

**2008 Official Sister City  
Delegation Visit to  
Nishiwaki, Japan  
April 5 – 12, 2008**



# Nishiwaki is located in the Hyogo Prefecture

- Alliance between Renton and Nishiwaki began in 1969 with the Renton Lions Club and supporting area organizations
- City of Renton passed a Resolution in 1994 formalizing the relationship into an official sister city program
- Since 1994, Nishiwaki has traveled to Renton in 1994, 2001, and 2004
- Since 1994, Renton has traveled to Nishiwaki in 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2008



# 2008 Delegate Participants

- **Councilmember  
Randy Corman  
- Official City  
Representative**
- **Cathy Corman**
- **Susie Corman**
- **Julie Brewer**
- **Stephen Brewer**
- **Mike Burkey**
- **Shawna Burkey**
- **Denny Dochnahl**
- **Dan Maryott**
- **Sonja Mejlaender**
- **Barbara Nilson**
- **Roy Olson**
- **Gretchen Nanevicz**
- **Stanley Nanevicz**
- **Carmen Unti**
- **Marty Wine**

**Delegation members represented City of Renton elected officials and employees, the Renton School District, local business, real-estate and property developers, current and retired Boeing employees, St. Matthews Church, Renton residents, volunteers with Communities In Schools, Renton History Museum, Allied Arts of Renton, Soroptimist, and Rotary.**

**Delegates paid for their own travel and personal expenses.**

**All Delegates stayed in home-stays while in Nishiwaki,  
making the trip more affordable.**

## **Visit to Nishiwaki City Hall for Official Welcome**

❖ **Remarks and greetings from Mayor Juichi Kishi, Renton's Delegation Leader - Councilmember Randy Corman, and other Nishiwaki dignitaries**

❖ **Nishiwaki presented a lovely painted scroll**

❖ **Renton presented a glass blown platter made at Uptown Glassworks**

❖ **All Delegates were presented with welcome gifts**





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午前午後夜気  
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 社  
**きよこゆめ天気**  
 (日本気象協会関西)

秋津は「大切に  
 してくれる方がいれ  
 ば育てたい」と  
 警察は自由同館  
 0・46・0553  
 の花に止まり、  
 ひめるキフチヨウ  
 公民館



西脇市から贈られた掛け軸に喜ぶレントン市の  
 市民親善使節団＝西脇市役所

### 温かい交流の継続を

米・レントン 親善使節団が表敬

西脇市の姉妹都市である親善使節団十六人が七  
 日、西脇市役所を表敬訪

西脇市役所

# 歯の健康守ろう

問した。来住寿一市長が  
 歓迎の言葉を述べた後、  
 ランディ・コーマン団長  
 が「今後も友人同士とし  
 て、温かい交流を長く  
 続けたい」とあいさつし  
 た。

両市は一九六九年に姉  
 妹都市となり、中学生の  
 相互受け入れなどで交流

## きよこゆめ

を深めている。

市民親善使節団の受け  
 入れは二〇〇二年四月以  
 来、一行は市議やその家  
 族、小学校教諭、会社員  
 らで六日に来日した。市  
 民宅にホームステイしな  
 がら、十二日まで市内や  
 姫路、京都などを観光す  
 る。

(篠原佳也)

北 **ここにも**  
**【ひょうご画】** 対人能  
 の向上を目的とした兵  
 教育大付属小(加東市  
 の「人間発達科」の授  
 の効果が注目されてい

血の流れイキイキ  
**糖尿病 高血圧**

住居侵入  
 3少年  
 加西署は  
 入と窃盗未  
 いずれも加  
 高校三年の  
 を逮捕した  
 調べでは  
 午後七時四  
 同市北条町  
 を盗もうと  
 宅した家人  
 走したが、  
 た自転車や  
 割り出され  
 ぶ金がほし  
 と容疑を認  
 う。  
**あめ**  
 (敬称略、  
 出分)  
**【加東】**  
 斗(安)

温かい交流の継続を



西脇市から贈られた掛け軸に喜ぶレントン市の  
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市役所

# **Nishiwaki & Renton Representatives at Nishiwaki City Hall April 7, 2008**



➤ Iridescent metal salmon artwork hangs in main hallway outside Nishiwaki Council Chambers

➤ The salmon art was presented to Nishiwaki in 2004 in the Renton City Council Chambers as official City gift



