

Dear YOCCA Sister City members,

It is now 40 years since we formed our sister city organizations. I remember well when Mayor Saito and his official group came to the old Livermore City Hall and created this wonderful relationship. For many years Livermore and Yotsukaido City residents have exchanged visits, culture, students, gifts and enduring friendship. Our City Hall has many memories of our mutual association on display.

My family and I visited you on the first delegation to Yotsukaido. We fondly remember the welcoming party and the 40 year friendships we started together. The Host Families were so very gracious and have forever remained in our minds and hearts. Those events were very special and we realized how much both cities had in common. The celebration of two cities joining as sisters was very impressive, especially at the 4 hour reception and party at Yotsukaido's lovely park. Learning the "Japanese coal miner's dance" was a memorable experience. I made my first videotape recording at that party, and now have it preserved as a DVD forever. The Sony Betamax camera I received at the park was the first consumer video camera used at our Livermore/Pleasanton Community Television Station. It is now called "TV30" and broadcasts every day.

Everyone who has a computer or smartphone in Yotsukaido may view the Livermore television programs by connecting to tv30.org. You may view lifestyle programs, the new downtown, city council meetings, educational items, and current events anytime you wish. Please watch the program showing the 140 year history of Livermore I produced with City Manager Marc Roberts. It has many original pictures from 1876 to the present time.

Congratulations again to all our friends in Yotsukaido! Many of us were very young when the sister city started, and now many of us are grandparents.

With great respect to you all,
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