

### **History**

The Sister City Program was started in 1973 as a cultural exchange between the City of Lindsay and Ono City, Japan. Over the years more than 400 student, teachers, and community members have visited Ono City. In return, more than 400 Japanese citizens have visited Lindsay to see our beautiful town and the surrounding area, including Yosemite and Sequoia Parks.





### How it all started



The history of the bicultural partnership started off with a mutual friend, was questioned by Japanese media and ultimately celebrated by both parties thanks to a charismatic Japanese mayor who made everyone feel like they were the center of attention.

The International Relations committee of the Lindsay Kiwanis Club was trying to determine a suitable service project in which both the committee and the club as a whole could become involved. Neal Barker suggested the possibility of a Sister City and Tom Shimasaki suggested some city in Japan.

Tom Shimasaki got in touch with Serio Takahara in Tokyo after contacting the Visalia Kiwanis Club. Mr. Takahara had formerly lived in Visalia and attended Sequoia Junior College (now College of the Sequoias) before returning to Tokyo. He had been instrumental in lining up Mikki City to form a relationship with Visalia. He was also the one to suggest Ono City for Lindsay as he knew the Mayor who had already expressed an interest in pursuing the matter further.

On July 17, 1972 the Lindsay City Council unanimously authorized Resolution #1431 to form a Sister City relationship with Ono City, Japan. As a result of this action, Mayor ReDoy Kiesz and his wife made a trip to Ono City to carry the charter papers for both Mayors to sign thereby officially establishing the relationship. On Feb. 17, 1973 the charter was signed by both mayors Kiesz and Hayashi and the Sister City relationship had its formal beginning.

Ono City's first glimpse of its smaller Sister City was during the 1974 Orange Blossom Festival. Ono City Mayor Sachio Hayashi and his wife arrived in April 1974 as the guests of honor for the Festival. Barker wrote that Hayashi was interested in everyone and in every event that took place in the city.

### The 25th Lindsay City Delegation Itinerary March 24 to April 2

DAT	ETIM	E 0.00	TIME	p.m.
24-M Sat.	ar 11:5	5 Arrive at Kansai Airport	1000	Leave Kansai Airport Arrive at Ono City Hall, take guests to home
25-Ma	ar			
Sun.		Free day with		
Mon.	9:05 10:00 10:30	Meet at Community Center Ono Orientation at City Hall Visit Mayor Tour City Hall and Traditional industry center Lunch at Jinya (community restaurant)	14:00	City library Ecrat Come home with host families Welcome Party at Eclat Evening with host families
27-Mar Tue.	9:00 9:00 9:30 10:30	Meet at Community Testarramy  Meet at Community Center Ono  Gym  Tour Jodoji temople  Sunflower Park and Children's center  Lunch at Yodennoyakata	13:00 13:45 14:40	Kokokan Musium Tea ceremony Wearing kimono and samurai suits Learn Origami (folding paper) Evening with host families
28-Mar Wed.	9:10 9:45	Meet at Community Center Ono Yumanomori Park Panaspnic Ecotechnology Center Lunch at Marugameseimen	13:00	Arute (pottery place) Yupika hot spring(foot bath) Evening with host families
9-Mar		Meet at Community Center Ono		Visit Ono High School
_	9:10 12:00	Changing host families Visit Ono Technical High School Lunch at Maturare Meet at Community Center Ono	14:0	D Evening with host families O Kobe sea cruising "FANTASY"
	10:00 I	Bus trip to Kobe Kitano Meister Garden unch at Chinese restaurant ree time in Nankinmachi (China town)	16:0	0 Free time at MOSAIC mall  10 Leave Kobe 10 Evening with host families
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Apr 7	:00 Le	eet at Community Center Ono eave Ono rive at Kansai Airport		
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### Itinerary

Delegates have a full itinerary while in Japan and while in Lindsay.



















### Mayor's Gift



### The Wonderful Japanese People:



### Ono is a Beautiful City!



### Visit to City Hall and the Mayor





米リンゼイ市の6人 公飯



### The Cherry Blossoms are beautiful!





### ONO CITY FRIENDSHIP PARK



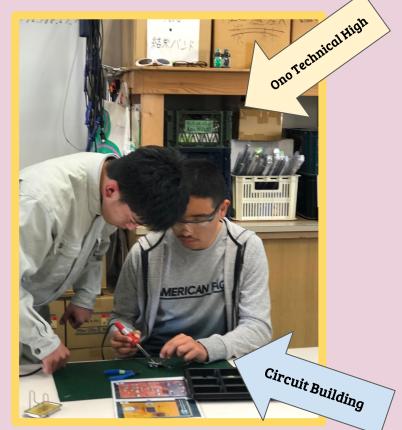
### Chinatown in Japan!





Visit to the High Schools





### Ono City High Mascot (Sunflower)







### Himeji Castle









### **Tea Ceremony**







### Trying on Kimonos & Samurai Suit









### Kobe Excursion:







### Projects and Fun!



### Pottery:



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## Flower Arranging

### Agriculture:







### Yummy foods!











"People Who Love To Eat Are Always The Best People"

### More new foods!





### More food...







### Delicacies!









### Yummy!







# **Families**

















### Goodbye Friends and Family!!



