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12/23/87

A RESOLUTION
No. 87-60-92
ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP
WITH KUMAMOTO, JAPAN.

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WHEREAS, the City of Kumamoto, on the island of Kyushu, in the prefecture of Kumamoto, Japan, is a City of natural beautiful and many historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the 500,000 citizens of Kumamoto have created a dynamic and diverse economy based upon joint development projects by government and private enterprise; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Kumamoto City officials and the City Council of the City of San Antonio to formally dedicate themselves to mutual friendship by the designation of the two cities as Sister Cities; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The creation of a Sister City affiliation between the City of San Antonio and the City of Kumamoto, Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. A copy of the statement of goals and objectives is attached.

SECTION 3. Mayor Cisneros will represent the City of San Antonio in the formal ceremony establishing the Sister City affiliation in Kumamoto City during a visit on December 28, 29, and 30, 1987.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of December, 1987.

Henry Cisneros
M A Y O R

ATTEST: *Armando J. Rodriguez*
City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: *Tom Finlay*
City Attorney

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			Ord. No.	

Date: 12/18/87	Department: Intergovernmental Relations	Contact Person/Phone # Karen L. Kliever X7105
Date Council Consideration Requested: 12/23/87	Deadline for Action: 12/23/87	Dept. Head Signature: <i>Karen L. Kliever</i>

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

A resolution establishing a sister city relationship with Kumamoto, Japan.

Council Memorandum Must Be Attached To Original

Other Depts., Boards, Committees Involved (please specify):

Contract signed by other party
 Yes No

FISCAL DATA (If Applicable)	Budgetary Implications
Fund No. _____ Amt. Expended _____	Funds/Staffing Budgeted Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Activity No. _____ SID No. _____	Positions Currently Authorized _____
Index Code _____ Project No. _____	Impact on future O & M _____
Object Code _____	If positions added, specify class and no. _____ _____ _____

Comments:

This has been reviewed and approved by the City Council International Committee.

Coordinator — White
 Legal — Green
 Budget — Canary
 Finance — Pink
 Originator — Gold

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

AGENDA ITEM NO. 86

TO: City Council

FROM: Karen L. Kliever, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

COPIES TO: file

SUBJECT: Sister City Relationship with Kumamoto, Japan

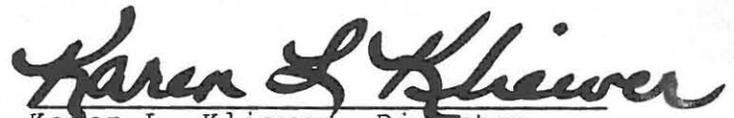
Date December 18, 1987

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The City Council International Committee has reviewed the proposal for a sister city relationship between San Antonio and Kumamoto, Japan. The committee has approved the program and is forwarding it to the City Council for final approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

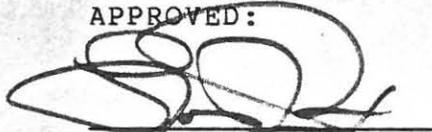
The City of San Antonio has been in the process of establishing a sister city in Japan and has finalized a proposed program with Kumamoto. The agreement, including goals and objectives, was concluded in November when the delegation from San Antonio visited Kumamoto. A copy of the report is attached. Mayor Cisneros will visit Kumamoto December 28-30 to participate in the formal ceremony establishing the relationship.



Karen L. Kliever, Director
Intergovernmental Relations

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APPROVED:



Louis J. Fox
City Manager

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

TO: City Council

FROM: Yolanda Vera, City Councilwoman

COPIES TO: file

SUBJECT: Summary - Sister City Visit to Japan

Date December 3, 1987

The Sister City visit to Kumamoto, Japan resulted in a final program to be pursued when the agreement is signed by Mayor Cisneros and Mayor Taziri in late December. The agreement is as follows:

1. Exchange of young professionals to promote economic development.
2. Exchange of young people through educational programs
3. Cultural exchanges
4. Exchange of technology
5. Citizen exchange programs through tourism

Additionally, it was agreed that the two cities would pursue exchange of a physical item as a permanent remembrance in each city, participation by San Antonio in Kumamoto's centennial as a modern city in 1988, and a governmental exchange of department directors.

During the visit, many similarities between our cities were noted. Both depend on an aquifer as our sole source of water and are looking at how to preserve green space in our communities. Their civic centers have decentralized city services, which is an area we are pursuing in San Antonio. Eighty percent of the jobs in Kumamoto are small and medium size businesses and they are pursuing high-tech programs through the Technopolis Center and the Kumamoto Distribution Center.

In summary, the sister city relationship between San Antonio and Kumamoto will give many opportunities to exchange experiences and learn from the likeness and strengths we have in common.

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Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

TO: City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Yolanda Vera

COPIES TO: Councilman Walter Martinez; Louis J. Fox, City Manager;
~~Karen L. Kliever, Director of Intergovernmental Relations~~

SUBJECT: San Antonio Delegation Visit to Japan-November 14-21, 1987

Date December 2, 1987

The City of San Antonio delegation traveling to Japan arrived in Tokyo Sunday evening, November 15th. The group was met at the airport by eleven (11) representatives from Kumamoto led by Deputy Mayor Seishi Kashio. The Kumamoto city officials traveled 600 miles to greet Councilmembers Yolanda Vera and Walter Martinez, City Manager Lou Fox and Karen Kliever, Director of Intergovernmental Relations. The group was accompanied by Joe Perez and Jerry Arredondo. The purpose of the trip to Japan was to finalize details for a Sister City exchange between San Antonio and Kumamoto.

