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Our Fifth Decade of Friendship

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Celebrating the Washington-Hyogo Sister State 40th Anniversary

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Washington-Hyogo Sister State relationship, **Governor Ido** of Hyogo and 200 friends and supporters visited from Hyogo Prefecture this past summer. The enthusiastic delegation included legislators, educators, policy makers and performers who were all excited to develop friendly ties with their Washington counterparts. The week included a series of interactive exchanges and events that were supported by local community organizations and individuals to increase awareness of multicultural issues, Hyogo Pre-



Governor Ido throws out the first pitch at the Kobe Day with the Mariners, wearing his Kobe Orix Blue Wave uniform.



Governor Ido with Mariner Willie Bloomquist.



Washington and Hyogo citizens ham it up at the Fig Fest event.

fecture and Japan as a whole. These events included business seminars, theatre performances, a friendship BBQ,

and of course, the Kobe Day with the Mariners event hosted by the SKSCA.

Our 6th annual event was the largest ever, with a cheering section of 650 fans waving

Kansai International Airport rally towels. The first 20,000 fans received a free poster of the three Japanese Mariners: **Ichiro**,

Hasegawa, and **Sasaki**.



Elizabeth Falconer (www.kotoxworld.com) plays the koto to welcome guests to SAFECO Field as part of the Kobe Day with the Mariners event.

9th Annual Kobe Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony at Sister City Symbol, Kobe Bell January 16, 2004

The Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association will hold its annual Kobe Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony at the Kobe Bell at the Seattle Center on Friday, January 16, 2004 at 12:46 p.m., which corresponds to the minute of silence and ceremonies taking place in Kobe in the early morning of the 17th.

Participants will light candles for a moment of silence and ring the Kobe Bell in memory of those who perished in the 1995 disaster.



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Message from the Chair

Karin Zaugg

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association. Thanks to your efforts and support, we had another great year of supporting student exchanges, hosting visiting governmental groups and holding cultural events. SKSCA members participated in the Cherry Blossom Festival (April) and Eastside Nihon Matsuri (September) and helped celebrate the Hyogo-Washington 40th anniversary this summer. We held the 6th Annual Kobe Day at the Mariners with a record 650-people cheering section and a successful 4th annual Jazz Day event at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley with Kobe singer Chie Sugiyama. Thank you to all who volunteered, hosted, and gave of your time and energy to make all these events successful.

Invoices for membership will be mailed soon – we thank you for renewing your membership and continuing to support SKSCA. All donations to SKSCA are tax-deductible; SKSCA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with IRS tax identification #23-7034425.

We hope you will continue to partner with us in the coming year to strengthen the individual and business ties between Seattle and Kobe that make ours such a vibrant sister city relationship. Best wishes as you start the new year!

Successful Jazz Event Tradition Continues!

The 4th Annual Jazz Day featured the 2003 Kobe Jazz Vocal Queen **Chie Sugiyama**. An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 300 people enjoyed Chie Sugiyama backed by **Randy Halberstadt** on piano, **Jeff Johnson** on bass and **Byron Vannoy** on drums on September 15th at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley. Then City Councilmember **Heidi Wills** gave a warm welcome to Chie and the crowd, and **Tsering Yuthok** of the City's Office of Intergovernmental Relations read a letter from **Mayor Greg Nickels**.



Event MC **Yumi Imai** wrote, "Thank you very much for making the 4th Sister City Jazz Day such a wonderful event!

We are all very happy that we could finish this year's event with a great success. Chie and her family had a great time in Seattle. Chie was very happy that she could perform with the greatest trio: Randy, John and Byron in Seattle! We look forward to seeing SKSCA members in 2004."



Chie Sugiyama, 4th annual Kobe Jazz Queen

A big thanks to the organizers who traveled from Japan this year: **Mr. Yondai Taka**, Chairman of Shinkaichi Music Street, **Mr. Kazuhiko Hatano**, Dentsu Inc., **Mr. Yasuhiro Ikai**, Art Farmer Co., **Ms. Yumiko Izumi**, Art Farmer Co., **Mr. Nobuyuki Hironaka**, the City of Kobe, and of course **Mr. and Mrs. Imai** of Art Farmer Company.

