind us of a time when Buddhism was the driving cultural force throughout Japan.

The artifacts discovered at Kanbagi, Tachiishi, and Tsuboi (as well as Central Elementary School) are proof of Naganohara's long history and important parts of the town's heritage. The film attempts to introduce these and other natural and cultural artifacts within the frameworks of everyday life and seasonal change.

Spring

- 0:05.11 The larch sports the new buds of early spring. There is still a chill to the highland air, but the various flora and fauna are very sensitive seasonal change.
- 0:05.45 At long last, cherry trees in full bloom set the stage for the Spring Festival. The Shishimai (Lion Dance) and children in mountain carts make their way about town.
- 0:08.42 Modes of transportation in and around Naganohara have changed dramatically over the years. Starting in the Meiji period, horse-drawn carriages carried passengers to Kusatsu (a famous hot spring town) via Naganohara. Bus service between Naganohara and the nearby towns of Nakanojo and Shibukawa began in Taisho 3 (1914) while a train line linking Kusatsu and Karuizawa reached completion in Taisho 14 (1925). At present the town is using federal funds to construct the Naganohara bypass, a stretch of road designed to alleviate traffic pressure in the center of town.

Summer

- 0:11.20 Early summer is perhaps the busiest time of the year in Naganohara. New foliage catches the eye of passengers riding the Agatsuma Line.

- 0:11.51 Mid-summer... Tourists come to Nagano-hara in droves in search of the coolness of the highlands. The number of villas in town increases yearly, and Asama Park bustles with campers from all over Japan. Mid-day temperatures average around twenty degrees celcius while nightfall brings a chill to the air on the 1200 meter plateau. The Asama Highlands also play host the Kitakaruizawa Highland Festival whose Onioshi-dashi Taiko (Japanese Drums) reverberate at the foot of Mt Asama. Following the taiko performance, fireworks light up the star-filled Kitakaru sky.
- 0:14.33 In Kawarahata children celebrate Obon, the Buddhist All Souls Day, with a ritual called the Festival of One Hundred Six Candles. This captivating ceremony has been passed from generation to generation for hundreds of years.
- 0:15.08 Large numbers of Yamame and Iwana (varieties of freshwater fish) inhabit the lower reaches of the Kumagawa (Bear River) and the other numerous creeks and streams that flow into the Agatsuma River.
- 0:15.39 Today is the day of the Summer Festival in Kawarayu.
- 0:16.17 Lettuce, cabbage, corn--in summer the Asama Highlands turn into a kingdom of fresh produce.
- 0:17.08 East Junior Highschools Argricultural Studies Program... Students spend two days and one night at one of the many farms in the Okuwa-Kitakaruizawa area in order to learn more about one of the mainstays of Nagano-hara's economy.
- 0:18.25 Toward the end of August, attention focuses the Dango Sumo ('Dumpling Sumo') competition held on the grounds of the Ojosan Shrine. This centuries-old event concentrates less on winning and losing than on developing youngsters of sound mind and body.

Autumn

- 0:20.57 Nagano-hara Highschool celebrates its twentieth year as an institute of higher learning. (Nagano-hara Highschool receives the major share of its funding from the prefectural government.)
- 0:20.57 At the Autumn Sports Festival, children and adults alike gather to compete in numerous atheletic events. Everyone gets caught up in the competition.
- 0:22.58 Nagano-hara's Kitakaruizawa is the largest dairy belt in all of Honshu (the main island in the Japanese archipelago) boasting several thousand head of milk cows. The area's dairy history goes back to Meiji 16 (1884) when Kitashirakawanomiya, a relative of the Meiji Emperor, opened a horse farm in Kitakaru. The same pasture space is now run by Gunma Prefectural government as a dairy cattle breeding facility in hopes of further promoting local dairy farming.

- 0:23.30 Due to the diligence of families returning to Japan after the Second World War, Oyahara and other regions of Kitakaruizawa developed into prosperous living centers.
- 0:24.07 As the apples are beginning to ripen, cattlemen line up their milk cows at the annual cattle show.
- 0:25.45 Naganohara Highschool's furusato ('home town') field trip brings students into direct contact with the town's wildlife and numerous cultural artifacts.
- 0:28.32 Autumn is the peak of the farming season, and farmers are busy picking and sorting the specialty of the Agatsuma Highlands, Hanaingen (sweet beans), late into the evening.
- 0:32.05 The local firemen and villagers prepare for winter's assault with fire fighting exercises.
- 0:33.20 In late autumn the fall foliage begins to appear throughout the Agatsuma Canyon. According to some, this is perhaps the most beautiful time of the year.
- 0:33.49 Kindergarteners prepare for their yakiimo (baked potato) party; they collect the wood for the fire themselves.
- 0:34.14 On the third of November Naganohara holds its annual Cultural Exposition. The curtain rises on the Mamasan Chorus... Guests admire locally produced artworks...

Winter

- 0:36.20 As the peak of Mt. Shirane receives its first dusting of snow, smoke from charcoal fires begins to weave its way through the mountains. In the cold waters of the wasabi (Japanese horseradish) bog, the harvest of the pungent wasabi root begins in earnest.
- 0:37.33 Central Elementary School... The childrens festival will be held again this year with the Suwa Jinja Lion Dance and handmade mikoshi (portable Shinto shrines) taking center stage.
- 0:38.32 Okuwa Elementary School... The students steam rice in tins and invite the area's senior citizens to a curry-rice lunch and a day of games and conversation.
- 0:41.01 The day for the long awaited Yakiimokai (sweet potato bake) has finally arrived. Children growing up in Naganohara come into direct contact with nature everyday, a luxury enjoyed by few city children.
- 0:41.51 Number One Elementary School... Before winter recess the school holds 'Mochi (Pounded Rice) Day.' The boys pound, and the girls role the pounded rice into balls. Parents and teachers lend a hand to make lots

of tasty Ofukumochi.

- 0:43.07 As the end of the year approaches, farmers are busy picking Shiitake, (Japanese mushrooms). In Naganohara Shiitake farmers raise their crop using a special method that allows them to harvest this popular mushroom all the year round.
- 0:43.40 In homes across town families begin to prepare the New Year's cuisine, and hang their unique New Year's offerings above the family shrine shelf. Then finally it's New Years Eve. The clap of Yamadera's temple bell splits the cold air of the highlands.
- 0:45.07 Its a new year in "Mountain Country," and the snow-covered Asama Highland Ski Resort is bustling with ski aficionados. January is also the month for the Seijinshiki (Coming of Age Ceremony), a special event which brings all twenty year old Naganoharans together for a day, and Don Don Yaki, a festival in which participants pray for good health and household safety for the coming year.
- 0:48.00 The Yukakematsuri is held every year in Kawarayu on January 20 at 5:00 A.M. After the "Yukake Drums" have announced the opening of the festival, participants first offer hot spring water to the local Shinto shrine and then begin to slug each other with buckets full of warm water. As teams continue to pelt each other, steam gradually envelopes the entire spa, lending a mystical element to this simulataneously stirring and humerous festival.
- 0:50.01 Naganohara's one-hundredth anniversary ushers in a new era in the towns history. Of the public works projects currently underway, the Asama Sports Arena, a large scale recreation facility, and the Yamba Dam take center stage.
- 0:52.13 March is the month of independence: little friends graduate from kindergarten carrying with them dreams of a new life as elementary school students; at junior highschool each student strides toward his or her own special future; and the golden eagle squab also leaves the nest and soars through the open sky.

**DECLARATION
SISTER - CITY AFFILIATION
BETWEEN
NAGANOHARA AND LIVINGSTON**

THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, U.S.A. AND THE CITY OF NAGANOHARA, JAPAN HEREBY DECLARE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER-CITY AFFILIATION TO STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING BONDS OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND ESTABLISH EVERLASTING FRIENDSHIP.

BOTH THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON AND THE CITY OF NAGANOHARA WILL WIDELY PROMOTE INTERCHANGE IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND INDUSTRY; ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF BOTH THE CITY'S OF LIVINGSTON AND NAGANOHARA-MACHI, THUS MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR MUTUAL DEVELOPMENT. OUR YOUTH OF TODAY ARE OUR LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS AFFILIATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND JAPAN, AND TO WORK PEACE.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 1991.

