

TEN YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

★ 1966

March 15

Resolution to accept invitation of Sakai, Japan, for a Sister City affiliation, and to establish such an affiliation passed by City Council.

1967

April 6

The Berkeley-Sakai Sister City Committee became the Berkeley-Sakai Association, Incorporated.

November 3

At special ceremonies in Sakai, Mayors Yasunosuke Kawamori and Wallace Johnson issued a Joint Declaration of Sister City Affiliation between Sakai and Berkeley. Association Chairman William Porter, Shigeru Jio, and Tad Hirota also attended. On this occasion Sakai presented Berkeley with the magnificent Stone Lantern which stands under the Redwood trees among the rhododendrons in front of City Hall.

1968

June 26 & 27

Six men, led by Mayor Kawamori, made up the first official delegation from Sakai. During this visit, Berkeley presented Sakai with a unique Sundial made of black terrazzo and bronze in an unusual shape described as a trigonal trapezohedron by its creator, East Bay engineer Frank Cheney. It was installed in front of Citizens' Hall in Sakai.

July 29 -

August 1

The first Sakai-Berkeley Student Exchange visited Berkeley, led by Father John Kikawada. The students were Fumiko Asano, Shunji Azuma*, Keiko Fukushima*, Takashi Harino, Yoshiro Harino, Junko Iinuma, Megumi Isono, Kazuo Kamado, Kyoichi Kawai* (Student Leader), Eiji Kawamura, Miyuki Kitayama, Emiko Minoda, Chizuko Nobuta, Takako Osumi, Keiko Shibata and Tsutomu Takubo. "Gus" and Bea Moore were in charge of arrangements for the students, and nineteen local families hosted them.

1969

July 26 -

August 17

The first Berkeley-Sakai Student Exchange visited Sakai, led by "Gus" and Bea Moore, assisted by Nancy Shimada. Students in the group were Nancy Babington, Terry Baker, Charles Burton, Gwendolyn Edmond, Patricia Green, Laurel Harger, Amy Iwata, George Mallman*, Demetri Marshall, Linda Moore, Bob Morris*, Robert Munk, Plezema Shack, Susan Shaw and Valerie Yasukochi.

1970

July

The Cal Band toured Japan and made appearances in baseball stadiums in many cities, at Expo '70, on the Ginza in Tokyo, and in Citizens' Hall in Sakai where an electrical storm forced them to perform without lights.

July

The City of Berkeley installed a handsome Sundial in the Fishing Pier Plaza of the newly developed Berkeley Marina. It bears a plaque which dedicates it to the continuing friendship and growing association between Sakai and Berkeley.

July 25 -

August 10

The second SBSE, led by Akira Miyamoto, visited Berkeley. Student members were Nobuko Aburatani*, Takakiyo Akasaka, Mie Amatsu, Masafumi Harada*, Takumi Hirakawa (Student Leader), Hideyuki Kaneko, Yoshio Matsumura, Yoshiaki Moriwaki, Yuzo Nara, Yoshie Onishi*, Kimiaki Sato, Eiko Shimono, Hiroko Suzuki, Yuko Yamaguchi*, Ichiro Yamazaki, and Haruyuki Zenitani*. Jack and Fern Harger were in charge of arrangements for the students, and twenty-five local families hosted them.

1971

July 20 -

August 14

The second BSSE, led by Fern Harger, assisted by Bob Morris, visited Sakai. Students were Madeleine Bergman, Claudia Bugatto, Roger Commerford*, Derek Dang, Chris Frasco, Sandra Granich*, Benjamin Gregg, Brandon Gregg (Student Spokesman), David Hirota, Chris Koch, Mia Kodani, Jean Kreider, Lynn Kreider, Roxanne Shack and Robin Taylor.

August 27

Interested students who had participated in the BSSE program met and formed the BSSE Alumni Club, the main purposes being to facilitate the reciprocal Student Exchange between Sakai and Berkeley and to enhance mutual friendship among members of the Club.

September 15-

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Benjamin Gregg, '71 BSSE, attended the 13th Annual Conference of the National Association of Sister Cities in Washington, D.C., where he was presented with third place award in the George V. Allen Youth Essay Contest, for his essay on "What Does the Sister City Concept Mean to You?".

1972

April 18

The City Council adopted a resolution setting aside every May 5 as Sister City Day "to recognize the people-to-people program as a living bond of brotherhood, with the hope for a peaceful world."

*Indicates students who have returned to their Sister City for visits, study, etc.