Thanks to all who attended and supported SKSCA by buying raffle tickets. A warm thank you to the **Seattle Mariners**, **Dimitriou's Jazz Alley**, the **Kobe Trade Information**

Tri-Port Seminar

Three delegates from the **Port of Kobe** attended the Tri-Port Seminar in Seattle last November. This is a regularly scheduled meeting between the sister ports of Seattle, Kobe, and Rotterdam, Netherlands. From left to right are: **Takeshi Yamamoto**, Director of the Kobe Trade Information Office in Seattle, **Masaru Kurimura**, Manager



of the Port Planning Division, Port & Urban Projects Bureau, City of Kobe, **Yoshihiro Koshiba**, Director General, Port & Urban Projects Bureau, City of Kobe, **Yasuhara Tsutomu**, Managing Director, Kobe Port Terminal Corporation, and SKSCA President **Karin Zaugg**. The group attended meetings with Port colleagues and experienced some of Seattle's great sunny autumn weather while they were here!

Congratulations to ENMA – Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association



Congratulations to ENMA –Eastside Nihon Matsuri Association on holding another successful festival on September 13-14, 2003 at Bellevue Community College's main campus in Bellevue. The fun-filled festival introduced Japanese culture to over 5,000 visitors over the two-day festival. Highlights included the O-mikoshi procession, mochi pounding, numerous performances of taiko, tea ceremony, flower arranging and martial arts. For more info, visit the ENMA website:

www.enma.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 16** Kobe Earthquake Remembrance Ceremony at the Kobe Bell at Seattle Center
- Apr. 16-18** Cherry Blossom Festival at Seattle Center
- Apr. 20** Seattle's 21 Sister Cities Reception at the Museum of History & Industry
- Apr. 26-28** Sakura Con – Japanese Animation Festival - www.sakuracon.org

2003 SEFAIR Ambassador Program

A learning experience for Seattle and Kobe High School Students

SEFAIR, a Seattle-based non-profit organization, along with the City of Kobe, conduct an international exchange each year between high school students. SEFAIR produces a "Global Summit," an international symposium on world affairs for about 200 high school juniors. The students are given an essay exam at the symposium, and a small group is then selected for personal interviews from which students are chosen to be "SEFAIR Ambassadors." The City of Kobe conducts personal interviews to select "Kobe Ambassadors." The 2003 Kobe Ambassadors visited Seattle in mid-September and the SEFAIR Ambassadors visited Kobe in mid-November. Warm thanks to Starbucks International and Seattle Mariners pitcher Kazuhiro Sasaki for their support of this program, which provides lasting memories and inspiration for participating students.

The Kobe Students

Ten students and two teachers from Kobe came to Seattle as part of the SEFAIR festival exchange between Seattle and Kobe. The students were **Sayaka Azuma**, **Risa Ida**, **Urara Miyazawa**, **Nanako Nishio** from Fukiai High School, **Hiroyuki Ishii** and **Yoshiko Tsukiji** from Rokko Island High School, **Miki Okawa** and **Mariko Yamada** from Suma High School, **Jyong He Ku** from Shinkou High School, **Rei Morohashi** from Maya Hyogo High School and **Akane Uchino** from Kobe Nishi High School.

During their week-long stay, the students experienced fantastic weather as well as an exciting Seattle Mariners game, the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the original Starbucks and a tour of the Boeing plant. In addition to seeing the Seattle sites and getting to know their host families, the Kobe Ambassadors also had a variety of educational experiences. Early in the week the group visited City Hall where they met **Mayor Greg Nickels** and learned about city politics. The ambassadors also visited Ballard and Franklin High Schools, where they made presentations and had the opportunity to experience high school in America. At Franklin they were hosted by teacher and band leader **Robert Pitzer** and his band students, who traveled to Kobe back in February, 2003.

Yoshiko Tsukiji wrote, "I arrived at home just now. My friends and I feel very sad. We want to stay in Seattle! We really enjoyed the week. Thank you for everything SEFAIR did for us. I enjoyed my homestay so much. Thank you for wonderful memory you gave us."

Urara Miyazawa wrote, "I really had an excellent time in Seattle. Thank you sooooo much. This one week was like a dream. But from now on, I will study more and study harder, and want to become a good English speaker. Then I promise that I will be back soon."



Kobe students and teachers with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels.

The Seattle Students

2003 SEFAIR Ambassadors, representing high schools from around Seattle are: **Mari Andrew** (Ballard), **Christopher Blair** (Inglemoor), **Tabitha Brown** (Mercer Island), **Jessica Coblentz** (Redmond), **Julie Hill** (Inglemoor), **Connor Kilpatric** (Seattle Prep), **Kristine Landau** (Interlake), **Anna Lee** (Inglemoor), **Adam Mesick** (O'Dea), **Vitaliy Pradun**



Seattle SEFAIR Ambassadors in Kobe during a press conference with Seattle Mariners pitcher Kazuhiro Sasaki and Starbucks International.

