



San Francisco – Osaka Sister City Association

April 2007

Dear Members and Friends:

San Francisco-Osaka Sister City Association started its **50th Anniversary Year** with the very successful delegation led by **Mayor Gavin Newsom** to Osaka in February. Many from our organization joined the Mayor, which also included **Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi** and **Public Defender Jeff Adachi**. Mayor Seki was thrilled with the gifts Mayor Newsom presented: a San Francisco Giants' All Star Jersey with "Seki" and "50" printed on it and an "Osaka Way" street sign, which will be placed in Japan Town when Mayor Seki arrives in September.

Upcoming celebratory events include:

San Francisco 50th Anniversary Opening Reception, to welcome *Mr. Takenaka, Chairman of the Osaka-San Francisco Sister City Association*, at Nikko Hotel, April 20 (Fri), from 4-6 pm - *please sign-up if you have not yet done so.*

All members are also invited to a *Cherry Blossom Friendship Reception* held at the Miyako Hotel, Japantown later that same evening.

2007 Cherry Blossom Festival Grand Parade, April 22 (Sun) 1 pm - members will join Mr. Takenaka and march in the parade.

Annual High School Summer Exchange Program in summer - thanks to Emily Murase, who is taking the lead this year.

Osaka Mayor Seki visit in September - a community dinner is being planned in addition to a formal visit and small ceremony scheduled to be held at City Hall

Bunraku Program at the Asian Art Museum on October 12th, 11 am, and Bunraku Performance at Zellerbach on October 13th & 14th.

Culinary Tour to Osaka in October.

This year's **Annual General Meeting** in the Mayor's conference room at City Hall will be held on **May 8th** at noon. Please complete and return to Misako Sack, Executive Director, the attached form to sign up and submit your membership dues. We would appreciate your making an extra donation towards the 50th Anniversary celebration events when writing your membership check.

For details and updates on events to come, please check our website, www.sf-osaka.org, or contact our Executive Director, Misako Sack at msack@mofo.com.

With thanks and appreciation,

Kathleen Kimura
Co-Chairperson

Allen Okamoto
Co-Chairperson

Mayor of San Francisco
The Honorable Gavin
Newsom

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San Francisco

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