NOTIFICATION OF SISTER CITY DAY

1972-1973

★ TEN YEAR HIGHLIGHTS - Continued ★ ★

- 1972
- August 5-23 The third SBSE, led by the Reverend Ichiro Saito, visited Berkeley. Student members were Yuriko Fukuoka, Yoichi Hiraoka*, Akiyo Hirooka*, Takeo Kanke, Kazuo Kawai, Yasuhide Kobayashi, Mayumi Koyama, Sachi Miyamae*, Rieko Morii, Seiko Morimoto, Yasuko Nakatsuji, Uhei Sadojima, Hiromitsu Tamamaki, Hideyo Tojino, Kazumi Umeda, and Fumiko Yabuuchi. The BSSE Alumni Club was in charge of Berkeley arrangements for the students, and they were hosted by twenty-four local families.
- August 16-19 Bob Morris, '69 BSSE, accompanied by Takeo Kanke, '72 SBSE, represented Berkeley at the Youth Conference held in conjunction with the 14th annual National Association of Sister Cities in Seattle, Washington. Bob also attended the Presentation of the Awards sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation and accepted for Berkeley the Honorable Mention Award for the Best Single Project. Fern Harger had entered an essay on "Preparation for the 1971 Berkeley-Sakai Student Exchange" which earned the award.
- September In cooperation with the Committee for International Education at UCB, the Association welcomed the first graduate student to participate in the Exchange Program between the Landscape Architecture Departments at the University of Osaka Prefecture, Sakai, and the University of California, Berkeley. Hiroshi Sekimoto will spend the academic year in Berkeley.
- 1973
- April 4 Roger Commerford, '71 BSSE, became the first Alumni Club member to return to Japan for study. He plans to attend a Japanese Language Institute and then enter Sophia University.
- June Sandra Granich, '71 BSSE, returned to Japan under the UCB Junior Year Abroad program, and will attend the International Christian University in Tokyo during the coming academic year.
- July 20 - The third BSSE, led by Fern Harger, assisted by Bob Morris, visited Sakai. Students were Kevin Bates, Marilyn Commerford, Steven Farnum, Tim Hackbarth*, Beverlee Hastings, Kim Koch*, Lynne Koll, Ted Laird, Jim Mallman, Rob McCullough (Student Spokesman), Kate Mitchell, Marcelle Moruza, Maya Murashima, Lola Stead, and Dorothy Wademeyer.
- August 18
- August 29 Tsuneki Miyaguchi, second graduate Landscape Architecture Exchange Student arrived in Berkeley for the year.
- November 8-11 Mayor Takeo Gado and Mrs. Gado paid an official visit to Berkeley.

1974

- March 25 Patricia Gutter, first graduate Landscape Architecture Exchange student from Berkeley, left for University of Osaka Prefecture.
- July 22-24 A Goodwill Mission, the first of its kind during the Sister City affiliation, composed of eighteen delegates visited Berkeley. Arrangements were made for delegates to meet Berkeley counterparts.
- August 3-23 The fourth SBSE, led by the Reverend Bokko Tsuchiyama, visited Berkeley. Students were Hiromi Abe, Kazuyoshi Gado, Masaki Harima, Naoko Hirano, Yoshihiro Hirooka, Keiko Ikuta, Kazuhiro Kametani, Yoshiyasu Morii, Yuzo Nishino (Student Leader), Mineko Osumi, Yoshimi Saeki, Yoshinobu Saito, Takashi Sato, Junko Shimono, Eriko Tadaoka, Yoko Yamagami, and Hiroko Yamamoto. The BSSE Alumni Club was in charge of Berkeley arrangements for the students, and they were hosted by twenty-four local families.
- September 1 Yoshihiro Asano, third graduate Landscape Architecture Exchange Student arrived in Berkeley for the year.
- October 4 Bob Morris, '69 BSSE and Assistant Leader 1971 and 1973, first Alumni Club member to return to Sakai to work. He will be and Instructor of English at the Sakai YMCA for two years.
- November 9 Alumni Club members Kate Mitchell and Kim Koch with Yoshihiro Asano rode "Honor Guard" to Mayor Widener during the Berkeley Transportation Fair. They rode bicycles made by the Shimano Bicycle Company of Sakai, two of which were given to the City and one to the Association. Each year the Association loans its bicycle to the Exchange Landscape Architecture Student.

1975

- February 14 Shigeru Jio, Founding Father of the Berkeley-Sakai Association, was presented an engraved plaque in recognition of his service. He was also named Honorary Chairman of the Association by the Board of Directors.
- March 5 The City presented the permanent Sister City Display Case which hangs on the wall just outside City Council Chambers. Frequently changed displays will acquaint citizens with our Sister City Program, the City of Sakai, and various facets of Japanese culture.

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- March 19-22 ¹⁵ An official delegation of ten Sakai Jaycees visited Berkeley to establish Sister Chapter ties with the Berkeley Jaycees.
- April 12 Shigeru Jio presented an Award as the Outstanding Foreign-born Member of the Japanese Community by the International Institute of the East Bay, largely for his work for the Sister City program which has promoted greater understanding between the peoples of the U. S. and Japan.
- July 23 - The fourth BSSE, led by Roger and Jean Bales, assisted by Kim Koch, visited Sakai. Students were Lynne Rachel Altman, John Ballantine, Katie Barron (Student Spokeswoman), Douglas Bates, Nancy Fulrath, Elissa Koch, Robert Lucchese, Brian Lutt, Brad McCullough, Andrew McKinley, Jennifer McNary, Victoria Morris, Susan Sakaki, Allyndreth Stead, Brad Sherman, John Sherman, Jennifer Steward, and Elizabeth Wedemeyer.
- August 20
- August 1-8 Six members of Boy Scout Troop 26 of Berkeley, led by Scoutmaster Roy Kurihara, were hosted by families of Sakai Boy Scouts. It is expected that a reciprocal exchange program will be developed.
- August 13-18 Mayor Warren Widener paid an official visit to Sakai.
- August 31 Noboru Masuda, fourth graduate Landscape Architecture Exchange Student arrived in Berkeley for the academic year.
- September Brian Collett, second graduate student from UCB in Exchange program with University of Osaka Prefecture left for Sakai.

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