(Mt. Rainier), **Teddy Rupp** (Kennedy) and **Daniel Zavala** (Kennedy).

The SEFAIR Ambassadors traveled for a week-long trip to Kobe, where the

students participated in a press conference with Seattle pitcher **Kazuhiro Sasaki**, visited peers at a local high school and soaked up the culture while living with host families.

SEFAIR Executive Director **Beth Wojick** wrote, "Our trip to Kobe was terrific and we positively impacted the student's lives -- on both sides of the world! **Takaaki Matsuda**, former Kobe Trade Information Office Director, sends his greetings."

Student **Adam Mesick** shared that, "when traveling in Kobe, we were always shown great hospitality and kindness; although no experience was more special than my stay with my host family. I was welcomed into the home of **Ayusa Koshi**, a 17 year old student at Fukiai High School. Ayusa and her family gave me a glimpse into the culture all the while making me feel at home. Japan will always remain a special place to me. Thanks to my host family."

You can read more about the students' trip and SEFAIR by visiting www.seafair.com.

Kobe Festival Representatives Participate in SEFAIR

Kobe Festival Representatives **Masaharu Kihara** and **Mariko Takeda** visited Seattle from July 22-27, 2003 and participated in the Ms. SEFAIR Coronation ceremony and Torchlight Parade. Big thanks to their host family **Paul and Elizabeth Randolph** who shared with them many of Seattle's local sites and treasures.



Masaharu Kihara and Mariko Takeda represent Kobe in the SEFAIR Torchlight Parade in July, 2003 as part of the Kobe Festival-SEFAIR exchange.



Visitors to Seattle

It's hard to keep track of all the Kobe folks visiting! If you know of a group who will be coming to Seattle, please let any SKSCA board member know!

A group of Kobe University students visited the UW Business School in March for the 5th annual Global Business Challenge event. Schools from around the world participated, including the Japan team from Kobe University which was Advisor **Katsunobu Yoshida** and students **Kayo Ikeda, Masayuki Nakatani, Chie Maekawa** and **Nguyen Viet Ha**.

Five Kobe citizens involved in non-profit groups (including **Eiki Matsubara**, Studio Catalyst, **Yushin Ueda**, Director of the non-profit group Plaza Five, a community support group in Nagata Ward, and Professor **Masuko Yoshitaka** from Iwate Prefectural Univ.) visited Seattle in Sept. and shared their community organizing experiences with local neighborhood leaders including **Jim Diers**. They toured Seattle community development corporations and neighborhood matching fund projects and discussed their activities after the Kobe earthquake with International District residents.

In November, **Yasumasa Yorifuji**, Advisor to the Director General for Urban Development and Housing for the Hyogo prefectural government, toured the recent improvements in the Univ. District with SKSCA Chair **Karin Zaugg** in her role with Seattle's Office of Economic Development.

Andy & Cece Frank, longtime SKSCA members living in Kobe, are doing fine. They spent two months visiting family & friends in Seattle this fall, and are now back in Kobe getting ready to enjoy the new year.

The time that I have spent there has had a tremendous effect on my life as a performing musician/teacher and as a 'global citizen'. On many occasions I have been a witness to the strong bridge of understanding that can be built through musical performance in a foreign country. Music is truly a powerful language understood by those of similar commitment in our global community. For that reason,



among others, I have had a long-held dream of being able to take the UW Wind Ensemble to Ja-

pan for a short concert tour so that the students would have the chance to witness first-hand the profound communicative possibilities of music in a country where language is not a barrier to human understanding."

The Ensemble is now raising money to help fund the trip. You can make a tax-deductible donation to this cross-cultural and educational exchange by contacting the UW School of Music at **206-676-0678** or via email at **takekawa@u.washington.edu**. For more information about the ensemble and upcoming fundraising concerts, visit: <http://depts.washington.edu/uwwinds/>

Hyogo Teachers Visit Seattle

At the end of August, a group of K-12 teachers and professors of education from Hyogo Prefecture (mostly from Kobe), traveled to Seattle to learn more about Americans and the United States. According to their project descrip-



Some SKSCA members and staff of The Laurasian Institution joined these teachers for some Pacific Northwest cuisine catered by Bay Catering at Pier 57.

tion, Japanese students at the elementary, junior and senior high school levels tend not to have accurate images of and knowledge about the US, and Japanese teachers often have similarly limited knowledge. This project intends to make substantial inroads in overcoming this significant shortcoming which impacts Japanese-American relations at all levels and in all arenas. Funding from the **US-Japan Foundation** has enabled this group of Japanese teachers to travel to the US to observe first-hand and then report back in the form of extensive curricular and supplemental materials. The project aims, through widespread distribution of the fruits of these teachers' efforts, to contribute significantly to improving Japanese pre-college students' images of and understanding about the US and the American way of life.



