

RESOLUTION No. 2007-2696

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INITIATE AN
UPDATE TO THE SISTER CITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF NEWBERG AND ASAGO CITY, JAPAN**

RECITALS:

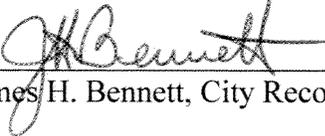
1. The City of Newberg entered into a sister city agreement, and is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," with Wadayama, Japan on July 30, 2000. This was the off-shoot of a very successful long-term relationship between Chehalem Valley Middle School and Wadayama Junior High School.
2. A delegation from Wadayama, including then Mayor Tsuneichi Koyama, visited Newberg during the 2000 Old-Fashioned Festival for the signing ceremony. Mayor Chuck Cox represented the City of Newberg.
3. The agreement pledged both cities to support:
 - a. the exchange of information to enhance student and community members;
 - b. the sharing of the unique culture and sports of each city and country;
 - c. the use of the problem solving experiences of each city;
 - d. the development of information and relationships between the local industries of each city; and
 - e. the continuation of the exchange program for students and community members.
4. On April 1, 2005, the cities of Asago, Ikuno, Santo and Wadayama merged to form Asago City. Mayor Inoue is the new mayor of the combined Asago City.
5. In June 2005, then Council President Bob Andrews visited Asago City to meet Mayor Inoue and brought greetings from the City Council and citizens of Newberg. It was discussed that it would be appropriate to update the agreement between the City of Newberg and Wadayama to reflect its new incorporation as a part of the larger Asago City.
6. A new sister city agreement will allow the long-term relationship between the City of Newberg and Wadayama, Japan to continue and afford the opportunity to develop a similar relationship with Asago City.

THE CITY OF NEWBERG RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to initiate an update to the sister city agreement between the City of Newberg and Asago City, Japan.

➤ **EFFECTIVE DATE** of this resolution is the day after the adoption date, which is: February 6, 2007.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Newberg, Oregon, this 5th day of February, 2007.



James H. Bennett, City Recorder

ATTEST by the Mayor this 8th day of February, 2007.



Bob Andrews, Mayor

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

By and through _____ Committee at / /2007 meeting. Or, X None.
(committee name) (date) (check if applicable)

Newberg, Oregon, and, Wadayama, Japan

SISTER CITY AGREEMENT

Newberg, Oregon, U.S.A., a municipal corporation, and, Wadayama, Hyogo, JAPAN hereby agree to a permanent friendship with each other. The provisions of this agreement shall be as follows:

1. Based on the long-term, successful relationship between the Chehalem Valley Middle School and Wadayama Junior High School, Newberg and Wadayama will seek to support the following:
 - a. exchange of information to enhance student and community education;
 - b. sharing of the unique culture and sports of each City and country;
 - c. problem solving experiences of each City;
 - d. information and relationship development between the local industries of each City, and
 - e. continuing the exchange program for students and community members.
2. Both Newberg and Wadayama will deepen their partnership and mutual understanding through the exchange and will direct their efforts toward developing their relationship, and most importantly, to the happiness and the education of the students.
3. We believe that this mutual contact will bring friendship and prosperity between Newberg and Wadayama and also between the U.S. and Japan.

We hereby agree to abide by the above.

Signed this 30th day of July, 2000 in Newberg, Oregon.

Charles C. Cox, Mayor
Newberg, Oregon

Tseneichi Koyama, Mayor
Wadayama, Hyogo, Japan

The commitments included in this agreement are identified as follows:

1. The cities shall endeavor to develop an exchange program that shall include:
 - Visits to the respective cities by the City officials.
 - Visits to the respective cities by community people.
 - Visits to the respective cities by students.
 - Exchanges of cultural works and art made by students.
 - Exchanges of works by cultural group.
 - Invitations to official events.
 - Other activities that both cities agree on and discuss.

2. To create those programs the cities will host visitors from time to time as follows:
 - Official groups must be recognized by the respective city as representatives of the city in an official capacity.
 - When an official group visits either City, the group visiting will pay for the cost of international travel.
 - Official visitors will be picked up at the host city's expense at the Portland, Oregon Airport or Kansai Airport, unless a visitor makes a special request or other arrangements. All visitors must provide at least three weeks notice and either Wadayama or Newberg may decline to provide transportation for any reason. If transportation will not be provided, the City must provide at least two weeks notice. A limit to this commitment is inside the State or Prefecture.

3. Either City may suggest additions to this agreement at any time.

Tseneichi Koyama
Mayor of Wadayama

Charles Cox
Mayor of Newberg