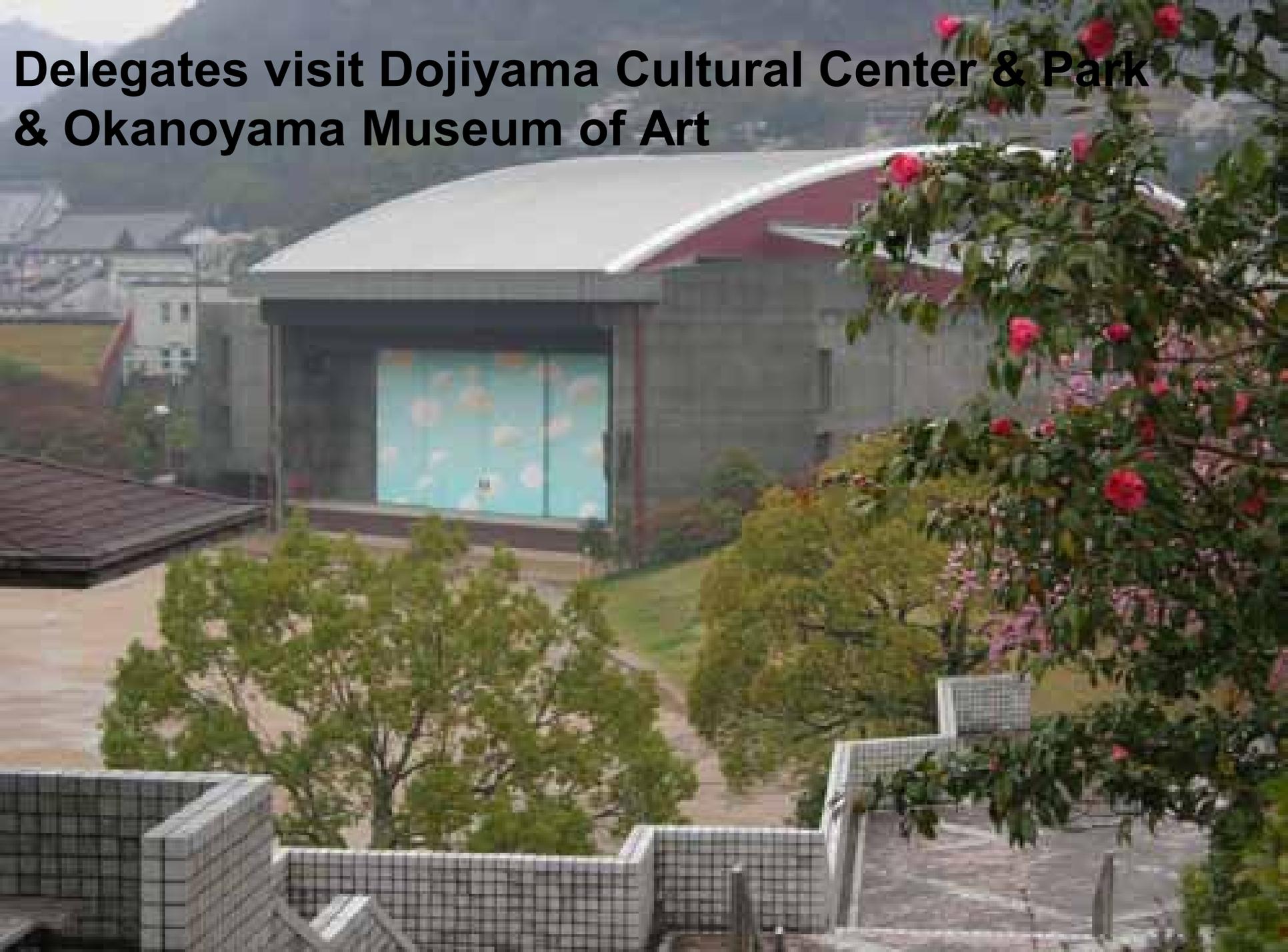
**Susie Corman receives surprise “10<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party”  
with Mayor Kishi at lunchtime.**







# Delegates visit Dojiyama Cultural Center & Park & Okanoyama Museum of Art



**Delegates visit Nishiwaki Museum (located inside Library)  
Textile manufacturing, established in 1792,  
is still one of Nishiwaki's largest industries.**





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羽城空港20周年記念機



親善協定調印式



# Delegates visit the Earth Sciences Museum

- ❖ Nishiwaki is located at the centerpoint of Japan, called “Nihon no heso” meaning “Belly-button or Navel of Japan”
- ❖ Museum campus is the exact intersection of the latitude and longitude lines marking the center of Japan
- ❖ Museum features interactive displays, educational games for children and telescope in the Terra Dome Planetarium