UW Wind Ensemble to tour Kobe, Kansai in March 2004

The University of Washington Wind Ensemble is traveling to Japan at the invitation of the Hyogo Wind Ensemble Association to present a concert tour of the Kansai region of Japan from March 18-28, 2004. This wonderfully unique cross-cultural exchange will include shared concerts in several venues with outstanding Japanese high school and university bands from Okayama, Kobe, and Himeji.

The group of over 60 students will stay for several days with host families in Kobe, and will perform a joint concert at Kobe Bunka Hall on March 25, 2004 with two local Kobe schools, including Yodogawa High School.

Tim Salzman, professor in the UW School of Music and tour organizer, writes, "The Japanese love band music. It is currently estimated that there are about 47,000 bands in Japan, including several professional bands, each with their own concert hall, subscription concert series and CD recording projects. There are bands in every major police and fire station, corporate bands (at companies like Sony), and many incredible junior high, high school, and collegiate bands. I have traveled a great deal in Japan over the past several years serving as a conductor and master class presenter for high school and university bands.

Starbucks and Baseball Hero Ichiro Suzuki Go to Bat for Kids More than \$120,000 for Children of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan

It started with a dream to make a difference in the lives of children in Japan, and in less than six months, Starbucks and its customers have raised more than \$120,000 for the Starbucks and Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan partnership, which includes significant contributions of \$45,000 from Seattle Mariners baseball great, Ichiro Suzuki, and the Tateuchi Foundation.

Starbucks launched a limited edition card and mug that featured a drawing by a Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan child whose dream of swimming with dolphins was fulfilled by the organization. Two percent of each card and mug sold in Japan went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan.

On hearing about this philanthropic partnership, Suzuki, who had granted wishes to children from the foundation in the past, and his wife Yumiko, met with Starbucks Coffee Company chairman Howard Schultz to deliver a check for \$25,000. The Seattle-based Tateuchi Foundation also made a contribution of \$20,000, and the Starbucks Foundation contributed \$25,000.

"No other company in Japan has taken the commitment of giving back to this level," said Masami Yagi, president, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Japan.



"Starbucks has raised the bar on social responsibility in Japan. And to have someone of Ichiro's stature support our effort is a great validation of the importance of this philanthropic initiative."

"Achieving the balance between profitability and benevolence is something that we take very seriously and is ingrained in who we are as a company," said Howard Schultz. "At Starbucks, our commitment is to the people—our customers, our partners and those in the community where we do business."

"Our relationship with Ichiro is a perfect fit," continued Schultz. "Recognized as cultural icons in the United States and Japan, Starbucks and Ichiro share a mutual commitment to giving back to the community that has given us so much. We firmly believe that our success worldwide is defined not just by profitability but by respect for the human connection, which lies at the core of a successful business."

Starbucks Coffee Japan was established in 1995 and currently operates more than 450 stores. It is expected to grow to 500 stores by late 2003. Starbucks Coffee Company has more than 7,000 retail locations in North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim.

Visit Starbucks online at www.starbucks.com.

CORPORATE MEMBER PROFILES

75 Years of Offering a Taste of Japan & Asia

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Uwajimaya. In 1928, Fujimatsu and Sadako Moriguchi founded Uwajimaya in Tacoma, Washington. They provided Japanese workers and families with Japanese staples such as soy sauce, tofu, kamaboko (fish cake) and rice. Today, their children and grandchildren lead Uwajimaya, Inc. which is best known for its three markets in Seattle's International District, Bellevue and Beaverton, Oregon. Uwajimaya, Inc. also includes three specialized food service lines: Kustom Foods, Food Service International and Sun Luck. The Moriguchis credit much of Uwajimaya's growth to knowledgeable employees providing excellent customer service.

Today, the three Uwajimaya markets specialize in quality foods and gifts from not only Japan, but all of Asia. While customers choose to shop at Uwajimaya for its freshest produce and seafood selections, the selection of gifts and foods from Japan remains Uwajimaya's number one specialty. Bento plates and Japanese party platters are a favorite among shoppers and party planners. Uwajimaya maintains strong business ties with Japanese

retailers such as Kinokuniya Books, Paris Miki Opticals and Shiseido Cosmetics.

