

Bicentennial greeting from Sakai

Paul Williamson, right, coordinator of the Berkeley Bicentennial Committee received a Bicentennial greeting from Berkeley's Sister City, Sakai, Japan at a recent tea garden reception hosted by the Holiday Inn-Oakland Coliseum. Katsuyoshi Suzuki, left, and Hideaki Fujii, two Japanese journalists who arrived from Tokyo March 1, made the presentations. Suzuki and Fujii spent three months touring Japan procuring good will messages to deliver, along with the Bicentennial Greeting, to Sister City mayors throughout the U.S. The Bicentennial Greeting is an original "isekatagami" (paper carving) created especially for this tour by Japanese artist, Kikusui Takeuchi. Artist Takeuchi prepared 100 originals of the art work for the mayors, plus one for Japan's Prime Minister, Takeo Miki, and one for President Ford. Suzuki and Fujii have dubbed their eight month auto tour "The Buffalo in the U.S.A." and have received the sanction of the A erican Bicentennial Committee.

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