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Japanese garden restoration project in foreign countries ~in Riverside City, US~ (Sendai City, Miyagi Pref.)



Renewed Yuishin-tei



Letters of appreciation from Riverside City

Yuishin Tei', a Japanese garden in White Park in Riverside City in the U.S., was built to commemorate the 50th anniversary of sister city relationship between Sendai City and Riverside City in 2007. It was selected as one of the Japanese garden restoration projects, and was restored from January to February in 2019. Japanese gardeners worked hard on the restoration project with the cooperation of many volunteers.

DEJIMA MESSE NAGASAKI will be open in November, 2021 (Nagasaki City)



Facility from a bird's eye view



Convention hall

Nagasaki City will open a new MICE facility, 'DEJIMA MESSE NAGASAKI', adjacent to Nagasaki Station in November 2021. The name of the facility was chosen from submissions from the public. Dejima played an important role as only one window opened to foreign countries in the period, when Tokugawa shogunate had taken the isolation policy. The name contains a wish that the facility will receive a lot of visitors from inside and outside the country, and become a hub for new business and cultural exchange.

Nara: Sacred Images from Early Japan

Nara Prefecture is a place, where Buddhist art with the background of East-West cultural exchange in the Eurasian Continent have been passed down from generation to generation. Some fifteen major Buddhist and Shinto statues and treasures that have remained beautifully intact in their shrines and temples since over 1300 years cross the sea this time to be unveiled at the British Museum this October. They will be on display from 3rd October to 24th November. This is an unprecedented exhibition, where the most famous treasures from ancient temples in Nara such as Horyuji, Yakushiji, Todaiji, Toshodaiji, and Saidaiji, as well as historical shrines such as Kasuga Taisha and Niukawakami Shrine come together.



The British Museum



Exhibition of Kofuku-ji's Buddhist statues in Guimet Museum, Paris

**Host Town Exchanges:
Tanzania (Nagai City, Yamagata Pref.)**



The ceremonial signing



Exchange program of baseball game

This summer, a delegation which consists of 13 members of Nagai City, headed by the Mayor visited Tanzania. Nagai City will host Tanzania's team in Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Two junior high school students were included in this group. Cultural and sports exchanges took place by visiting local elementary and junior high schools, a judo hall and a baseball ground, over a week. Host Town registration was in December 2016, the exchanges between the City and Tanzania have continued for more than 20 years. During this visit, a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Tanzania Olympic Committee. They have further deepened friendship in this occasion. The article covers the details of this visit, the past exchanges, and the future perspectives.



Mie



Mie Terrace

Terrace" aims to create "a space for transmitting the charms of Mie Prefecture" in Nihonbashi, Tokyo, where many Ise (ancient name of a part of Mie) merchants set up shops in the Edo period.

It holds about 180 events per year, and has been making various efforts to convey the region's charms to individual customers, and to make connections between restaurants in Tokyo and the local food producers. It has its own restaurant that offers an Italian style dishes with seasonal ingredients, and the shop with 1,500 specialties for your eyes and tongue.



Linguine with Japanese spiny lobster

Regional revitalization from the perspective of foreign people

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~Enriching tourism with the power of stories~



Mr. Alex Bradshaw

Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining" registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015.

Mr. Bradshaw, the Public Relations Manager of Shimadzu Ltd., which runs a part of the site: Sengan-en and the neighboring Shoko Shuseikan Museum in Kagoshima Prefecture, contributed an article about his work. His take on inbound tourism promotion is that it is important to tell tourists attractive stories that come from Japan's unique history and culture.

**-Looking for a Sister-city-
Petropolis City, Brazil**

Petropolis City is located to 70km north of Rio de Janeiro at an altitude of 800 meters. It was developed as a summer resort for the royal



Cathedral of Petropolis

family since Dom Pedro II built his Summer Palace in 19th century. Now, the city is propelling their tourism industry with their historical landscape.

Japan's first legation in Brazil was established in Petropolis in 1897; and now Japanese Cultural Festival has become one of the three big festivals of the city. Because of these rich relationships, Petropolis is looking for a Japanese city as a sister-city.



Japanese Culture Festival