In May 2005, the first Uwajimaya Sushi will open in Concourse C at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. The family hopes the near future will include another Uwajimaya Market serving the Puget Sound area.

Uwajimaya and the Moriguchi family participate in civic events and community organizations such as the Cherry Blossom Festival, Japan-America Society, Nikkei Concerns and Eastside Matsuri Festival. Uwajimaya is the largest donor to the Asian Counseling and Referral Service food bank.

Uwajimaya sponsors Asian cooking classes, Go lessons, calligraphy lessons, flower arranging classes and a book club (with Kinokuniya Books). For additional information about Uwajimaya, special events, e-coupons, recipes, a weekly e-newsletter, helpful links and more, visit www.uwajimaya.com.

Upcoming Events

- Feng Shui Workshop (1/15 at Seattle Store, 1/28 in Bellevue)
- Lion Dance (1/25 at Seattle and Bellevue Stores)
- Live Chinese Music (Dates vary by store)



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_____ I am a **current** member renewing my dues and I have enclosed \$ _____.

_____ I am a **new** member and I have enclosed \$ _____.

_____ I am interested in volunteer opportunities. Please send me more information.

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Hatakko Daiko Student Taiko Drum Group Coming from Kobe! July 31 and August 1, 2004



Hatakko Daiko is a taiko drumming group made up of 20 elementary, junior high, and high school students from Hatacho in Kobe. Formed in 1996, the group is now in its eighth year. Hatakko Daiko focuses on local youth development activities and is committed to the principle of "working hard to serve others." By holding performances to support terminally ill children, the International Germany Peace Village, and the children of Afghanistan, group members become engaged in the world they live in and are encouraged to think about issues of international peace. They hope that the taiko drums lift people's spirits and resound deeply through body and soul.

In January 1995, the city of Kobe endured a great earthquake and sustained tremendous damage. However, thanks to support from various nations and regions, especially Kobe's sister city of Seattle, Kobe was restored with remarkable speed. Almost 10 years

have passed since the earthquake, and Hatakko Daiko, a children's taiko group, will be coming to Seattle to perform. These performances will be held in appreciation for the aid Kobe citizens re-



ceived from the people of Seattle after the earthquake.

Hatakko Daiko has chosen Kobe's sister city, Seattle, as a location for its first performance and group members are excited to share their love of taiko with Seattle citizens! They will be giving performances in the Seattle area on Saturday, July 31 and Sunday, August 1. The current tentative schedule includes appearances in the **SEAFAIR Torchlight Parade** on July 31 and performances at **Uwajimaya** and **Westlake Center**.

These will be the students' first performances abroad so they are very excited. We hope many SKSCA members and friends will come out to show their support! Save the dates!



**Homestay family needed
7/27- 8/1 (See inside p. 3) !!**



Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Junglecity Network and Seattle Post-Intelligencer to Produce Mariners News and Features Online in Japanese

Congratulations to **Junglecity.com** for launching **Seattle Mariners** baseball information in Japanese with the **Seattle Post-Intelligencer**. **Junglecity Network, Inc.**, an online media company, and the Post-Intelligencer's **Seattlepi.com** website have announced that the two companies are launching joint production of Mariners news, Q&A's, and player profiles in

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Message from the Chair

Happy Spring! It has been an exciting spring, with the blooming flowers, the start of baseball season, and the annual Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center! The 21 sister cities reception was also held last month at the Museum of History and Industry. It was an enjoyable reception which featured fun international entertainment from four of Seattle's sister cities – Chongqing, China, Mazatlán, Mexico, Mombasa, Kenya and Pécs, Hungary. The reception also honored former mayors and city council members, including **former Mayor Gordon Clinton**, who signed the Seattle-Kobe sister city agreement in 1957.

We've mailed out membership invoices for 2004 – if it's still in your to-do pile, please mail it in! We thank you for renewing your membership and continuing to support SKSCA. All donations to SKSCA are tax-deductible.

We're going to have some fun events this year. I hope to see you at one soon!



JUNGLECITY

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Japanese.

Under the joint production, Mariners news, most Q&A's, and many Player profiles published on www.seattlepi.com are being translated into Japanese and published by Jungleciti Network, Inc. for www.seattlepi.com. To view the P-I's website in Japanese, click on the button in the upper right corner with Japanese writing at: <http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/baseball/>

"By teaming up with the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Jungleciti.com can now deliver the latest and most detailed information on the Seattle Mariners to Japanese Internet users," said **Takumi Ono**, president of Jungleciti Network, Inc. "Seattle Post-Intelligencer saw the need for it and quickly responded in the best way, which is launching this new Japanese website." The content on the Japanese pages is updated daily on weekdays.

