

Greeting from San Francisco Consul General Maeda

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Dear Sunnyvale Sister City Association,

My name is MAEDA Toru, Consul General of Japan in San Francisco. I arrived here in February but have unfortunately not had the pleasure to meet many of you quite yet. I would like to take this opportunity to deliver a short message of greetings and encouragement for your sister city activities.

While it is indeed regrettable that physical grassroots exchanges are not possible during this time, I have been encouraged by many stories of virtual exchanges occurring in their place. This is certainly a time that calls for patience, reflection, and innovation in our sister city relationships. I hope you can use this time to connect with your sister city of Iizuka and let them know that they are not alone in this time of temporary isolation. It is more important than ever during this time that we in the California-Japan sister cities community demonstrate the beautiful bridges that exist between our communities and our countries. Together, we will persevere through this challenge and look excitedly toward what the future holds.

Thank you for your tireless efforts in the spirit of peace, positivity, and friendship between our peoples. The Consulate General of Japan in San Francisco stands ready to work with you in this endeavor.

Warmly,

MAEDA Toru
Consul General of Japan