MAYOR MAMORU TAMURA

MAYOR BILL R. DENNIS



**International Exchange
Medical Insurance and Assistance Plan
for Grants and Scholarships**

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**RE: MEDICAL INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE PLAN
FOR SCI GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGE PARTICIPANTS**

Dear Sister Cities:

Would you know what to do when a Sister Cities' exchange student becomes ill or injured? Who would expertly interpret the symptoms verbalized in a foreign language? Who would guarantee payment to the hospital and doctor? Who would arrange and pay for the return transportation of an ill or injured participant to his or her home country? What would the host city do in the case of a visitor's death? Finally, what would be the inherent liabilities incurred when these situations receive inadequate response?

Responding to the natural concerns raised by these questions and inadequacies of most health insurance policies, SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL has obtained a unique international medical insurance and assistance policy, designed exclusively for SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGES. It is designed to cover the special risks associated with international travel, yet the cost is minimal.

SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL REQUIRES EVERY GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT TO BE ENROLLED IN THIS PLAN.

By providing this plan to every grant and scholarship exchange participant, we have:

- Provided your exchange participants with peace of mind and a quality insurance protection plan backed by a financially sound, U.S. insurance company;
- Provided you and your exchange participants with an international multilingual medical assistance/communications network to arrange, monitor, and coordinate necessary medical care and medical evacuation;
- Saved your city/committee money in the event of a medical emergency for which you may otherwise be held financially responsible;
- Limited your city's/committee's potential liability.

The attached literature describes the plan in detail. You can easily enroll your city's SCI Grant/Scholarship exchange participants. Please read the literature and carefully follow instructions. If you have questions, simply contact the plan administrator, TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES, by telephone, facsimile, or mail. Ask for the SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL representative.

Sincerely,

Sister Cities International

Briefly, what does the Sister Cities Grant/Scholarship Plan cover? What does it cost?

The following insurance benefits are required for all SCI Grant and Scholarship Exchange Participants:

INCLUDED BENEFITS:

Accident & Sickness Medical Expense -- \$25,000
(No deductible)

Emergency Medical Evacuation -- \$25,000

Accidental Death & Dismemberment -- \$10,000

Repatriation of Remains -- \$5,000

Emergency Medical Assistance Service

MONTHLY PREMIUMS PER PARTICIPANT:

Americans Traveling Outside the U.S.: \$45.00 per month

Foreign Nationals Traveling Outside Their Home Country: \$44.00 per month

Do all SCI Grant/Scholarship exchange participants need to be enrolled in this insurance plan?

Yes, even if they already have some form of medical insurance. Other policies are generally limited, i.e., subject to deductibles, co-payments, strict exclusions, and low limits of coverage. Plus, other policies may not include important benefits associated with international travel such as Emergency Medical Evacuation, Repatriation of Remains, and the Emergency Medical Assistance Service.

In detail, what are the "Included Benefits" mentioned above?

ACCIDENT & SICKNESS MEDICAL EXPENSE - \$25,000

If an insured person should become injured or sick and require medical attention while participating in a Sister City exchange program, the insurance company will pay 100% of covered expenses up to \$25,000.

Covered expenses include charges for:

Hospital room and board (not to exceed the hospital's average charge for semi-private room and board accommodation or two (2) times the average semi-private room charge made by the servicing hospital if confinement to an intensive care unit is required, or the average charge for intensive care unit made by the servicing hospital, whichever is less), floor nursing and other professional services (except personal services of a non-medical nature); diagnosis, treatment and surgery by a physician; anesthetics; medication, x-ray services, laboratory tests and services, the use of radium and radioactive isotopes, oxygen, blood transfusions, iron lungs, and medical treatment; physiotherapy, if recommended by a physician for the treatment of a specific disablement and administered by a licensed physiotherapist; hotel room charge, when the insured, otherwise necessarily confined in a hospital, shall be under the care of a duly qualified physician in a hotel room owing to unavailability of a hospital room by reason of capacity or distance or to any circumstances beyond control of the insured; dressings, drugs, and medicines that can only be obtained upon a written prescription of a physician or surgeon.

The charges enumerated above shall in no event include any amount of such charges which are in excess of regular and customary charges.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION - \$25,000

If an injury or sickness commencing during the course of a trip results in the necessary emergency evacuation of the insured person, this coverage will pay benefits for covered expenses incurred up to a maximum of \$25,000. An emergency evacuation must be ordered by a legally licensed physician who certifies that the severity of the insured person's injury warrants the emergency evacuation of the insured person.

This coverage is very important, as the cost of medically transporting an ill or injured person is extremely expensive. This type of transportation is usually arranged on a scheduled carrier, and when a stretcher is required, the patient must purchase the equivalent of nine economy class seats or four first class seats. For example, U.S./Europe evacuations cost approximately \$15,000.

Emergency Medical Evacuation insurance is generally not included in most U.S. group medical insurance policies. However, it is an essential benefit for international travelers.

REPATRIATION OF REMAINS - \$5,000

The insurance company will pay the reasonable covered expenses incurred to prepare and return the insured person's body to his/her place of permanent residence in the event of death, not to exceed the maximum of \$5,000.

This benefit is not included in U.S. group medical insurance policies, and therefore recommended for international travelers.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT - \$10,000 PRINCIPAL SUM

When injury results in any of the following losses within three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the occurrence of the accident, the company will pay for: Loss of life, both hands or both feet, one hand and one foot, entire sight of both eyes, entire sight of one eye and one foot or one hand—the principal sum; and for the loss of one hand, one foot, the entire sight of one eye—one half the principal sum.

The aggregate limit of liability is \$50,000 per accident.

What are the plan's exclusions?

For Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Emergency Medical Evacuation, and Repatriation of Remains, this insurance does not pay cover:

- (1) Pre-Existing Conditions, defined as any injury or illness which was contracted or which manifested itself, or for which treatment or medication was prescribed within the three (3) year period prior to the effective date of this insurance;
- (2) For services, supplies or treatment, including any period of hospital confinement, which were not recommended, approved and certified as necessary and reasonable by a physician;
- (3) Expenses incurred as a result of or in connection with: declared or undeclared war or any act thereof; intentionally self-inflicted injury; suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane; commission of a felony offense;
- (4) For specific named hazards: motorcycle driving, scuba diving, mountain climbing, sky diving, professional or amateur racing, and piloting an aircraft; professional athletics;
- (5) Expenses for routine physicals or other examinations where there are no objective indications or impairment in normal health, and laboratory diagnostic or x-ray examinations except in the course of a disability established by the prior call or attendance of a physician;

- (6) For expenses which are non-medical in nature; cosmetic or plastic surgery, except as the result of an accident; elective surgery; congenital anomalies; mental and nervous disorders or rest cures; dental care, except as the result of injury to natural teeth caused by accident; eye refractions or eye examinations for the purpose of prescribing corrective lenses for eye glasses or contact lenses or for the fitting thereof, unless caused by accidental bodily injury incurred while insured hereunder; expenses incurred in connection with alcoholism and drug addiction, or use of any drug or narcotic agent; the ordinary cost of a one-way airplane ticket used in the transportation back to the insured's country where an air ambulance benefit is provided;
- (7) Treatment paid for or furnished under any other individual or group policy, or other service or medical prepayment plan arranged through the employer to the extent so furnished or paid, or under any mandatory government program or facility set up for treatment without cost to any individual.

With respect to Accidental Death and Dismemberment, this policy does not cover any loss, fatal or non-fatal, caused by or resulting from:

Suicide or self destruction or any attempt thereof while sane or insane; disease of any kind; bacterial infections except pyogenic infection which shall occur through an accidental cut or wound; hernia of any kind; injury sustained in consequence of riding as a pilot, operator, or member of crew of any aircraft, except as a passenger; declared or undeclared war or any act thereof; service in the military, naval or air service of any country.

Emergency Medical Assistance Service

24 HOUR MULTILINGUAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: Sister City insureds will be provided with an emergency telephone number they can call toll free in the U.S. or collect from outside the U.S. to reach the 24 hour multilingual assistance staff at American International Assistance Service (AIAS).

MEDICAL REFERRALS/MEDICAL CONSULTATION AND MONITORING: As soon as AIAS is notified of a medical emergency resulting from an accident or sickness of an insured, AIAS will work in conjunction with its medical panel and the attending physician to determine the best course of action to be taken. If possible and if appropriate, the eligible person's family physician will be contacted. The Company will then organize a response to the medical emergency, doing whatever appropriate, including but not limited to recommending or securing the availability of services of a local physician, and arranging hospital confinement of the insured person where, at its discretion, AIAS deems such confinement appropriate.