For more information on Jungleciti.com, please visit www.jungleciti.com

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KTIO Intern Reflects on Seattle



Mari Nishie.

"I visited Seattle as an intern of the Kobe Trade Information Office. Although I had visited Seattle during my stay in Vancouver three years ago, Seattle is much better than what I had thought. Not only does it have a very beautiful port and sea, just like my home city of Kobe, it also has thousands of lakes and hills that make it look beautiful like in scenes out of a movie. Seattle is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Now it has become very well known to Japanese people after the Mariners have Ichiro and Hasegawa. For Kobe citizens, Seattle is the best known city among Kobe's sister cities. Since they have very long history as sister cities, the partnership is very strong and the influences are very deep. Seattle and Kobe will keep on having good relations in this 21st century. I would love to come back to Seattle again in the summer!" — *Mari Nishie*

General Membership Meeting Sat. June 26, 6-8 pm

Mark your calendars! SKSCA will hold a general membership meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 26 at the beautiful home of **Jon & Marcy Edwards** (7317 164th Pl SW, Edmonds, 98026). We'll enjoy a salmon BBQ and potluck and will share ideas about upcoming events and projects. Come and join us! We'd love to hear feedback about the activities you've read about here, and we welcome ideas for future activities. Please sign up for a potluck dish with Stacey Jehlik at stacers@attglobal.net or **206-525-7991**. Hope to see you there! (Directions will be emailed out soon!)



Kobe
University
Football
Coaches Visit
UW

Kobe University football coaches **Tomoya Mantani**, **Isao Yasui**, and **Kohei Yamamoto** visited Seattle in April to meet with coaches from the **University of Washington** football team. The exchange was developed as a result of an agreement signed by the two schools last year during activities to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the sister state relationship between Hyogo Prefecture and Washington State. The exchange was facilitated by **Yoshi Minegishi**, a retiree of IBM and Nortel who lives in Seattle and is very active in arranging exchanges between the UW and Kobe University. He introduced the two teams' coaches to one another.



From left: Tomoya Mantani, Yoshi Minegishi, Isao Yasui, Kohei Yamamoto.

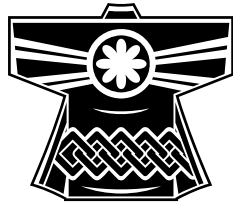


UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 26 General Membership Meeting
- July 24 Kobe Day with the Mariners (vs. Anaheim)
- July 31 & Aug 1 Hatakkko Daiko performances
- Aug 28 - Sept 24 ... International Symposium on Japanese Gardens
- Sept 13 Jazz Day at Dimitriou's Jazz Alley
- Sept 24 - Oct 5 Trade Development Alliance Mission to Japan

29th Annual Seattle Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival

Celebrating 150 Years of US-Japan Relations



The oldest cultural festival at Seattle Center marked the 150th anniversary of US-Japan relations with a celebration of musical exchange, including the first American performance of one of Japan's pioneering singer/songwriters. Music Interweave 2004 was the theme of this year's Cherry Blossom & Japanese Cultural Festival, celebrating Japanese music and the sharing of influences with American music. The festival is part of Seattle Center's Festál, a series of cultural community festivals, and was designated as an official event of the 150th anniversary celebration.

The traditional beauty and grace of the Seattle Cherry Blossom & Cultural Festival included dance and music, colorful costumes, martial arts, tea ceremonies, and entertaining educational activities. SKSCA continued its tradition of

hosting a kimono dress-up booth in cooperation with the **Japan-America Society**.

The festival is presented by the Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival Committee, which founded the festival in appreciation of the gift of 1,000 cherry trees to the city by **Prime Minister Tadeo Miki** on behalf of the Japanese government in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial in

1976.

Help support the Cherry Blossom Festival!

The Cherry Blossom Festival offers a wide variety of arts, culture, and educational interactivity on a grassroots basis, free to the general public. The festival is managed entirely by volunteers and nonprofit groups who care, and in the year 2005, will hold its 30th annual event. The festival committee seeks continued support of its programs through fundraising. If you would like to make a donation, please mail checks to the **SCBJCF Committee at P.O. Box 9311, Seattle, WA 98109-9311**. Credit card donations can be made by calling **206-723-2003**.

