

August 25, 2020

The Honorable Toru Maeda Consul General Consulate General of Japan 275 Battery Street, Suite 2100 San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Consul General Maeda.

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco I am honored to forward our sincere congratulations on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco.

Our city is honored to be the longtime home of the Consulate General and salute you, your colleagues and your many predecessors for the service you have provided to our community. I understand that the founding of this Consulate in 1870 was the first permanent overseas diplomatic post for Japan, predating the creation of the Embassy in Washington D.C.

Today San Francisco cherishes its many ties with Japan. Our economic, community, cultural and academic ties run very deep and contribute to the success and vibrancy of all on both sides of the Pacific. The Consulate has always been a key part of this special friendship and we look forward to continuing to work towards even deeper connections.

Again, congratulations on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consulate General in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Mayor