VERIFICATION OF COVERAGE: AIAS can verify an insured's coverage to medical facilities where necessary.

MEDICAL EVACUATION/REPATRIATION OF REMAINS: AIAS will also arrange any medical transportation if deemed necessary, and in the event of death, arrange repatriation of remains.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES: AIAS can also provide legal assistance, and assistance with lost luggage and passports.

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How are SCI Grant/Scholarship Exchange Participants enrolled in this plan?

Prior to the departure of the Participant to the host country, a representative from the U.S. sister city should provide Travel Insurance Services with the following:

1. Completed enrollment form;
2. A check for the full premium payable to Travel Insurance Services in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank.

Mail the above to:

TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES
SCI GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP INSURANCE
2930 CAMINO DIABLO, SUITE 200
P.O. BOX 299
WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA 94596 U.S.A.

What type of literature will be provided to the insured exchange participants?

Upon receipt of your completed enrollment form and full premium check, Travel Insurance Services will send the contact indicated on the enrollment form insurance descriptions and claim forms to be distributed to insureds.

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QUESTIONS?

Call the Sister Cities representative at
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MONTHLY PREMIUMS

U.S. Participants Traveling Abroad: \$45.00 (\$22.50 for 1/2 month)
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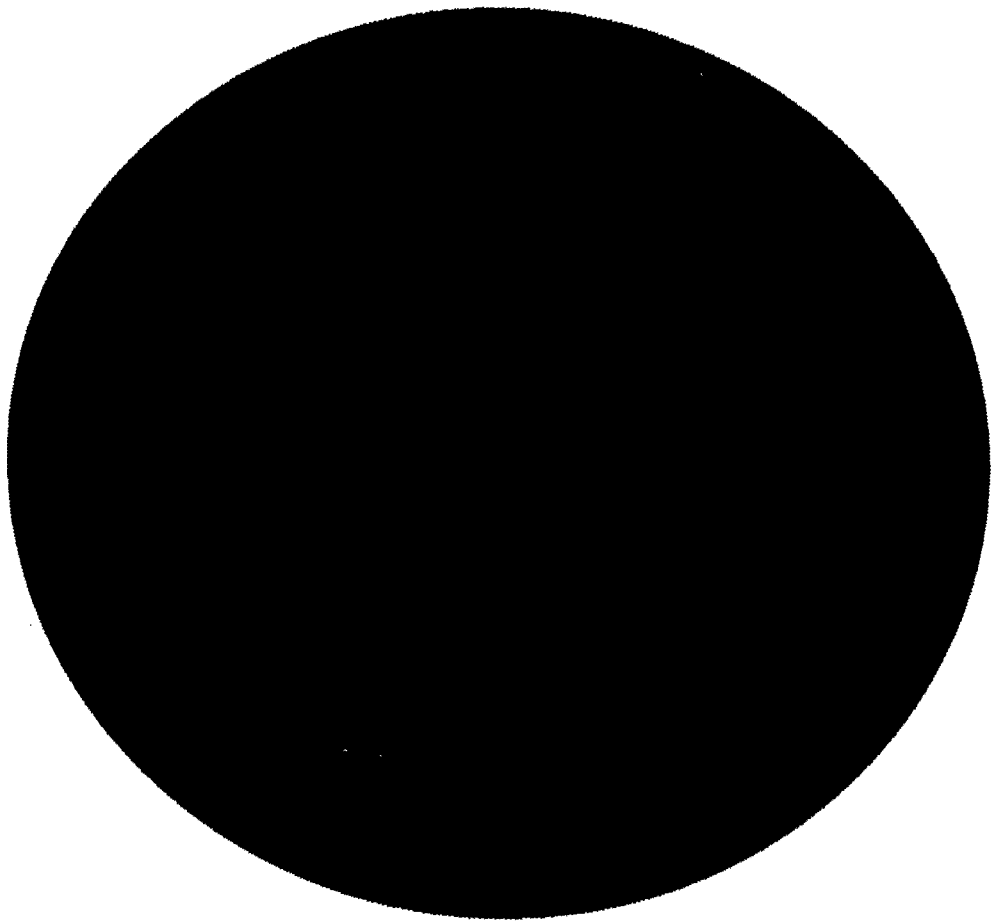
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Concrete Proposals for Sister City Relations With Livingston (Plan)

(1) Junior Highschool Student Relations:

- ① Homestay: In order to increase international awareness among Naganohara's future leaders, we would like to send ten middle school students to Livingston for a short homestay. While spending time with a homestay family in your city, we hope to introduce our students to life in a culture different from their own.

We would also like to invite a number of students from Livingston to come to Naganohara for a short stay.

- ② Pen Pal System: As a form of "Grass Roots International Relations," we would like to establish a pen pal system between middle students in Naganohara and Livingston.

As only a limited number of students may participate in the homestay program, we hope to establish an international exchange in which all interested students may play a part.

- ③ "Sister Classroom:" We would like to encourage some kind of exchange between individual classrooms in Livingston and Naganohara at both the elementary and middle school level. Exchanges might include swapping teaching materials, student artworks, or classroom videos.

- 2) Citizens Exchange: Naganohara would like to link its current Overseas Study Program with the pending Sister City Program by periodically sending representatives to Livingston in order to study your city's economy, government, history, etc.



Sister City Student
Exchange Fund Raiser

Japanese Dinner

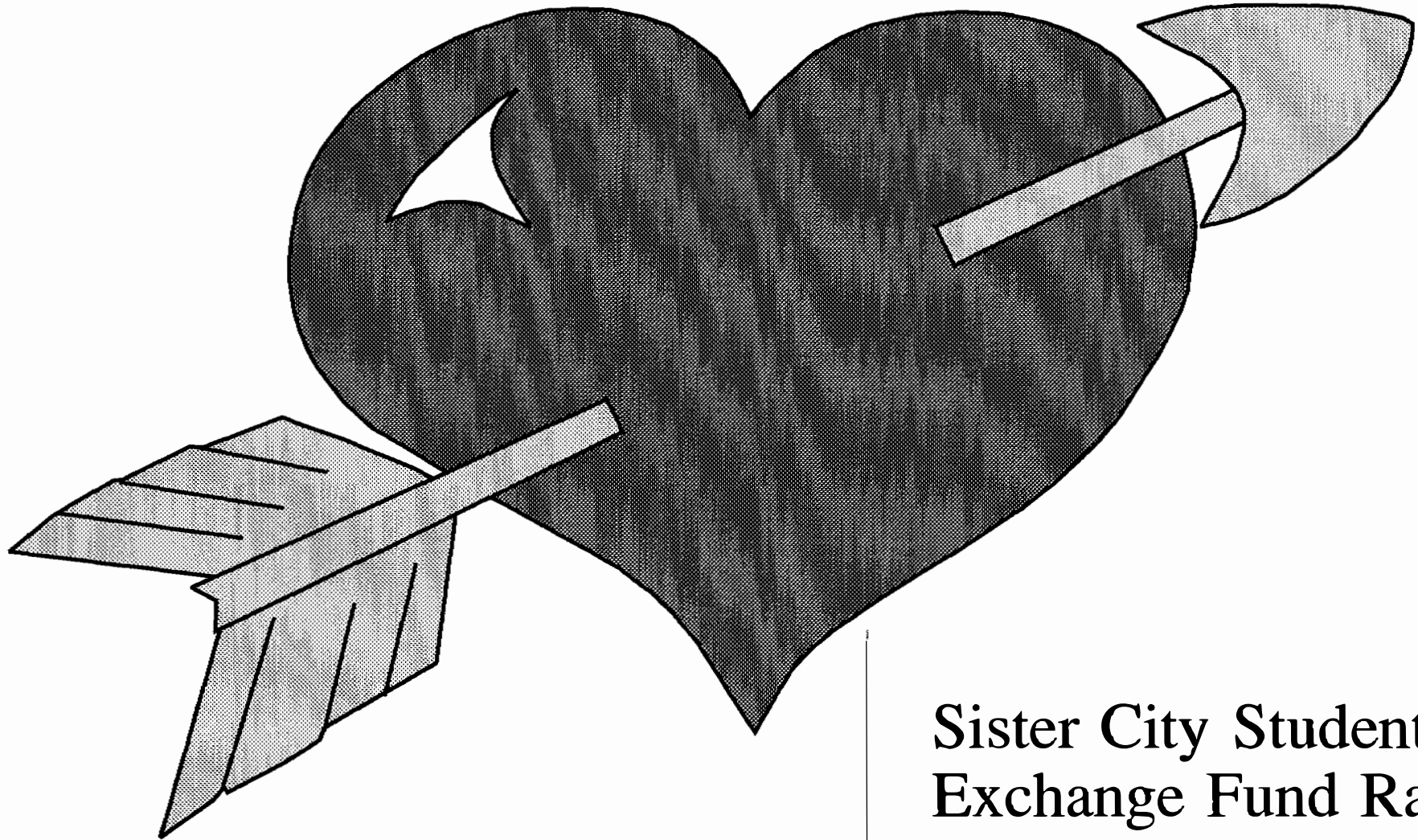
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Sister City Student
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Japanese Dinner