**Each day was graced with  
Sakura (Cherry Blossom Trees) in full bloom.  
Sakura is the City Tree of Nishiwaki**

**April 8, 2008**

❖ **Delegates and Nishiwaki hosts venture to Kyoto for a one-night/two day stay**

❖ **Kyoto: population 1.4m**

❖ **Kyoto was Japan's capital and the emperor's residence from 794 until 1868.**

❖ **Due to historic value, the city was spared from wartime air raids.**

❖ **Countless temples, shrines, and other historically priceless structures survive in the city today.**





Kiyomizu Temple originally established in 778 A.D. and rebuilt in 1733.





**The grounds surrounding Kiyomizu Temple with Sakura in full bloom.**





❖ At many temples, visitors partake in the ritual of purification or cleansing before entering and praying for a blessing.

❖ Some rinse their hands or drink from ladles in the continuously running water.









特別拝観

特別拝観

子1000円

Even while shopping in Japan, you can find  
Mt. Rainier “Caffè Latte”  
pre-packaged and ready for purchase.







**Delegates and Nishiwaki hosts continued to explore beautiful temples and shrines.**

**Street vendors make delicious pancake sandwiches with assorted fillings.**



月桂冠

大倉記念館

Gekkeikan Sake Okura Museum



The traditional sake-brewing district of Fushimi is one Kyoto's top 100 scenic areas.



