

CUPERTINO- TOYOKAWA

SISTER CITY Program



Japanese character for "friend"

Sponsored by the
CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY
Committee

An Invitation to Join the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Committee

The strength and the future of the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY program depends on the continuing support of the Cupertino community. We need your time, your ideas, and your financial support. In return, we promise you the opportunity to extend your hand in friendship to our neighbors across the sea. The experience will enrich your life as you gain an understanding of Japan and get to know some of its people. To learn more about the Program, attend a Sister City Committee meeting or ask a Committee member to contact you:

- Annual Membership:**
 - Seniors/Students \$10.00
 - Individual \$15.00
 - Family \$20.00
 - Business \$50.00

Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____

- Notify me of the next Sister City Committee meeting.
- I'd like more information. Please contact me.

Name _____

Address _____

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Mail to:
CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Committee
P.O. Box 742
Cupertino, CA 95015

Student Exchange Program

Yoshio Yamamoto had a dream. As Mayor of Toyokawa during World War II, he began to look beyond the ruin and devastation to a peaceful future for his people, a future of international understanding. He saw as the key to this vision, the education of the children. From this dream has grown the student exchange program.

Each autumn, Toyokawa middle school students travel to Cupertino with their chaperones. They are guests of Cupertino and the Cupertino Union School District. Each spring, Cupertino seventh and eighth-grade students are chosen to visit Toyokawa, with their chaperones, in a similar exchange.

Student applications are made through district middle schools, with final selection by the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Committee. For more information please contact:

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CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY
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History of the Sister City Program

In early 1983, a delegation from Toyokawa, Japan, visited the city of Cupertino to present a gift of 200 cherry trees. John Gatto, Mayor of Cupertino at that time, and Toyokawa Mayor Yoshi Yamamoto, assisted by the city, planted those trees in Cupertino's Memorial Park. The ceremony commemorated the fifth anniversary of the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY program.



As the cherry trees have grown, the bonds between the cities and their people have also grown. At the annual Cupertino Cherry Blossom Festival, we celebrate the blossoming of the trees and of the many friendships which have grown through the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Program.

Goals

“It is our firm belief that activities that promote friendly relations between the U.S.A. and Japan will contribute to world peace and be of lasting benefit to mankind.”

from the Sister City Declaration, 1978

Stated formally, the goal of the Sister City Program is “to foster positive multicultural interaction and understanding among people here and abroad.”

But in very human terms, it is a people-to-people program. It is an opportunity through educational and cultural exchanges to know, and to appreciate the people of another country. It is an opportunity to enjoy the richness of culture the world has to offer, and to experience the similarities of the world's people as well as the differences.

The CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Program has thrived because of broad-based support. It is a community program, coordinated by the CUPERTINO-TOYOKAWA SISTER CITY Committee, with the support of the City of Cupertino and the Cupertino Union School District.

Join us in the Spirit of International Friendship

If you are a person who:

- ❖ **Would like to meet people from Japan.**
- ❖ **Would like to be part of a special group that promotes world peace and understanding through our student exchange program.**
- ❖ **Would enjoy a rewarding opportunity to be a guest in a Japanese home and experience their family, life, customs, and food.**
- ❖ **Would like to assist in supporting our community organization**
- ❖ **Supports an organization that provides a unique opportunity for our local community to experience Japanese entertainment and culture at our annual Cherry Blossom Festival.**

Then you should join us!