Come to the
**Third Annual
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and the
***Livingston City Council
and Employees***

Thursday night

May 19

7:30 PM

Sleeping Giant Middle School Gym

**Tickets: \$3.00 for adults
 \$1.50 for students**

All proceeds go to support the *Sleeping Giant Middle School Students* who will be traveling to Naganohara, Japan this July 18th for Student Exchange.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF A SISTER CITY

The following is a composite of different factors that might be taken into consideration when selecting a sister city. Keep in mind that this is a shopping list of characteristics; your city should select and prioritize those factors which are most important to your city and its sister cities program.

OVERALL FACTORS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION

1. Genuine interest on both sides
2. Long-term commitment for the relationship
3. Adequate financial support for exchanges and maintenance of the sister cities relationship
4. Realistic assessment of what makes a successful sister cities relationship
5. Look for best results which will capitalize on existing strengths.
6. Separate emotional and political issues from political, economic, commercial and cultural realities.
7. A desire to learn from and share with a sister city can, in many cases, balance the lack of any similar characteristics with a potential sister city.

GENERAL

1. Population
2. Similar geographic location (mountains, lake, port)
3. Comparison of key industries
4. Local ethnic population
5. Existing linkages (university, businesses)
6. Does the city have other sister cities? Are they successful?
7. Role of the city and sister cities committee in the relationship

CULTURAL/CIVIC/EDUCATIONAL

Presence of the following:

1. Museums
2. Theatres
3. Symphony/Orchestra
4. Libraries
5. Variety of civic organizations (Rotary Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Boy/Girl Scouts, Women's clubs)
6. Newspapers/Television
7. Sports teams, both amateur and professional
8. Hospitals
9. Schools (primary and secondary)
10. Colleges/Universities

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International Tourism Efforts

Overseas Marketing

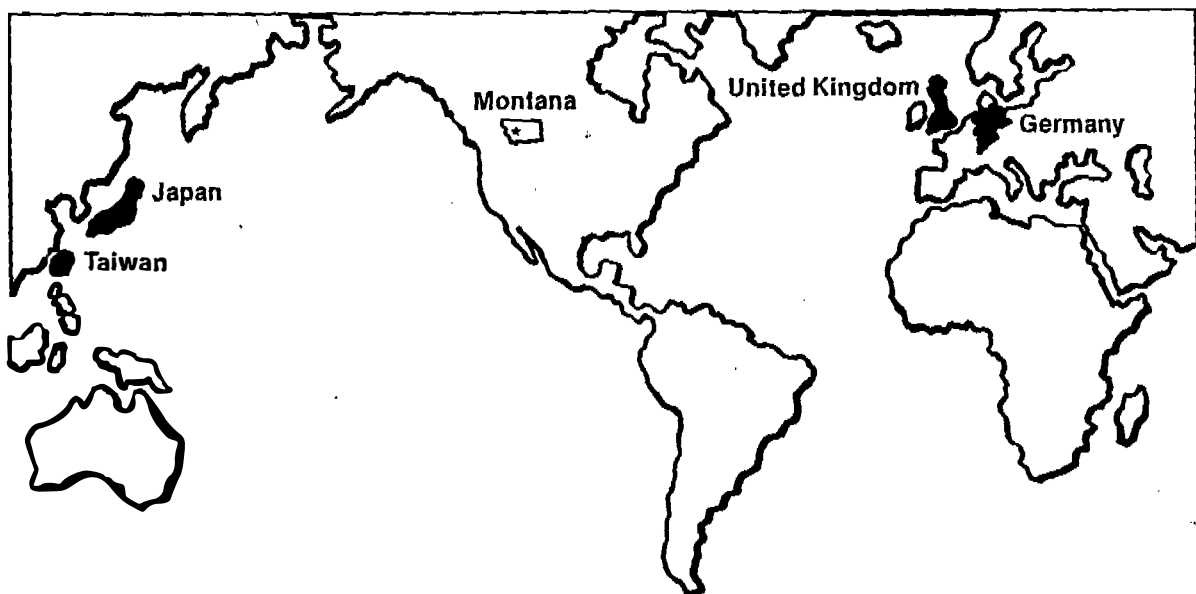
Travel Montana aggressively promotes Montana as a destination to the international travel trade, with emphasis on United Kingdom, Germany, Japan and Taiwan. Assistance is given to international tour operators in planning and facilitating both group and FIT (individual) travel to Montana. Emphasis is placed on working with key tour operators, wholesalers and travel agencies to establish new Montana itineraries, as well as assisting Montana suppliers in their marketing efforts overseas.

method

The program includes representation at key international travel trade shows, familiarization tours, advertising, brochure and video distribution and on-going personal contact with targeted tour operators, wholesalers and travel agents.

Research and identification of special interest and specialty market niches for Montana, (e.g. agricultural tour development, technical tours, etc.), and how to capitalize on these market areas will be conducted with reference lists developed. An on-going international publicity program to the travel trade allows Montana a means to create consumer demand without incurring high advertising costs.

Montana's Overseas Markets:



U.S. & Canadian Publicity

Editorial coverage is one of the most believable and effective types of promotion a travel destination can get. Travel Montana has in place an aggressive plan aimed at generating exposure in national magazines, television shows, and regional and local publications. Key travel and news media, both broadcast and print, will be targeted for editorial coverage of Montana in 1991/92.

Publicity Blitzes

Publicity blitzes are trips to major publishing centers for the purpose of making personal contact with as many editorial decision-makers as possible in a short period of time.

This personal and consistent contact with magazine and newspaper editors and television and radio producers allows for discussion of new ideas and follow-up. The major publishing cities of New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Des Moines will be targeted.



Writer Familiarization Trips

Writer familiarization (fam) trips are hosted trips to the state of Montana for carefully selected writers who are on assignment to gather story information. Travel Montana encourages nonprofit tourism organizations to participate in writer fam projects. Travel Montana selects appropriate publications, makes the contacts and provides assistance in developing itineraries. The fam is then hosted by the nonprofit organization.

Video Production & Distribution

Video distribution efforts over the last three years have been so successful that new video products are needed to keep interest and usage high. A re-edit of existing videos with footage replacement, a new script and a new soundtrack will provide that "new" programming. This will be edited — with TV commercial breaks — into a half-hour format, available in all broadcast media formats.

Quarterly Newsletter

"Untold Story Leads from Montana" is mailed to more than 300 editors, writers and producers. The newsletter is factual in nature, offering brief story ideas and providing a quarterly reminder to the media that Montana has a wide range of interesting subjects to cover.

Keeping In Touch

Regular mailings provide continued contact with important media, update their background information files, spark new story ideas and keep our list current. Scheduled for mailing this year are two press kits, (summer or winter vacation guide, travel planner, state map, calendar of events) and a high-quality, four-color poster.



Publicity Workshops

A workshop will be offered to private sector individuals and organizations who deal with publicity in regional or city tourism organizations, as well as other interested industry members. The first section will provide an educational overview, and the second section will focus on action plans and ideas. A planning guide will be provided for each participant.



Evaluation Mechanisms

Each year, research is done to estimate the dollar value of publicity generated as a result of these programs. Each publicity item is "valued" at the cost for a comparable amount of paid advertising space in the same medium. In calculating comparable publicity amounts, we differentiate between "unassisted" and "assisted" publicity.