The San Antonio delegation arrived in Kumamoto on Monday, November 16, and was welcomed in a ceremony at City Hall by more than one thousand people. The group had private individual meetings with Mayor Yasumoto Taziri; the Speaker of the House, City Council Chairman Kaenji Nishimura; Shunichi Abe, President of the Japan American Society and Chairman of the Kumamoto Daily News; and Hiroshi Nakahara, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce. The meetings were held in the offices of each of the above.

A reception was held in honor of the San Antonio officials on Monday evening. The reception was hosted by the Kumamoto Mayor and City Council, departmental directors, and a special welcome was given by Morihiro Hosokawa, Governor of the Kumamoto Prefecture.

On Tuesday, we toured numerous governmental facilities. Among the highlights of our visit was the Kumamoto Distribution Center. The Center has 131 acres which includes a wholesale park and warehouse and shipping facility. The goals of the park are to create an efficient marketing and distribution network base. The park, funded and constructed by the City of Kumamoto, provides database information for merchandise, on-line service for placing and receiving orders, and processing shipping. The center concentrates on local small and medium size businesses but can support larger industrial and manufacturing efforts.

The delegation also visited the Technopolis Center, a hi-tech facility designed to make the area a center for data, manpower and funding opportunities. The project is intended to localize these efforts rather than maintaining dependence on Tokyo. They provide sponsorship for venture services, grants for technological exchanges and ongoing research in the field of technology. Training is provided to industries and community involvement is encouraged for future professionals. The latest technology is available for viewing and for hands-on experience.

The delegation attended meetings with the Japan-American Society, Jaycees, and a visit to the Akitsu Civic Center. The civic center has cultural programs for adults and children, including classes on American folk dancing, Japanese cooking classes, and traditional Japanese tea ceremonies.

A goal of the programs at the Civic Center is to strengthened the relationships of the families in the area by providing programs which bring them together. One of the features of the center is the decentralization of city services for the community such as providing birth certificates (using computer communication links) at this and other centers rather than at one location downtown.

During our visits to City Hall, the San Antonio delegation received a briefing from department directors on the services provided by the Kumamoto city government. The City of Kumamoto has fourteen departments which service the 565,000 citizens. The Council consists of fifty-two members who meet four times a year. There are six City Council Committees which oversee the City administrative responsibilities. A copy of the information which was presented and discussed is attached.

On Wednesday, the City officials had a private meeting with Morihiro Hosokawa, Governor of Kumamoto, Prefecture, at which he expressed his direct interest in the Sister City relationship between San Antonio and Kumamoto.

The delegation concluded the visit to Kumamoto with a meeting with the Mayor and department directors to finalize the sister city agreement between our two cities. Mayor Taziri proposed a five part program to build the relationship between San Antonio and Kumamoto: 1) exchange of young professionals to promote economic development; 2) exchange of young people through educational programs; 3) cultural exchanges, as well as citizen exchange programs in general to include San Antonio receiving a large delegation from Kumamoto in 1988, 4) exchange of technology, 5) participation by San Antonio in the Kumamoto centennial celebration in October 1989. Both cities expressed a strong desire to have an exchange of department directors to develop a greater understanding of how our local governments operate.

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In presenting his program, Mayor Taziri stated that the Sister City Program is important for us to build a peaceful world. The relationship between the cities is important in making that dream come true.

In accepting the program, it was also agreed that the two cities have a lasting physical exchange of something that would be a symbol of the sister city relationship. Additionally, when Kumamoto celebrates its centennial as a modern city in 1989, not only would San Antonio participate in the activities, but San Antonio would have a simultaneous celebration in San Antonio for all of our citizens to enjoy, and to learn more about the Japanese culture of this area.

The relationship between San Antonio and Kumamoto will be formally signed when Mayor Cisneros travels to Japan in late December.

November 19-21, the delegation visited Kitakyushu and Fukuoka, which are within driving distance of Kumamoto. In Kitakyushu, City Manager Lou Fox gave a presentation to more than 300 business leaders regarding conventions and tourism, and the San Antonio Riverwalk development. The exchange offered an opportunity to provide insights and technical expertise on how the San Antonio experiences could be transferred to Kitakyushu as they develop their conventions and tourism industry and as they proceed with plans for improvements to their waterfront. The presentation and discussion was also made to City Officials in Fukuoka where an international trade fair is to be held in 1989. Mr. Fox discussed the need for long range planning for their facility in addition to meeting the more immediate space requirements and needs for the fair. It was my pleasure to introduce Mr. Fox on both occasions and to receive comments of praise for his presentation.

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*SISTER CITY:
KUMAMOTO,
JAPAN*

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DATE: DEC 23 1987

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BUILDING INSPECTIONS-HOUSE NUMBER	
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CITY ATTORNEY	
COMMERCIAL RECORDER	
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	1
CONVENTION FACILITIES	
ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT	
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	
FINANCE DIRECTOR	
ASSESSOR	
CONTROLLER	
TREASURY DIVISION	
GRANTS	
INTERNAL AUDIT	
RISK MANAGEMENT	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
HUMAN RESOURCES & SERVICES	
INFORMATION RESOURCES	
LIBRARY	
MARKET SQUARE	
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT	
MUNICIPAL COURTS	
PARKS & RECREATION	
PERSONNEL	
PLANNING	
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
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ENGINEERING	
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REAL ESTATE	
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PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES	
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SPECIAL PROJECTS - CITY MANAGER	
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

MOTION BY: Vera

SECONDED BY: Dutmer

ORD. NO.

ZONING CASE

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