Washington-Hyogo Teacher Institute

In late March, the **East Asia Resource Center** at the **University of Washington**, and the **Hyogo Business & Cultural Center** co-hosted a group of fifteen teachers from Hyogo Prefecture as part of the Washington-Hyogo Teacher Institute. The week-long visit included school visits, overnight homestays, and sightseeing in and around Seattle. The program is one half of a pair of exchanges; the



Tsumura Sensei asks questions to a Eckstein MS Japanese language student.

other half will involve the two sponsoring organizations taking a group of Washington State educators to Hyogo this June. At the end of the Hyogo teachers' visit, the group congregated with a number of local Washington State teachers and discussed the visiting

teacher's observations, questions, and opinions about American education.

The trip was an overall success. Many thanks to the local educators and schools who assisted the group including **John Stanford International School, Assumption-St. Bridget School, and Eckstein Middle School**, who invited the Hyogo teachers to observe their schools' classrooms and activities. A number of other educators also contributed to the group's home-stay accommodations and final discussions at the opinion exchange forum.

The Washington-Hyogo Teacher Institute is designed to strengthen ties between Hyogo Prefecture and Washington State, reinforcing the sister state relationship established in 1963. The sponsoring organizations believe in the importance of allowing teachers to learn about the life and

culture of both America and Japan through direct contact and communication, thus promoting friendship and mutual understanding. The exchange is made possible by the **Hyogo Prefectural Government** and a generous grant from the **Freeman Foundation**.

Hyogo teachers.

Bottom row left to right: Masahiro Okuuchi, Chinami Uematsu, Toshiko Adachi, Kazuyuki Ochi, Hiroshi Yamagami.



Top row: Masayuki Tsumura, Hiroko Morita, Mary Hammond Bernson, Fumiko Myoi, Tashiyuki Hashimoto, Chiharu Kobayashi, Itsumi Mizuta, Kyoko Yasuda, Isamu Murayama, Kazumi Habuchi, Kristen Chaney, Masayoshi Torii.

Wanted: Homestay Family and Transportation Helpers



The 2004 Kobe Festival Representatives will be visiting Seattle this summer from July 27 to August 1. We're looking for a family (or two) that would be willing to host one (or if possible both) of the students during their stay. The family would be responsible for providing a place to stay for one or two college students as well as for assisting with some transportation to and from the events being planned for them. If you can't provide housing but would be willing to take the representatives out for some local sightseeing, or if you can help transport them to a few activities, we'd love to hear from you! Contact **Karin Zaugg** at karinzaugg@yahoo.com or **206-733-9810** for details.

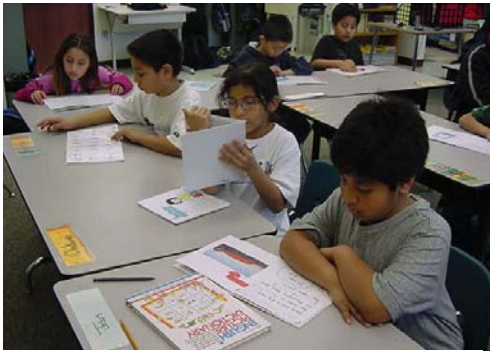
Student Book Exchange Between John Stanford International School & Ogo Junior High School in Kobe

When Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels traveled to Kobe for the 45th anniversary of the Seattle-Kobe sister city relationship in November 2002, he received some picture books made by students at **Ogo Junior High School** in Kobe. The Mayor brought the books back to Seattle, and gave them to students at the **John Stanford International School**, an elementary school here in Seattle.

The John Stanford School students made books and sent them to Ogo Junior High school last year, and this year they are exchanging books again! Enjoy these great photos of Seattle students reading the Japanese students' books and showing



the picture books that they have made to send to Kobe. Three classes wrote books for the students at Ogo Junior High. Two of the classes are bilingual/newcomer classes that have students from many different countries who are learning English and one class is a Japanese immersion class. These classes were the recipients of the books that were sent from Ogo a few months ago. Some of the books were also placed in the library for the whole school to enjoy.



Students enjoy reading books sent by Ogo Junior High students.



Business & Trade Mission to Japan Sept. 24 – Oct. 5, 2004 Kyushu, Kansai, Nagoya, and Tokyo

Organized by the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle



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Are you interested in developing business ties with Japan? The Trade Development Alliance is organizing a trade mission to Japan from Sept. 24 to Oct. 5, 2004. The purpose of this mission is both to provide private-sector delegates with an opportunity to assess and explore specific business opportunities, and to promote Greater Seattle as a world-class business center. Business representatives and government officials from the Greater Seattle area will have opportunities to establish new commercial ties and to reaffirm existing relationships with Japan, our state's largest trading partner for many years.

