

## City of Richmond

# Sister City Advisory Committee 2016 Year in Review

### 2016 Summary:

The Sister City Advisory Committee manages the relationships with three official Sister Cities: Wakayama, Japan (since 1973), Pierrefonds, Quebec (since 1967) and Xiamen, China (since 2012); as well as one Friendship City: Qingdao, China (since 2008). The Sister City Advisory Committee (SCAC) had another busy year in 2016. Information from various SCAC activities and events is outlined in the following pages.

### 2016 Committee Members:

**Chair**

Hans Havas

**Vice-Chair, Wakayama**

Kevin Lainchbury

**Vice-Chair, Xiamen**

Helen Quan

**Vice-Chair, Qingdao**

Eden Jiang Zhang

**Vice Chair, Pierrefonds**

Tony Kwan

**Members**

Glenn Kishi

Ihsan Malik

Shaolin Rahman

Howard Smythe

Iryna Vodchenko

Michelle Chen

Michael Sirota

Stanley Yeh

**Council Liaison**

Councillor Bill McNulty

**School Board Liaison**

Alice Wong

Eric Yung (Alternate)

## January

- Newly appointed SCAC members were introduced at the first meeting in January.



**Members of the 2016 Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee**

- The SCAC elected the Chair and Vice-Chairs for Wakayama, Pierrefonds, Xiamen and Qingdao; and selected members to the following subcommittees:
  - Pierrefonds Initiatives;
  - Wakayama Initiatives;
  - Xiamen Initiatives;
  - Qingdao Initiatives; and
  - Public Relations Initiatives.

## May

- 21 students and four teachers from Wakayama visited Richmond as part of the annual student exchange visit, organized by the Richmond School District and supported by the SCAC.



**Wakayama students meet with Mayor and Councillors**



**Wakayama students learning about Richmond's Sister City Program**





**Wakayama students visit Steveston Village**

## July

- SCAC members and supporters participated in the annual Steveston Salmon Festival Parade.



- The SCAC hosted the inaugural Richmond Sister-Friendship Youth Table Tennis Tournament. Student teams from Xiamen, Qingdao and Richmond came together to experience the excitement and challenge of playing against other outstanding table tennis players in this three day event.



**Youth Table Tennis Tournament participants in action**



**Welcoming Qingdao students at YVR Airport**





**Xiamen students tour Richmond and Vancouver**

## October

- The City hosted a Wakayama City Council delegation. During their visit members of Wakayama City council visited the Maybog Cranberry Farm, Steveston Village and the ROX at the Richmond Olympic Oval. In commemoration of their visit, a cherry tree was planted in the newly opened Steveston Village Town Square Park.



**Richmond and Wakayama Council members attend the opening ceremony for Steveston Town Square Park**

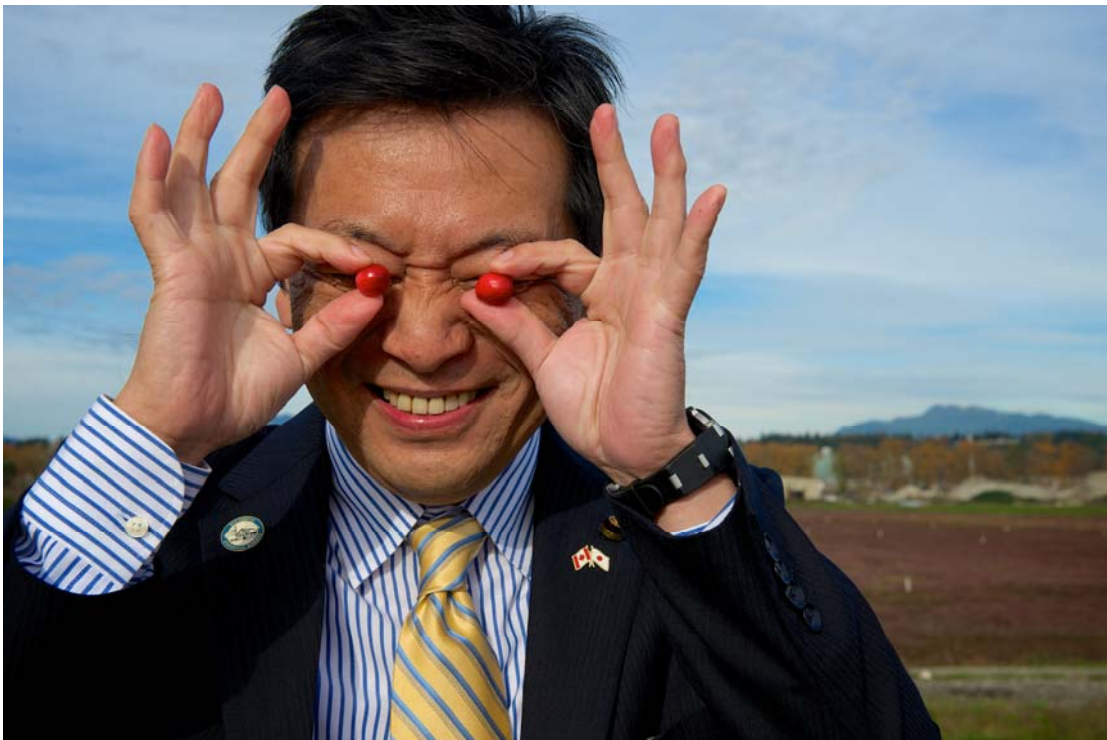


**Cherry tree planting ceremony at Steveston Town Square Park**





**Wakayama delegation visit to the Maybog Cranberry Farm**



**Wakayama Council Vice Chair Masato Toda enjoys the cranberry harvest**





**Mayor Malcolm Brodie welcoming Wakayama delegation members to Richmond**



**Mayor Masahiro Obana visits Richmond Council Chambers**

## November

- A delegation from the Xiamen Municipal Bureau of Sports met with the Richmond School District and the Richmond Sports Council to discuss future exchanges of sports teams.