National Tour Association Function - Travel Montana, in cooperation with Montana's travel industry, will provide entertainment during the "Taste of North America" function during the Fall NTA Convention in Cleveland. The function will be attended by approximately 3,500 tourism professionals.

Promotional Posters - By creating and distributing these new posters, Travel Montana will work to increase consumer awareness. Distribution channels will include travel agencies, group tour offices and conventions and meetings.

Image Brochures/Tour Shells - Creating and distributing image brochures will be an additional method used by Travel Montana to increase consumer awareness. Distribution channels will be the same as those used for the promotional posters. Distribution of tour shells will help operators sell specific Montana itineraries.

Press Releases - Travel Montana will prepare and distribute several press releases over the course of the year in order to keep Montana visible in travel trade publications.

Evaluation Mechanisms

The number of group tours traveling in and through Montana is tracked by permits issued by the Montana Department of Highways. Additionally, group travel promotional efforts are evaluated through personal contacts and meetings with key tour operators at national conventions.

THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOTSTRAP PROJECT:
AN OPEN CALL TO ACTION

OUR CHALLENGE:

International business has always hinged on personal contacts. Modern Bulletin Board systems, with distributed conferencing and Internet exchange features, provide the opportunity to meet interesting people globally. With trade restrictions dropping in Europe, Russia, and Japan, and bulletin boards proliferating internationally, the stage is set for a bottom-up global trade renaissance.

The need exists to teach our students the concepts and skills necessary to use personal computer telecommunications to lead the way in creating this emerging global economy. Entrepreneurial education must merge with multicultural studies, telecommunications, and math/science/engineering education to give our students the background, and integration they will need. This project can meet these needs with minimal cost and without threatening existing educational structures.

There is no economic reason shopowners couldn't post product lists online locally on these modern BBSes for automated nightly transfer to similar systems, and shopowners, in other states, and countries, for the purpose of exploring potential new trade opportunities. This bootstrap project is designed to put forth just such a "High School (or Junior College, or Chamber of Commerce,) Entrepreneurship Curriculum" program as a springboard for future innovations, to keep America competitive!

Affordable telecommunications systems NOW ALLOW our K12 students to demonstrate a genuine functioning model for international entrepreneurial communications. K12Net already has 120 teacher-run systems linked in 20 countries without a dime of funding support! Education and economic development must begin to work together in this age of rapid change and a constantly shifting marketplace. School/business partnerships are becoming increasingly necessary. This program showcases just such a partnership at work!

YOU, or someone in your school or community, have the opportunity to become THE LOCAL HERO to bring the very real potential of global entrepreneurship telecommunications, on a shoestring budget, to your school and community:

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED, AND THE COSTS: Have your students distribute this flyer to business persons, educational, and civic leaders in your community. If \$500 can be collected, the SBA, NSF, REA, or local business and civic groups might be willing to match those funds dollar for dollar. Aluminum can collections could get the job done, also. Total costs would be roughly \$1,000 for software, installation, training and a 3 month technical maintenance contract, (prices subject to change as demand escalates.)

has the option of simultaneously sharing the basic concepts and skills for global personal computer telecommunications with students, citizens, and community businesspersons.

EXCHANGE OF EXPORTABLE PRODUCTS (GIFTS) AND COMMUNITY PROFILES: During this first semester, students analyze their communities' economic strengths and weaknesses. "Gifts" of sample exportable products are prepared and exchanged with students involved in the same program in sister communities in another country. Preparation for sharing community "studies and profiles" becomes the focus of this first semester. Identification of relevant global trends, and speculation on needed skills and development of a vision would also be established.

BULLETIN BOARD SETUP: The Community Global Trade System is then step up using self-installing disks and our trained technical support staff. This entire training and installation process COULD take place during a single weekend!

SEMESTER TWO: STUDENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Once the system is up and running, Intellibanc and project personnel provides the "hero" teacher with initial student instruction materials in global trade, with local business persons invited to "join the class." Then, students are aided in initiating online penpal exchanges responding to purposeful questions elaborating on the shared community profiles relating to the following:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CURRICULAR PROGRAMS:

- * EXPORTABLE PRODUCTS, as an educational exercise, would be posted on the Intellibanc Network (a functioning international trade database service) automatically by the local BBS, gathered from local business persons. As an educational exercise, real "matches" are sought between entrepreneurs in different countries.
- * MODEL DISTRIBUTED CORPORATION PROJECTS:
Students from different locations would model hypothetical distributed multinational corporation activities such as one group designs the product, another manufactures it, and a third markets the product.
- * INNOVATIVE MATERIALS RESEARCH data would be supplied by Oakridge National Labs, leading to creation of hypothetical corporations including product design, market research, and manufacturing processes being created using REAL ideas, new materials resulting from space research, and new state-of-the-art small scale manufacturing processes. Feasibility of potential new businesses is the goal.
- * INNOVATIVE NETWORKING AWARDS would be awarded for



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Senator Alan Simpson
United States Senate
Washington D.C.

Dear Al,

We would like to suggest an original idea which has come from some practical Wyoming people. It addresses the problem now faced by countries newly liberated from decades of dictatorship. That is: their ignorance about how democracy works. More than money, many of the emerging leaders of these countries seek a "Freedom and Democracy Plan" to answer the prevailing question: "How do we do it?"

For example, when President Havel of Czechoslovakia addressed the United States Congress, he did not ask for money. He asked for assistance in learning how to create a working democracy. President Bush has responded to the extent of sending specialists to these countries for a period of time, but we think the following idea adds opportunities for long-range success:

Leaders of selected countries would be invited to send small groups to a properly-prepared guest ranch for, say, a month.

- * These groups would meet with their counterparts.
- * Guest Americans using multimedia would present the history and operation of democracy.
- * Modern two-way telecommunications systems using laptop computers and modems would be taught.
- * Using these techniques long-term informal contacts would be maintained between these peers after they return home.

The provocative notion behind the telecommunications aspect of this plan is that communications technologies are getting cheaper, more "personal," and yet more "global" all the time. There is no reason why foreign leaders cannot start learning how to use new ways to confer, consult, and communicate directly with Americans who can often give them very practical advice in the area of working democracy - not just at national levels, but at regional and local levels. We have a hunch this kind of globe-spanning personal communications will pay off in the long run in more ways than one.

It is satisfying to us that people in Wyoming and other states are already communicating with others all over the world in business and education with nothing more than a computer and modem. Spreading the promise and practice of democracy for those who so desperately want it is a major step toward a new world order.

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Attention: The Honorable Pat Mikesell
Mayor of Livingston

City: Livingston, Montana, U.S.A.

Re: Participant Information of APSCEC

Asia-Pacific Sister Cities Exchange Conference

Kudan Minami 3-3-6
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
102, Japan
TEL 81-3(3222)5381
FAX 81-3(3222)5399

DATE: October 14, 1994

Mr. Ryoichi
Kabaya
Secretary of
APSCEC Conference

Number of pages: 12

NOTES: I am very pleased to send my sincere greetings to you from Japan.

I would like to assure you that you have already received the invitation letter to the Asia-Pacific Sister Cities Exchange Conference through the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

As the secretary of this Conference, we are now preparing the Meetings with our staff. However, at this stage, Presentation Summary, and Presentation Resume which are scheduled to reply to us by October 15 have not reached yet. I therefore hope that these materials will be handing to us very soon so that this global exchanging event will have a great success. Your kind cooperation extending to us would be highly appreciated.

I do now look forward to meeting you coming this November in Tokyo and deepening our relationships between Asia and Pacific region.

For your reference, I also attach participating cities and itinerary of APSCEC.

