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### Greetings from Consul General Inomata

Happy New Year! In the spirit of new beginnings, I am pleased to announce the first issue of a bi-monthly Sister City newsletter. The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco oversees 60 sister city relationships between Japan and Northern and Central California. The bonds fostered by the sister cities have exposed its participants to new customs, experiences and exchanges, and I hope this newsletter will bring you in Northern and Central California closer together. I am proud to see so many people excited about the sister city program and international friendships!

This newsletter shall provide the venue to share news among the Consulate and other sister city organizations. Feel free to contact us with your important news and upcoming events, as well as concerns or advice on how best to foster international interaction with cities in Japan. I hope that this effort will create new ideas and possibilities, allowing the programs to further grow. I look forward to hearing about your progress as we continue on in this new year.

Sincerely,

Hiroshi Inomata  
Consul General of Japan in San Francisco

### How the Consulate Can Help You

This newsletter is the first step in the Consulate's goal to become more involved in the sister city relationships of Northern and Central California and enhance reciprocal relationships within the Sister City community. Recognizing the importance of these people-to-people exchanges, we wish to offer our support in a more tangible way and facilitate further developments of the Sister City community within our jurisdiction. Assistance from the Consulate includes the following:

- Hosting student delegations for an orientation at the Consulate to learn about the Japan-CA relationship
- Attendance of Consul General or Consuls (schedule permitting) at Sister City Celebrations, Anniversaries, and other events
- Advertising Sister City Events

Please also refer to the top of this newsletter for more updated information on Northern and Central California Sister City organizations and their activities.

### Call for Submissions

In addition, please let us know about any upcoming events by submitting articles to this newsletter. Or, share important dates for events put on by your sister city committee. Please limit these events to those taking place before May 2013. Submissions can be addressed to Katie Andresen at:

[katherine.andresen@sr.mofa.go.jp](mailto:katherine.andresen@sr.mofa.go.jp)

**The submission deadline is February 15, 2013.**

*Please note that we choose to include the piece and make edits or changes as we see fit.*

### Sister City Relationship Anniversaries Occurring in 2013

San Mateo & Toyonaka City	50 <sup>th</sup>
Vallejo & Akashi City	45 <sup>th</sup>
Napa & Iwanuma City	40 <sup>th</sup>
Lindsay & Ono City	40 <sup>th</sup>
Cupertino & Toyokawa City	35 <sup>th</sup>
Rohnert Park & Hashimoto City	30 <sup>th</sup>
Sausalito & Sakaide City	25 <sup>th</sup>
Gilroy & Takko Town	25 <sup>th</sup>
Watsonville & Kawakami Village	25 <sup>th</sup>
Salinas & Wakuya Town	15 <sup>th</sup>
Pittsburg & Shimonoseki City	15 <sup>th</sup>

