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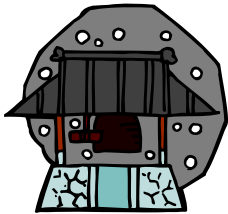
Kobe Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony

Fifth Anniversary of the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake & Update from Kobe



Great

The Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association held its annual Kobe Earthquake Remembrance ceremony at the Kobe Bell at the Seattle Center on Sunday, January 16, 2000, at 12:30 pm. An informal ceremony was followed by the ringing of the Kobe Bell in memory of those who perished in that disaster in 1995. A general membership meeting and potluck were held afterwards. We hope you were able to make it!



Recent reports from Kobe tell us that despite tough economic times

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

in Japan, Kobe is looking vibrant and bustling. New developments are being built, consumer buying at retailers is up, and all of the temporary housing from the post-earthquake days have been shipped to Kosovo, Turkey and Taiwan, where there is a current need for them. All displaced residents were relocated as of December 20, 1999, a quite amazing feat. We can all be proud of the progress that Kobe and its people have made over the last five years.

December Holiday Party

Thanks to hosts **Frank and Mary Montgomery**, and to all of you who brought all that delicious food! More than 45 people mingled and caught up on everyone's activities over the last year, while enjoying the Montgomerys' beautiful Christmas decorations.



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Message from the Chair

Karin Zaugg

Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu! Happy New Year! Well, it's the year 2000 folks. I hope you all had a fun holiday season.

We are excited about the new year and getting into the swing of the new millennium. Plans for the year include the Cherry Blossom Festival, which will be focusing on the Kinki district of Japan (where Kobe and Hyogo are located) in April, the Sister Cities Cinema Festival (a centerpiece of the Seattle International Film Festival) in May, and a bigger and better Kobe Day at the Mariners event in August. We are also excited about working toward re-establishing and improving the teacher exchange program between our two cities, and hope that several of you might want to get involved in reviving that valuable and long-standing manifestation of our close ties.

A bit of housekeeping: your mailing label should have a date in the upper right corner - this is your membership renewal date. If the date has passed, it is time to renew! If you have no date on your label, but you want to join or make a donation, please fill out and mail us the form on the back of this newsletter. Your support for

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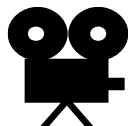
the SKSCA to cover mailing costs is appreciated, and your donation is tax deductible. SKSCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Also, if you would like to receive our e-mail updates (and are not already on our e-update list), please e-mail Stacey Jehlik at stacers@attglobal.net to be added.

Thank you for your support of SKSCA. With your help, we are continuing to keep the close Seattle-Kobe relationship growing even stronger!

Did you Know???

Donna James, Director, Mayor's Office of Film and Video, City of Seattle, and **Suzy Kellett**, Director of Film Office, State of Washington, traveled to Kobe in October 1999 to explain to city officials how to attract film industry business and manage film-making logistics. Donna reported that they had a wonderful time, and enjoyed Kobe's warm hospitality.



We met up with **Kate Dunlop**, the new CIR in the Kobe International Association, while she was home on the holidays. Kate is a graduate of Seattle Preparatory

High School, where she learned Japanese from Sensei **Mitsuko Okada**. She attended Doshisha University in Kyoto on a study abroad program from Williams College. She is enjoying settling in at the KIA, and is currently working on an article about the SKSCA for *Ajisai*, a bimonthly bilin-



gual newsletter published by the Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication. We're glad to have Kate representing Seattle in Kobe!

Roger Williams of

Mithun Partners, a local Seattle architecture firm (and SKSCA corporate member), will be traveling to Kobe in February 2000 to give some presentations on architecture and urban design to Kobe government officials and communities.



The silent auction and raffle held at the Sister Cities Reception in October raised \$3,288 for the Sister Cities Cinema Festival to be held this May. Thanks to everyone who attended, and a special *arigato* to those who purchased items and/or raffle tickets. A big thank you to the **Murase Family** in Nagata ward, Kobe, for helping to put together a basket of Kobe goodies, as well as to the **Seattle Mariners, Corporate Computer Inc.**, and others who donated auction/raffle items.



Also, a round of applause to **Mie Naito** and **Shiho Kurauchi** who gave a fabulous koto performance at that event.

... In Seattle
Ninety students at Kobe

2000 is the
Year of the Dragon!



What's Happening...