Brief Schedule

(Mon.) Nov. 21 Gather in Tokyo (The New Otani Tokyo)
(from Nov. 21 to Nov. 23)
(from Nov. 26 to Nov. 29)

(Tues.) Nov. 22 Plenary Session

10:00 Words of Welcome
(Mr. Hidenobu Takahide, Mayor of Yokohama)
10:05 Greetings
(Mr. Shigeichi Mori, Chairman of the Board
of Directors, Council of Local Authorities
for International Relations)
10:10 Introduction of Participating cities
Outline of Sister Links
10:40 Keynote Speech
(Mr. Yoshio Okawara, Executive Committee
Chairman)
11:10 Address
(Mr. Toshio Yuasa, Vice-Minister of Home
Affairs)
11:40 Photograph
12:00 Lunch

Meetings (13:15-17:00)

Meeting A :Issues for Large Cities
Orientation
Participants' Presentations
(8 minutes per 1 presentation)
Discussion
Meeting B :Issues for Regional Cities
Orientation
Participants' Presentations
(8 minutes per 1 presentation)
Discussion

Reception (18:30-20:30)

(Wed.) Nov. 23 Travel to Sister Community
(stay at Sister Community from Nov. 23 to 26)

(Thur.) Nov. 24 Exchange events in Sister Community

(Fri.) Nov. 25 Exchange events in Sister Community

(Sat.) Nov. 26 Return to Tokyo, Free Time

(Sun.) Nov. 27 Free Time

(Mon.) Nov. 28 Closing Session

10:30 Reports of results of Meeting A and B
(Consultant of APSCEC Executive Committee)
11:00 Delegate Reports

(5 minutes per 1 sister-city group)

11:40 Lunch

13:20 Delegate Reports
(ditto)

14:00 Coffee Break

14:20 Discussion

15:50 Intermission

16:10 Summation by the Chairman

Farewell Party(18:00-20:00)

(Tues.) Nov. 29 Return Home

Notes :

Hotel Accomodation

-The New Otani (Tokyo) have been already arranged by APSCEC Secretariat in advance.

-Accomodation in each sister community will also be arranged by your counterpart.

Flight Arrangement

-APSCEC Secretariat (Travel Agency) will be paying for your flight expenses. (Prepaying ticket system)

You are able to get your air tickets at air company in your district. (The air company will notify you after the confirmation of our payment for air fare.)

(You can book designated flight you like to use by yourself. In that case, please let us know the flight No. you booked.)

NAME OF THE COUNTRY	CITY	CITY
Australia	Sydney	Nagoya
Canada	London	Suginami (Tokyo)
People's Republic of China	Kun Ming	Fujisawa
Republic of Indonesia	Jawa Timur	Osaka (Prefecture)
Republic of Korea	Milyang	Yasugi
Malaysia	Ipoh	Fukuoka
Mongolia	Hujirt	Takashima
Kingdom of Nepal	Katmandu	Matsumoto
New Zealand	Gisborne	Nonoichi
Republic of Philippines	Manila	Yokohama
Russian Federation	Khabarovsk	Aomori
Republic of Singapore	(Singapore)	Kobe
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Kandy	Usuki
Kingdom of Thailand	Bangkok	Hiroshima
United States of America	Livingston	Naganohara
	Springfield	Takikawa

Conference Outline

Conference Period

Monday, November 21, 1994 – Tuesday, November 29, 1994

Participants

Representatives from local authorities in the Asia-Pacific region (including the Russian Far East), which have sister ties to partners in Japan, or which are preparing to initiate such ties.

Conference Theme

New Sister City Exchange: Joint Responses to Global problems

Sponsored by

The APSCEC Executive Committee

Supported by

The Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Japan Municipal Development Corporation

Conference Language

English, Japanese (simultaneous interpretation provided)

Conference Activities

- Through individual presentations and group discussions of administrative issues, participants will take a multilateral approach to seeking joint responses to global issues.
- Participants will take part in programs designed by their counterpart communities in Japan.

Conference Site

Hotel New Otani
Kioi-cho 4-1, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102 Japan
tel. 81-3-3265-1111

Secretariat

Council of Local Authorities for International Relations
Nissay Kojimachi Bldg., 4th floor
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Participant Information Form

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THE U.S. SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION



PURPOSE:

Sister Cities International (principal program of the Town Affiliation Association of the U.S., Inc.) is dedicated to the goal of furthering global understanding by encouraging and assisting U.S. communities and their citizens to link with similar communities throughout the world.

An affiliation develops when an American community of whatever size or character officially links with a community in another nation. The goal for the communities involved is to learn more about each other and to develop lasting and meaningful exchanges. The ideal affiliation involves a large number of citizens and organizations in both communities engaging in exchanges of people, ideas and cultures on a long-term, continuing basis.

The national association provides a mechanism for U.S. communities to enter this program by assisting them in the process of linking with a community in another country. It acts as a coordinator and catalyst to encourage various types of sister cities activities and serves as a clearinghouse to gather, analyze and share information, research and knowledge.

HISTORY:

Affiliations between cities in the United States and other countries began shortly after 1945, but no real national focus was realized until 1956 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower initiated the People-to-People Program at the White House. Out of this grew Sister Cities International which has assisted more than 880 U.S. cities and counties, representing over 125 million Americans, establish links with some 1,400 communities in 95 other nations of the world.

MEMBERSHIP:

Sister Cities International is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1967. The association has five categories of membership: Government member, Ambassador Association, Individual member, Service/Institutional member, and Corporate Sustaining member.

Association activities are also supported by private contributions, foundation grants and by funding support from the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

LEADERSHIP:

A 34 member board of directors governs Sister Cities International with assistance from an international executive board. The board of directors is composed of 24 elected members; six directors appointed by the president, with the approval of the board; one director elected each year by the National Youth Program Assembly to serve as the youth representative and the dean of the Ambassador Association who serves for a one year term on the board. There are 11 officers - a president, a chairman of the board, a chairman of the executive committee, six vice-presidents, a secretary and treasurer. The 24 elected directors are elected at-large by and from the membership of the association at the annual business session — eight directors each year for three-year terms.

A nation-wide system of state coordinators and state level management teams provides services to member cities throughout the United States and coordinates workshops to assist in training programs. State coordinators are appointed by the SCI board of directors.

ACTIVITIES:

In addition to policy, program development and member services, the organization coordinates and facilitates several major activities. They are: technical assistance programs with developing nations; youth and education programs; special conference programs; assistance in formalizing new affiliations; research and information service; the annual Eisenhower International Golf Classic and Eisenhower Scholarship Program; the Reader's Digest annual awards program; the Kanazawa Scholarship Program for entrepreneurial and practical trainee exchange; and leadership development training programs.

MEETINGS:

The association holds an annual conference in the summer which focuses on national and international issues. The annual conference alternates between East and West of the United States. In addition, state and regional workshops and training seminars are held to increase program skills at other times of the year.

For further information — contact:

Sister Cities International
120 South Payne Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



Telephone: 1-703-836-3535
Facsimile: 1-703-836-4815
Telex: 401565
Easylink: 62885879

Dear Reader:

We are sorry for the delay on our book as we figured it would be out September 1990. However, being this is the first time any of us have had anything to do with writing a book, we really didn't realize all the details writing this book would entail. After we started writing the book, it became much bigger, with more pictures and writing, than we anticipated; however, once we were in the middle we wanted to continue and go on and finish the story. This is a true story of my life - pretty much the way it happened. Jim Scott, who is writing the book, (except for inserts from my own personal journal on the cattle drive) talked to a lot of other people about my life history and gathered facts and stories to complete the book. I told him very little about my life. The great pictures were taken by Cal Sorenson who joined us 6 days before we got to Roundup and then continued on to Billings for the rest of the Cattle Drive. He then came back to our ranch the end of September, 1989, to take more pictures of the ranch and surrounding area. For the size of the book and what is in it, it would normally take 2-3 years by a lot of other publishers. We are happy to have this book done in 1990.

If you like this book tell your friends and give them this brochure, and if you don't like it, tell us.

I hope someday I have the pleasure of meeting you if I don't already know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Connie".

Connie Cox

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June 22, 1995

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

To Whom It May Concern:

It is indeed a pleasure to recommend **SHERRY ANGLE** for a JTB Cultural Exchange Corporation Grant to be a member of the Japanese Tour scheduled for October 19 through November 2, 1995.

Livingston, Montana has a Sister City Relationship with Naganohara, Japan. This will be the fourth year of our Home Stay Student Exchange Program. Sherry Angle and her family have been a **HOST FAMILY** for two years of this program. Her husband was a chaperon for our students going to Naganohara during the second year of our program. Two of her children were Exchange Students in our program.

Chaperon John Angle became friends with his Naganohara Host Family and is helping them, from Livingston, in creating their Sweetgrass Camp Ground which is located in the immediate vicinity of Naganohara. He has helped in the procurement of various items for shipment to Naganohara i.e. log cabins, signs, a tepee etc.