大黒

大黒

約1時間  
瓶は  
セイロのよ  
のです。  
1分のは、  
心にか

大黒  
大黒  
大黒





行徳 (1988)  
1988. 08. 27  
1988. 08. 27







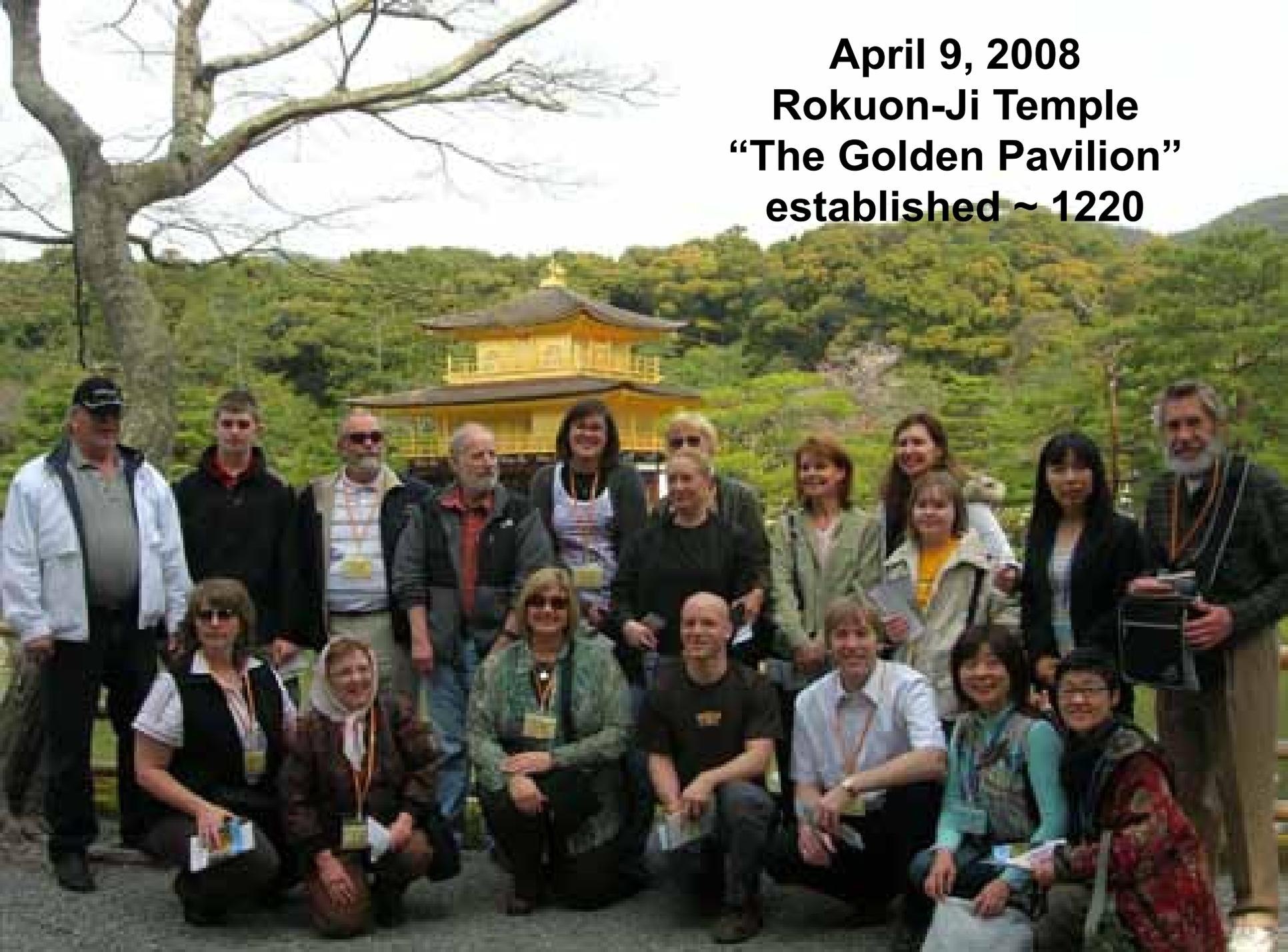






Delegates spent the evening in Kyoto enjoying dinner and strolling the riverside district. Here, Mikako, Roy, “a Kyoto native”, Denny and Sadano pose for a Kodak moment.

**April 9, 2008**  
**Rokuon-Ji Temple**  
**“The Golden Pavilion”**  
**established ~ 1220**









**Homestay Host Mayumi Saito with delegates Gretchen Nanevicz and Marty Wine**



銀水

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**New definition for the term “Fish Stick”**



**Byodoin Temple established ~ 1052**  
**Considered the oldest temple**  
**in the region.**





**April 10, 2008 – Visit to The Kishi House, built ~ 1915 for owner Mr. Umekichi Kishi (ancestral home of current Mayor Kishi). It was specifically designed to host garden tea ceremonies.**





**Beautiful Koto music  
by the District's  
most renown musician.**















歓迎 小樽市市民訪問団  
4/1004 長生館

**Delegates and Nishiwaki friends feast on strawberries.  
Just when you thought you were done, you'd give it one more valiant effort  
to not miss out on one bite of goodness.**







**Delegates enjoy an afternoon with home-stay families.  
Marty, Carmen and Sonja pair up with  
Miho (left) and Masumi (right)  
to visit Tanba Pottery and paint a keepsake plate or cup.**



**Other delegates were treated to a day at “the spa” and a few drove to Kobe for the afternoon.**

**Here, Cathy and Susie Corman dress in traditional kimono.**



**April 11, 2008 – Excursion to Himeji Castle**  
**Group of local students are taking a field trip just like our Delegates!**



**Himeji Castle – original fort and building started ~ 1333 and was finished in its entirety in 1618. Considered to be Japan's most beautiful surviving feudal castle. Designated both a national treasure and cultural world heritage site.**





**Delegates navigated  
steep stairs up and  
down, again, and again,  
and again . . .**



At least we weren't dressed in authentic soldier uniforms . . .







**Farewell Party  
at  
Restaurant Hanayashiki**

**Remarks by Mayor Kishi and  
Councilmember  
Randy Corman**

**Entertainment included a  
wonderful variety of  
adult and youth performers**

**Buffet of delicious food**

**Attendees included  
City of Nishiwaki Officials,  
Nishiwaki Goodwill Exchange,  
Nishiwaki School Officials,  
Host Families,  
Renton Delegates,  
former Nishiwaki Delegates,  
and interested residents.**





WELCOME TO NISHIWAKI



心ふれあふ鐘太鼓



WELCOME TO NISHIWAKI

心ふれあう錢太鼓







WELCOME TO NISHIWAKI



心ふれあう銭太鼓



# WELCOME TO NISHIWAKI

心ふれあふ鉄木殿











**Sonja reconnects with several members of the Nishiwaki Delegation who visited Renton in 2004.**





WELCOME TO NISHIWAKI

心ふれあうが大切



## **City of Renton Sister City programs and activities include:**

- ❖ **Promoting cultural awareness and diversity**
- ❖ **Providing opportunities for educational enrichment**
- ❖ **Exchanging public art**
- ❖ **Encouraging tourist promotion and economic trade**
- ❖ **Sharing expertise in municipal problem-solving**
- ❖ **Coordinating official delegation visits**

**In 2009, the City of Renton celebrates  
40 years of Sister City relations  
with Nishiwaki, Japan**