Elementary School in Chuo ward, Kobe, created a large painting using water color, crayon, and woodblock techniques, that was displayed at the World's Largest Origami Paper Crane Event at the Kingdome on Nov. 10, 1999.

Toshihiko Ono of the Kobe Trade Information Office represented Kobe at the event. The painting will now reside at Bryant Elementary School.

Congratulations to Michiko Pumpian and her Wings for Peace: World's Largest Paper Crane Project Coalition members.

All the volunteers on this project can be proud. They were able

to build what they are sure will take the world's record for the largest origami paper crane: 215 feet 8 inches wide from wing tip to wing tip, standing 120 feet tall and weighing approximately 1700-1800 pounds. Way to go!



If you or someone you know is traveling to Kobe or working on a project involving Kobe, please let us know!

...In Kobe

The 40th anniversary tree planted in Kobe's Harborland area is alive and growing! **Cece and Andy Frank** sent recent photos with their update on life in Kobe. The Franks (members of SKSCA - Andy is a former Chair) continue to be active in various pursuits: teaching English, filming commercials around Kansai, and traveling. You can email the Franks at: c-frank@movenet.or.jp Here is some of what they have to say about what's happening in Kobe:

"There are many new developments going forward, including a very controversial Kobe Airport project in Osaka Bay, just off-shore of the second stage of Port Island. A very neat project has been the waterfront development in front of Tarumi and west to the big bridge at Maiko. The new marine park is called Kobe Marine Pia, and it is turning into a nice public recreational facility. In September, a restaurant complex known as Porto Bazarre (Spanish in style) opened up, and on October 1st a large factory outlet store building opened next to it. It has something like 32 outlets and 11 restaurants. The initial traffic has been very heavy, and people are buying.

"The business pick-up is now apparent across Kobe. Retail business appears to be picking up after several years of progressively weaker sales. We look at the downtown stores and for the first time in a couple of years we see people in most of the

shops, and a lot of people in the shopping streets are carrying packages. This is a considerable change, and it reflects recent expressions of confidence by leading businesses in surveys across Japan. Despite continuing problems, there seems to be a growing public perception that things will get better and that it's time to spend a little...and there is a certain vitality being generated in the financial and business community."

Thanks for the update, Andy and Cece! We appreciate having you there to give us the scoop first-hand!



The plaque reads: This Coast Redwood commemorates the 40th Anniversary of sister cities, Kobe and Seattle. Planting ceremony held on November 18, 1997.

Seattle Plaza in Kobe

The eleventh floor of the new Kobe International House is the home of the recently-opened **Seattle Plaza**, which features both tourist information and products from a wide variety of Seattle-area businesses. Established with the cooperation of the Port of Seattle, the Seattle Plaza is in part designed to heighten recognition of brands and products linked to the Seattle area. Clothing and caps bearing the **University of Washington** emblem, souvenirs from the **Boeing Museum of Flight**, **Microsoft Corporation** merchandise, picture



frames, cards, and notebooks from local stationers, as well as



city souvenirs are all prominently featured at the Plaza. General tourist information, including city maps, information on local transportation, hotels, the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, museums, nightlife, sporting events, and shopping are all available through the Plaza, making it an invaluable stop for anyone considering a trip to Seattle or interested in what Kobe's oldest sister city has to offer! If you're a business interested in learning more about the plaza, please contact SKSCA board member **Takumi Ono** at Tel: 206-235-5235 or takumi@junglecity.net

(Source: *Ajisai*, published by the Kobe International Center for Cooperation and Communication)



Upcoming Events

Teacher Exchange Brainstorming Meeting: Tuesday, February 15, 2000

A group of educators and teachers will be meeting at the home of Karin Zaugg on Tuesday, February 15th at 4 pm to brainstorm about options for teacher exchange programs between Seattle and Kobe. If you are interested, please contact Karin at Tel: 206-325-6091 or karin_zaugg@hotmail.com



Cherry Blossom Festival: April 21-23, 2000

SKSCA will host its annual Kimono & Yukata Dress-up Booth, a major attraction at the festival. We need volunteers to help dress guests, take photos, and manage the folks waiting in line. We will hold a training session on Thursday, April 13th to train volunteers. Please mark the dates on your calendar!



