

## Sister Cities



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Last year, when I learned that I would be working in Fukuroi I did some research and saw that Fukuroi was sister cities with Hillsboro Oregon, having been to Hillsboro many times and one of my own High School friends even teaches agriculture at Hillsboro High School, I was thrilled. I first heard of sister cities when I

learned of my own Salem, Oregon and Willamette University has a sister city relationship with Kawagoe, Saitama and Tokyo International University, where I first lived and studied in Japan. This year Hillsboro and Fukuroi will celebrate 32 wonderful years of friendship and exchange. Before coming to Fukuroi, I reached out to a contact at the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation department and was able to arrange bringing some small gifts to Fukuroi as well. I was also able to see some of the very beautiful gifts that had been given to Hillsboro from Fukuroi in the past. I was very happy to see the level of friendship and exchange that has taken place between our cities for over 30 years.

Sister Cities help foster a sense of world community among places that can be very far apart. Together we learn of one another's culture, language, and benefit in immeasurable ways. We were honored to have Mayor Steve Callaway come and visit Fukuroi last year and renew the friendship and cooperation between both of our cities. I had the opportunity to meet and interpret for him and two other city staff that also accompanied Mayor Callaway. He was very kind and passionate about working together with Fukuroi as we work towards building a more peaceful, healthier, better community, in Japan as well as in Oregon.



## 姉妹都市

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ヒルズボロ市役所のマリーさんと袋井市の贈り物の展開

去年、袋井市で働くことが決定して私に知らされた時、私は袋井市について研究しヒルズボロ市が姉妹都市ということを知りました。何回もヒルズボロ市を訪れたことがある私は大喜びしました。自分の高校の後輩がヒルズボロ高校で農業の先生をしています。「姉妹都市」のことを初めて知

ったのは、自分の故郷のアメリカのセーレム市と私が日本で始めて留学した埼玉県の川越市、自分の母校ウィラメット大学と東京国際大学との関係について学んだ時でした。

今年で袋井市とヒルズボロ市は素晴らしい友情や交流を築いて32年になります。自分が袋井に来る前にヒルズボロ市の公園娯楽施設課に連絡を取り、袋井にヒルズボロ市のお土産を持って行くことになりました。その時にヒルズボロ市が袋井市から以前に頂いた贈り物を拝見しました。30年以上に渡る深い友情や交流を見ることができてとてもうれしかったです。

姉妹都市があることで遙か遠い場所でも身近に感じます。お互いに文化や言語など測り知れない程の素晴らしいものを学べます。昨年ヒルズボロ市のスティーブ・キャラウェイ市長と2名の市スタッフのご訪問をお迎えしまし

た。キャラウェイ市長はとても優しい方で、日本のようにオレゴン州でも平和で健康的かつより良い社会を築きたいと考え、袋井市との協力に強い情熱を持っておられました。



左から二番目の方はヒルズボロ市のスティーブ・キャラウェイ市長