Sherry Angle, and her family, have developed a great interest in Japan. She has never had the opportunity to visit Japan. It would indeed be a personal honor to her and a benefit to our Sister City Program to have her personally visit Japan and Naganohara.

I was recently represented the City of Livingston as an invited delegate to Tokyo Conference of the ASIA PACIFIC SISTER CITY CONFERENCE and had the opportunity to visit our Sister City, Naganohara. I have been on Livingston City Council for three years and six months and have served as City Mayor for the last year and six months.

Bearing this background in mind, I highly recommended Sherry Angle for the JTB Cultural Exchange Corporation Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Pat Mikesell
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Mayor



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JOHN W. ORNDORFF
City Manager

August 14, 1995

To: Sister City Committee
From: John Orndorff, City Manager
Re: Challenge from the Short Timer

First, here are a couple contacts who might be helpful:

Wendy Bay Lewis
MONTANA Council for International Visitors
Montana PARTNERS of the AMERICAS
104 E. Main, Suite 307
Bozeman, MT 59715

Department of Commerce
International Affairs Coordinator, 444-4380
(Name has changed, I don't know the new man.)

Now, the CHALLENGE:

HAVE LIVINGSTON SPONSOR A JAPANESE ENGLISH TEACHER AND FIND A HOME FOR THAT TEACHER TO LIVE IN FOR HIS/HER STAY.

The Department of Commerce gentleman stated that three Japanese English Teachers come to Montana every two years. The current ones are located in Bozeman, Billings, and Helena. It is called an INTERNATIONAL INTERIM PROGRAM.

Good Luck!



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June 12, 1995

Mr. Greg Suzuki
c/o Ringling Brothers/Barnum Bailey Circus
8607 Westwood Center Drive
Vienna, VA 22182

Dear Mr. Suzuki,

This letter is written on the behalf of the City of Livingston and Mr. Bill Koch, owner of the Firehouse 5 Playhouse.

The City of Livingston officially joined in a Sister City relationship with Naganohara, Japan, on October 28, 1991. The Sister City relationship has proven to be a successful and rewarding project for all concerned. Recently, the City of Livingston was one of only two United States cities recognized by being invited to participate in an International Conference in Tokyo. County Attorney Tara DePuy and Mayor Pat Mikesell represented the City at the conference and gave presentations.

We are currently preparing for our Fourth Annual Student Exchange. Our students will be in Naganohara the last part of July and the Naganohara students will be in Livingston the first part of August. A family in Naganohara has established a campground complete with log cabins from Montana. Various Naganohara residents have visited Livingston, including a party of hunters and their drum corps last fall. The drum corps played at the Firehouse 5 Playhouse to a sell-out audience. They are planning on having three different booths at our Oktoberfest, the last Saturday in September of this year.

The Mayor of Naganohara has invited Bill and the Firehouse 5 Players to perform in Naganohara. The Vaudeville Troupe is very successful and I am certain that the Troupe would be successful in Japan. True, there may be a language problem to overcome, but the world loves a good performance and appreciates comedy. Our City Manager commented last August on how the Naganohara students reacted to *Macho Man* when the troupe performed that song.

The Firehouse 5 Playhouse performers would be a very good act for you to book for performances in Japan, and it would compliment our cultural exchange program in addition to adding to the Japanese understanding of our culture.

On behalf of the City of Livingston, I urge you to give serious consideration to Bill Koch's idea and serve as his agent for booking the performances in Japan.

Sincerely,



Pat Mikesell
Mayor
cc: Bill Koch



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May 15, 1995

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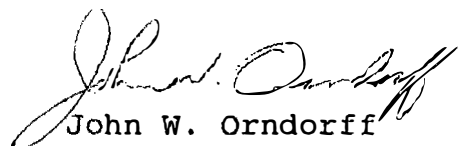
Dear Mr. Mori:

Please accept my apologies for having misplaced your letter and questionnaire.

The questionnaire was completed and is enclosed.

Also, an article from the local newspaper is also enclosed to display the growth of our Sister City Program.

Sincerely,


John W. Orndorff
City Manager



Oaza Naganohara 66-3
Naganohara-machi
Agatsuma-gun
Gunma-ken 377-13
Japan

March 13, 1992

Office of the City Manager
City of Livingston
414 East Callender
Livingston, MT 59047
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

I realize that today is not a very auspicious day for making introductions, but I wanted to get this letter in the mail before the weekend. My name is Brad Kirby. I have been working at the Naganohara Town Hall for about two years, and my work consists mainly of translating, English teaching, and facilitating communications between Naganohara and Livingston. I am looking forward to working with you in the future, and I hope to see you when our delegation arrives in Livingston this June. I realize that the City Manager position can be pretty hectic at times, so any time you can spare to work with us will be most appreciated.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Naganohara's Town Bulletin. It is a monthly publication put out by the Town Hall which is designed to keep residents informed of local events, changes in regional and national laws, and services offered by the local government. Also included are health tips, short articles about Japanese literature, and announcements of awards presented to Naganohara citizens. I have translated five articles from this month's bulletin: one about awards given to local farmers, another about Naganohara Karuta, a third about the prohibition of spiked tires, a fourth about the meaning of the plum blossom in Haiku, and a final article about Japanese food.

I hope to send a few translated articles along with the original to Livingston each month. I hope you enjoy them.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for taking time out of your busy schedule to help make our Sister City Relationship a powerful educational tool for people in both of our towns. Talk to you again soon.

Sincerely

Bradford G. Kirby

Brad Kirby



January 10, 1991

Honorary Chairman—The President of the United States

Mr. John Orndorff
City Manager
414 East Callender
Livingston, Montana 59047

Dear Mr. Orndorff:

Congratulations on your recent affiliation with Naganohara, Japan. With the proper organization and enthusiasm, your sister city program can be rewarding and satisfying to the citizens of your community. I would like to invite you to become a member of Sister Cities International so that you can call on our many years of experience in the international field to assist you in developing your local program.

Henry A. Kissinger, in describing the important role cities play in international relations said, "The origin of modern diplomacy was in the relations between cities. Today, cities are our main conduits for world trade, our main communicators of culture, the homes of those with the strongest ethnic contacts with other countries, and a proven training ground for future world leadership. The Sister Cities program helps provide a means by which these important assets can be made more meaningful."

The best way to insure a strong viable program at the local level is to join the national association, Sister Cities International (SCI). SCI is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization which represents local government programs in the United States and coordinates closely with counterpart organizations in other countries. SCI is dedicated to furthering international exchange by providing direct assistance and information to members throughout the United States.

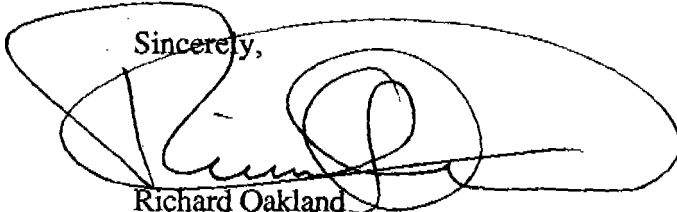
Based on your population of 6,994 the dues for your community would be \$200 annually. In addition to all the benefits and services listed in the enclosed membership application, you would be entitled to 60 subscriptions to Sister City News/Youth News. Services are geared to assist your program in all phases whether you are developing a new program, reviving an inactive one or expanding an already successful affiliation.

Members develop more effective exchanges and experience broader community participation by taking advantage of the services we offer:

- a staff with experience in community involvement in international exchange;
- regional, state and national conference where you have an opportunity to exchange ideas with local, national and international counterparts;
- publications which give you an overview of current activities and specific information about other sister cities plus program guides on a variety of subjects;
- a network of SCI volunteer state coordinators available to help you to represent the national organization during local activities; and
- specialized programs such as youth exchange, grants, scholarships, annual awards, and technical assistance which provide some limited funding.

If you would like additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Richard Oakland'.

Richard Oakland
Director, Member Services

Enclosures

Oaza Naganohara 66-3
Naganohara-machi
Agatsuma-gun, Gunma-ken
377-13, Japan

August 21, 1995

Miss. Tara Depuy
414 East Callender Street
Livingston, MT 59047
U. S. A.

Dear Tara,

All of us here at the Naganohara Board of Education and the Naganohara Town Hall want to thank you very much for your efforts coordinating this year's homestay program between Livingston and Naganohara.

