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## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

15th Anniversary Of The Sister-City Affiliation Of Burnaby And Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan

We have received advice that Mayor Toshyuki Wanibuchi intends to visit us this year, and in accordance with past custom, it is desirable that we issue a formal invitation that he be our quest.

There will be the Mayor and 25 to 30 Kushiro citizens in the delegation. The cost for hosting the delegation will be known shortly after confirmation of acceptance but will consist of a civic dinner or a reception attended by the delegation and Burnaby representatives, official gifts, official photographs, etc. The Kushiro delegates will provide their own accommodation and travel costs.

The suggested date of their arrival will be October 12, 1980.

I would suggest that for Burnaby, the theme be the relationship with Pacific Rim countries as this is so important to Canada's, and particularly British Columbia's future commercially and culturally.

It is anticipated that Council, staff and willing volunteers will participate to make this event a memorable one for our visitors.

Any ideas for civic functions or ceremonies that our visitors can participate in will be gratefully accepted.

I would recommend that we extend a formal invitation to Mayor Toshyuki Wanibuchi to visit our Municipality during the suggested dates in October 1980 to commemorate the 15th Anniversary of the Burnaby-Kushiro Sister-City Friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

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MAYOR

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