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Thank you so much for your friendship & Support in 2020.
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Wishing you a healthy and wonderful year of 2021.

2021 is OX year.

Having an honest nature, Oxen are known for diligence, dependability, strength and determination. These reflect traditional conservative characteristics.

Women Oxen are traditional, faithful wives, who attach great importance to their children's education.

For male oxes, they are strongly patriotic, have ideals and ambitions for life, and attach importance to family and work.

Find out more about Oxes Year.

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Congratulations 30th Anniversary

for the Sister city Muroran and Knoxville

Thank you so much for joining for Online celebration.

Consul-General Fukushima

Mayor Aoyama from Muroran City

Mayor Kincannon from Knoxville City

Former Mayor Rogero

and the all delegates

Sister City's Mission is "Promote peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation - one individual, one community at a time.



City Mayor Rogero visited Muroran City 2017



Muroran City welcomed so warmly



Muroran City delegation visited Knoxville in 2018



Muroran delegation in the Asian Festival at Market Square stage



Performing on the stage in Asian Festival



Reception for Sister City was held at Asian Festival day



Collin and Diana Wedding in Murooran



Young delegations visited Muroran City. Corey & Conner Reed , Ty Morgan



Home Stay Program

To provide students from both countries the opportunity to experience the history and culture of each country through homestays and school visits. As well as develop life-long friendships with their host families.

- ▶ Began in 1992 when delegation traveled from Muroran to Knoxville at the end of October
- ▶ Sally Hedgepeth, who was part of the original delegation to visit Muroran when Mayor Ashe created the relationship with Muroran.
- ▶ Betty Anne Domn continued the program after Sally retired.
- ▶ Amy Melendy then became the coordinator and opened the programs to the Related Arts Department in the 8th grade and invited the entire school to the Welcome Assembly.
- ▶ Aimee Bridges joined the program in 2015 and has been instrumental in our student's opportunity to travel to Japan and continue the program.

They're here...Finally!

The host families greet the delegation at the zoo. They eat lunch, get a group picture, and then visit the Zoo. It is a wonderful icebreaker and fun to watch our friends try their favorite American food



Anticipation
then
Comaraderie!!!



And more fun!



Mayor Aoyama joins us at the zoo.



Mayor Aoyama officially invited CBMS student delegation to visit Muroran. He also had an encounter with a giraffe that day.

CANCELED Japan Modern Design 100 Exhibits.

We were hoping the condition would be much better with vaccine. But COVID is spreading in EAST TN. We contacted government office, Health department and other museums in town. We came to the conclusion, which it is not safe to have an indoor activity in March. We are so disappointed that we have to cancel this wonderful educational event. Hope World get safer in 2021. **Let's wear Mask, social distancing and wash hands.** It is our own responsibility to protect each other. Thank you so much for understanding.

Asian Culture Center of TN presents Japanese Modern Design 100

@Crowne Plaza Hotel Salon A & B
March 5th 6PM – 9PM
March 6th – March 27th 10AM – 6PM

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Amazing Asian Street Food





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