

January 22, 2016

ATTN: Glenn Hendricks,
Mayor of Sunnyvale

Dear Mr. Glenn Hendricks,

This letter finds you doing fine and also hopes your colleagues and the citizens of Sunnyvale City are all doing fine and well too.

This letter sincerely congratulates your wonderful inauguration as the new Mayor of Sunnyvale City. I hope that your inauguration will surely mark a great, further step toward the dynamic and future development of the mutual friendship exchange between Sunnyvale and Iizuka Cities. Therefore your frank advice, ideas and opinions will be greatly appreciated in advance for the mutual municipal friendship-exchange programs.

As you know well, the mutual friendship exchange has been growing between our cities, and so the bond of bilateral friendship has been becoming much stronger, mainly through the program of sending our children to each other's cities, since we both signed Friendship Exchange Agreement. This is a wonderful development and one of our honors for our City of Iizuka.

I believe that the mutual friendship exchange between our cities is a very good way to foster global perspectives among our mutual citizens and that the fostering of global perspectives will surely help to revitalize our cities. Therefore, I would like to further proceed positive discussions with your esteemed municipality, aiming to develop our current relationship into Sister-Cities relationship.

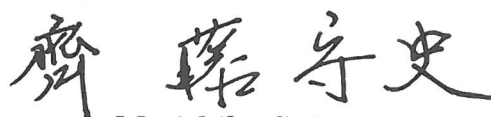
It would be a great idea, I also believe, that if your esteemed municipality sets some administrative persons in charge of administrative discussions with us. We both would need further discussions on mutual administrative level when we talk over future Sister Cities Relationship. This is what our city official(s) requested your esteemed city when they paid a courtesy visit to Mr. Jim Griffith, the then Mayor. I would be highly grateful to you, if our above request is taken into serious and positive consideration there.

I hear that a total of 14 junior and senior high school students, including your daughter, are scheduled to come and visit Iizuka City this June. I am really looking forward to welcoming them here in Iizuka, and I am also looking forward to seeing you here in Iizuka sometime soon in the future to come. Let's deepen the bond of our mutual friendship and goodwill.

Thus, I am going to stay in touch with you and do my utmost toward my future goal of establishing Sister Cities Agreement with your esteemed Sunnyvale City

Finally, I would like to pray the further development of your esteemed Sunnyvale City and your good health and great success.

Sincerely Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of three characters: '齋' (Saito), '藤' (Fuji), and '守史' (Morioka). The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style.

Morichika Saito,
Mayor of Iizuka City
Fukuoka, Japan