Active sister city ties between Seattle and Kobe are also enhanced by sister port ties (Port of Seattle - Port of Kobe,) and sister state ties (Washington State - Hyogo Prefecture). Kobe and Hyogo both have full-time representatives in Seattle, and have sent numerous government and business delegations here. Kobe maintains its position as a strong port city, accommodating as many as 200 ships at once. It is also looking to the future, with millions of dollars being invested in developing the city as a major center for biotechnology.

The delegation plans to be in Kobe on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2; we are exploring the possibility of having a sister city event in Kobe during this time to coincide with the trade mission.

For more information about the trade mission, visit www.seattletradealliance.com or contact **Lili Hein** at 206-389-7227 or lilih@seattlechamber.com.

Chocolate Suite— Japanese Music for Chocolate Lovers Receives iParenting Media Award!



Koto World is pleased to announce that Chocolate Suite - Japanese Music for Chocolate Lovers has just received an iParenting Media Award! The CD features koto duos performed by the mother-son duo, **Elizabeth** and **Brian Falconer**. The Falconers "are especially thrilled because we hope the recognition will encourage the uninitiated (people who might not normally listen to a Japanese music CD) to encounter koto music, particularly young listeners and their parents, and the sound of the koto will be enjoyed by a fresh, wider audience." For details visit: <http://iparentingmediaawards.com/winners/3/777-1-178.php>.

All Koto World CDs are now just \$13.00, including shipping. To purchase a CD, visit www.kotoworld.com, or send a check for \$13.00 to: **Koto World, 15722 SE 166th Place, Renton, WA 98058.**

Hyogo Business & Cultural Center

Building Bridges Between Japan and the US Since 1990



The Hyogo Business & Cultural Center (HBCC) is a non-profit organization located in Seattle, Washington. HBCC is the North American representative office of Hyogo, Japan, and was established in

1990 to promote and strengthen the sister state relationship between Washington State and Hyogo Prefecture, and to further international understanding between the people of the United States and Japan.

HBCC meets this goal through educational outreach, supporting language education, offering cultural workshops to the community, assisting student and teacher exchanges, hosting a Japan-related library open to the public, business development services, sister city support, and a web based service called Japan Quick Info to answer a variety of questions related to Japan.

The Hyogo Business & Cultural Center also collaborates with a number of community organizations

and events to increase awareness of multicultural issues, Hyogo Prefecture, and Japan as a whole.

Since its opening in 1990, the Hyogo Business & Cultural Center has served thousands of people to further mutual understanding and international relations between our regions. They look forward to maintaining many of their current programs as well as developing future programs and events in the coming years. If you have ideas or questions related to a past, present or future program, please feel free to contact their office.

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Law Office of Darryl S. Vhugen International and Domestic Business Law

Based in Seattle, the Law Office of Darryl S. Vhugen has a strong international and domestic business law practice. With 21 years of experience as an attorney, Darryl Vhugen advises foreign and domestic clients in a broad range of business matters involving the US, Japan, and several countries in Southeast Asia. The firm's practice emphasizes commercial contract negotiation and drafting, international transactions, joint ventures and investment, the formation, purchase and sale of businesses, the establishment of branch offices overseas, advice to non-profit organizations, and international and domestic arbitrations.

Having spent a great deal of time in Japan, Southeast Asia, and Europe, Darryl Vhugen has come to understand and appreciate the cultural challenges and subtleties inherent in any cross-cultural transaction or business relationship. He regularly represents Japanese companies doing business in the US and in Southeast Asian countries, as well as American businesses and entrepreneurs expanding their businesses into those and other markets. Relationships with law firms in several countries in Asia, Central America,

and the European Union give the firm and its clients immediate access to specialized, high quality legal advice on site in those regions.

Vhugen also is an active participant in community affairs. He takes active leadership roles in the Seattle-Sihanoukville (Cambodia) Sister City Association, the Greater Seattle Viet Nam Association and the Japan-America Society, and was appointed by the mayor to serve two terms on the Sister Cities Council. In addition, Vhugen has been a member of the organizing committee for the "Sushi and Sake Fest," an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce.

The Law Office of Darryl S. Vhugen is pleased to be the newest corporate member of the Seattle-Kobe Sister City Association.

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