Feb. 15 (Tues.)	Teacher exchange program planning meeting at 4 pm at Karin Zaugg's on Capitol Hill
Mar./Apr. (<i>Tentative</i>)	Tree naming at Seattle Center as a memorial for the Kobe Earthquake
April 13 (Thurs.)	Kimono & Yukata Dress-up Booth training session - 6:30 pm
April 21-23	Cherry Blossom Festival: Kobe Kimono & Yukata Dress-up Booth
May	Sister Cities Cinema Festival (part of the Seattle International Film Festival)
May 15-20	Seattle International Children's Festival at the Seattle Center

MARINERS REACH OUT TO JAPANESE FANS, COMMUNITY

“Going, going, good-bye baseball!!!” The Seattle Mariners offer great opportunities to see some exciting baseball. Have you been to our new home, SAFECO Field? Blue sky, green grass, and a retractable roof - It's spectacular!

A Seattle establishment since 1977 and winners of the west division title of the American League in 1995 and 1997, the Seattle Mariners established a special relationship with Kobe, Japan in February 1998 when it signed a working agreement with the Kobe baseball team, the Orix Blue Wave. For the last two years the Mariner Moose has visited Kobe and the Blue Wave's Neppie and Ripsea have come to Seattle. Last spring Ichiro Suzuki, a super star player, participated in the Mariners' spring training.

Now the Seattle Mariners have made it easier for Japanese-speaking fans and customers to access information about the team and SAFECO Field.

A Japanese Hotline (206-346-4317), Japanese language web information (www.mariners.org) and a direct e-mail link (japan@mariners.org) have been set up, all staffed by **Hide Sueyoshi**, the Japanese speaking Assistant to the Director of Pacific Rim Scouting for the Mariners, who will act as a translator and resource



for Japanese speaking media, residents and tourists seeking information about the team. A native of Osaka, Japan, Sueyoshi joined the Mariners in 1998. He has experience as an interpreter and liaison between Japan baseball and other countries. Previously, he worked in the International Operations and scouting department of the Orix Baseball Club.

“With our recent signing of Japanese superstar pitcher **Kazuhiro Sasaki**, we expect there to be even more interest in the Mariners among Japanese media and fans than ever before. This is a service we can offer to reach out to our Japanese speaking fans and further strengthen our ties with the Japanese community,” said **Chuck Armstrong**, President of the Seattle Mariners.

The Mariners web site will post all news releases distributed from the team in both English and Japanese. An archive of recent news releases is also available in the Japanese language.

GO MARINERS!!

- Jan. 6 Tickets for spring training go on sale
- Feb. 5-6 Fan Fest at the Exhibition Hall
- Feb. 5 Individual tickets for 2000 season go on sale
- Apr. 3 2000 Opening Game vs. Boston Red Sox

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**We build strong kids,
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strong communities.**

The YMCA of Greater Seattle has 15 branches, three camps and 200-plus program sites, and positively impacts more than 171,000 people of all ages, races, faiths and economic backgrounds. It offers a wide variety of programs to “build strong kids, strong families and strong communities”. Programs fall into the following categories: Aquatics, Camping, Childcare, Family, Health and Fitness, Older Adults, Teens, Youth and World. The YMCA’s international programs (Y World) have been an important part of its work over the years. The Seattle YMCA has a 30+ year partnership with the Kobe YMCA, thus the Y’s interest in participating with and supporting SKSCA. YMCA programs with Kobe include youth exchanges, leadership academies and education. In 2000 the YMCA will send a group of high school students to the Philippines and Kobe for its second International Leadership Academy. The students prepare for several months to learn about the countries

they will visit and to plan their participation in community service projects. On their previous trip, students served dinner to victims of the Kobe earthquake still living in temporary housing. The Y will also receive several Kobe delegations in 2000 including an elementary youth group

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and a group of social service agency executives that will study non-profit agency management and fund raising.

Tohru Yamaguchi, the General Secretary of the Kobe YMCA, will visit Seattle in April to participate in an exciting event in the history of the YMCA of Greater Seattle. On April 3, the YMCA will dedicate the totally renovated Seattle Downtown YMCA, at Fourth and Marion. The new YMCA includes a youth employment and education center, 20 transitional housing units for young adults, a 25 meter swimming pool, increased family counseling facilities, full-size gymnasium and enhanced wellness facilities for youth, family and adult health and fitness. This project is one of several being funded in part from the YMCA’s recently completed “Step Up for Kids” campaign.

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