We'd also like to thank the four students, Anna, Mohan, Chris, and Eric, for traveling to Naganohara and working so hard to make new friends and learning a little about Japanese culture. We hope they enjoyed their stay in Naganohara as much as we enjoyed hosting them.

Thank you again for all the time and effort you have invested in organizing this community service-learning homestay program. We're looking forward to improving on this new experience to find more opportunities to share friendship and understanding between our sister cities.

Sincerely,

田村 守
Mamoru Tamura
(Mayor)

市村 仁
Hitoshi Ichimura
(Superintendent of Schools)



Sister City International Educational and
Cultural Exchange Program, Inc.

September 6, 1995

Mayor Mamoru Tamura
Hitoshi Ichimura
Oaza Naganohara 66-3
Naganohara-machie
Agatsuma-gun, Gunma-ken
377-13, Japan

Dear Mayor Tamura and Mr. Ichimura:

On behalf of the Sister City Committee, the City of Livingston and our homestay families, I would like to thank you for your participation in a very successful student exchange program this year between our cities of Naganohara and Livingston. Every year the program strengthens and exceeds our expectations.

We would also like to thank Naoto, Atsuhito, Kaori, Aiko, Sayaka, Yuka, Naoki, Satoshi, Saori and Nozomi as well as their chaperons for their enthusiasm and dedication to this program. The students were well prepared for this exchange and everyone was sad to see them return to Naganohara. We hope that they took a little piece of Livingston home in their hearts to share.

Our committee will be working hard this year to secure funds to ensure the continued success of our program and to assist in sending more students to Naganohara next year. We look forward to these continued exchanges between the students as well as the sharing of our cultures through other opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara DePuy".

Tara DePuy
Acting Chair
414 East Callender Street
Livingston, MT 59047

STUDENT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE:

GREETINGS FROM JAPAN! I WANTED TO WRITE A QUICK LETTER AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE TIME AND EFFORT PUT FORTH INTO THE HOMESTAY PROGRAM! EVERYONE INVOLVED FROM OVER HERE HAD A GREAT TIME, IN FACT, I'M QUITE SURE MOST OF THE STUDENTS DIDN'T WANT TO COME BACK. IT IS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROGRAM GROW, DUE IN LARGE PART TO YOUR EFFORTS. I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR WORK.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, NEARLY 50 STUDENTS FROM NAGANOHARA APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOMESTAY PROGRAM BUT THEY COULD ONLY ACCEPT TEN. IN ORDER TO ACCOMODATE A LARGER NUMBER AND QUELL SOME OF THE PARENTS' COMPLAINTS, NAGANOHARA IS HOPING TO CHANGE THE FORMAT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF A "SUMMER CAMP" TYPE EXCHANGE IN ORDER TO ALLOW MORE KIDS TO PARTICIPATE. THEY WOULD LIKE THIS CAMP TO BE HELD SOMEWHERE IN PARK COUNTY RELATIVELY CLOSE TO LIVINGSTON. OF COURSE THEY ARE WILLING TO PAY FOR THE CAMP AND THE LODGING OF THE STUDENTS SINCE TRYING TO COME UP WITH 15-20 HOST FAMILIES IS A LOT TO ASK. I DEFINITELY NEED YOUR INPUT ON THIS! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS IDEA? WHERE WOULD WE FIND A POSSIBLE LOCATION TO ACCOMODATE THE CAMP? THE ONLY PLACE I CAN THINK OF IS THE METHODIST CHURCH CAMP UP AT PINE CREEK, IS THERE ANY PLACE ELSE?

NATURALLY WE DON'T HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT RIGHT NOW, BUT I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT WAS BEING DISCUSSED OVER HERE AS SOON AS I COULD.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL OF THE GREAT PLANNING AND EFFORT ON THE RECENT HOMESTAY! I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, I THINK WE CAN ACCOMPLISH A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deac Guidi". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the end.

DEAC GUIDI

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MONTANA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

— Building international connections between Montana and the world —

John Orndorff
414 E. Callender
Livingston, MT 59047

July 20, 1994

Dear John:

I am contacting you about **Mr. Emilio Arcuri of Italy** who will visit Bozeman Thursday, July 28 - Sunday, July 31 under the sponsorship of the Montana Council for International Visitors [MCIV]. Mr. Arcuri is Vice-Mayor of Palermo. He is traveling across the United States as a guest of the United States government. Complete biographical information is enclosed.

Mr. Arcuri would like to learn how downtown areas stay commercially vibrant and easily accessible through, for example, restoring and renovating historic buildings. He would also like to learn how city services are provided, how revenues are collected, and how social and economic needs are addressed at the local level.

Please call me or Katie Frisby, Program Assistant, if you would like to meet Mr. Arcuri on **Friday, July 29**. He will be accompanied by an interpreter, Julie Donat. They will be staying at a hotel in Livingston and they have a rental car.

The Montana Council for International Visitors is dedicated to matching Montanans with their counterparts worldwide. Mr. Arcuri is one of 100 international leaders who will visit Montana this year under MCIV sponsorship...thank you for building connections between Montana and the world.

Yours truly,



Wendy Bay Lewis
Executive Director

Glad you're back!

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER
Emerson Cultural Center ♦ 111 S. Grand Ave., #204B ♦ Bozeman, MT 59715

NAME: Emilio ARCURI

PRESENT POSITION: Vice-Mayor of Palermo (since 1993); Head, Palermo City Department for the Historic Center.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: City Councilman, City of Palermo (1980-93); Elected Candidate for Political Party "La Rete" (1989-90); Head, Department of Culture (1986-90); Member, Zoning Committee (1990-93); Member, Urban Planning Committee

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND: Specialization in Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Palermo University (1983); Laurea Degree in Medicine, Palermo University

PERSONAL DATA

Born: January 27, 1962, Palermo, Italy

Marital Status: Married

Dietary restrictions: Non-smoker

Preferred mailing address: Piazza Leoni, 76 - 90143 Palermo

Languages: Italian (native), French (good)

Travels Abroad: Western and Eastern European Countries, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco

Dr. Arcuri was appointed to his positions as Vice-Mayor of Palermo and Head of the Palermo City Department for the Historic Center in November 1993 by the newly-elected Mayor Leoluca Orlando. In 1991 Mayor Orlando founded a new political movement in Sicily, "La Rete" ("The Network") with a view to fighting Mafia influence, political corruption, and inefficiency at various levels of government. Dr. Arcuri is specifically responsible for studying, addressing and attempting to solve the most serious, urgent and long-neglected problems of the old, historically invaluable downtown area of Palermo which is now threatened by degradation. Dr. Arcuri is also called upon to assist the Mayor with the overall complex management of city affairs.

The information received from the U.S. Embassy in Rome indicates Dr. Arcuri would like to become familiar with the various problems affecting inner cities in the U.S. and the programs which Americans have developed to help keep their cities vital, in a hospitable, healthy environment. The program in the cities on the itinerary are being selected to provide Dr. Arcuri with opportunities to learn ~~how public and private sector officials are doing to keep their downtown areas commercially vibrant easily accessible and aesthetically pleasing, not only through restoring and renovating buildings, but also through public and private programs directed at enabling their residents to lead healthy, productive lives.~~ Dr. Arcuri looks forward to meeting government officials, administrators, representatives of the private sector, and academics studying urban issues. In addition to scheduled meetings, he is eager to see programs in operation and explore new approaches in urban settings.

At the same time he focuses on urban renewal and inner city revitalization issues, Dr. Arcuri would like to deepen his knowledge of the different local government structures in the U.S. and obtain a broad overview of how cities are run. This would include discussion of how the bureaucracy works, how services are provided, contracts awarded, revenues collected, corruption fought, social and economic needs addressed. Dr. Arcuri has requested that his itinerary include a visit to a national park to observe how its resources are managed.

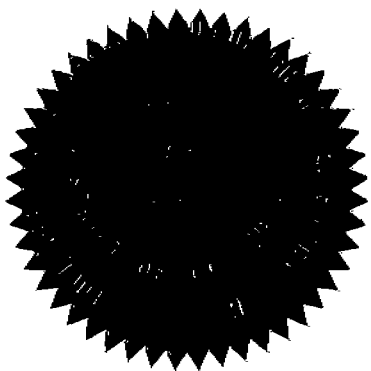


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February 1995 - January 1996

Membership Year



Richard W. Neubein

President, SCI Board of Directors

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