

Progress of Exchanges with a Friendship City "Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar City, Mongolia"

○Beginning and progress of exchanges

Japanese and Mongolian government positioned 2006 as "Year of Mongolia in Japan" and 2007 as "Year of Japan in Mongolia". And relevant national organizations and friendship associations of both countries held a lot of exchange projects.

Saku City was requested to send hot-air balloons and its pilots by "Executive Committee of Japan-Mongolia Friendship Year" consisted of assembly of members of Japanese Congress. So Saku City sent balloons and pilots for 2 years to collaborate projects of International Goodwill.

Now Saku City and Sukhbaatar District continue to deepen its friendship.

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29/7/2006	<p>Hot-Air Balloon Participation Project for 800th anniversary of the Foundation of Mongolia: Hot-air balloons and pilots visited Mongolia.</p> 
27/11/2006	<p>Courtesy visit to Embassy of Mongolia in Japan</p>
3/5/2007	<p>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy were present at an opening ceremony of Saku Balloon Festival 2007. And Mr. Asasyoryu, a Yokozuna, visited the festival as guest.</p>
11～18/8/2007	<p>Hot-Air Balloon Participation Project for 35th anniversary of establishment of diplomacy relations: Hot-air balloons and pilots visited Mongolia.</p> 
18/11/2007	<p>International Exchange Festival in Saku 2007: A Photograph Exhibition of Hot-Air Balloon Participation Project was held for 35th anniversary of establishment of diplomacy relations.</p>
24/11/2007	<p>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy gave a lecture hosted by citizens' group.</p>

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26～27/1/2008	Saku City–Mongolia Exchange Program of Children’s Goodwill Ambassador. An exchange of children of Saku City and Mongolia.
14/3/2008	General meeting of foundation of Mongolian Friendship Association in Saku: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy was present.
2/5/2008	<p>Courtesy visit to Mayor of Saku City: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy visited Saku City. Mayor of Saku City received a letter “A hope of progress of friendly exchange” from Mayor of Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
3/5/2008	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2008: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy and Mr. Hakuho, a Yokozuna, were present at an opening ceremony.</p> 

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2～6/8/2008	<p>An official visit to Sukhbaatar District for signing a friendship city agreement: Mayor of Saku City and a chairperson of Saku City Council visited Sukhbaatar District. And a signing ceremony was held.</p> 
4/10/2008	<p>International Exchange Festival in Saku 2008: Consul of Mongolian Embassy, the First Secretary and a son of Ambassador were present.</p> 
2～4/5/2009	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2009: The First Secretary of Mongolian Embassy, a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly and other visited Saku City. A city tour, a welcome party and so on were held.</p> 

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15/7/2009	<p>Reception party of friendship with Mongolia: The Prime Minister of Mongolia, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy and Mayor of Saku City were present. (Hosted by Japan-Mongolia Friendship Association)</p> 
8～12/8/2009	<p>An official visit to Sukhbaatar District: Mayor of Sukhbaatar District invited Mayor of Saku City and a chairperson of Saku City Council to visit Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
6～13/11/2009	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p>
1～5/5/2010	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2010: Mayor of Sukhbaatar District and others visited Saku City. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy visited too in May 2.</p> 

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31/7～4/8/2010	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families. And they talked with a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly and Mayor of Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
23～30/10/2010	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p>
18/11/2010	<p>A reception party for President of Mongolia: Mayor of Saku was invited and gave a presentation on Saku City.</p> 
3/6/2011	<p>A courtesy visit to Mayor of Saku City: Trainees of Farmer's Cooperative of Mongolia visited Mayor of Saku City.</p>
17/6/2011	<p>Visit to Mayor of Saku City and companies in Saku City: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy visited Saku City. And he visited companies in Saku City too.</p>

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3~10/8/2011	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families. And they talked with a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly and Mayor of Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
29/10~ 5/11/2011	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p> 
2~3/5/2012	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2012: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy was present at an opening ceremony.</p> 

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10/7/2012	<p>The Order of Nairamdal: Saku City was decorated with the Order of Nairamdal for promoting friendship between Japan and Mongolia.</p> 
31/7~7/8/2012	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families. And they talked with a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly and Mayor of Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
31/10~ 5/11/2012	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p>
2~3/5/2013	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2013: The First Secretary of Mongolian Embassy was present at an opening ceremony. And a city tour and a welcome party were held.</p> 

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1~8/11/2013	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p>
3~4/5/2014	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2014: The First Secretary of Mongolian Embassy and official delegation of Sukhbaatar District were present at an opening ceremony. And a city tour and a welcome party were held.</p> 
2~5/7/2014	<p>Visit for 5th anniversary of signing friendship city agreement: Mayor of Saku City and a chairperson of Saku City Council visited Sukhbaatar District. And a ceremony of 5th anniversary of signing friendship city agreement and a city tour were held.</p> 

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30/7~6/8/2014	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families. And they talked with a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly and Mayor of Sukhbaatar District.</p> 
27/10~ 3/11/2014	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City. They experienced exchanges with students of Saku City and stayed with local families.</p> 
29/10/2014	<p>Saku City sent a video letter for a ceremony of Foundation of Mongolia.</p>
3~4/5/2015	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2015: The First Secretary of Mongolian Embassy and official delegation of Sukhbaatar District were present at an opening ceremony. And a city tour and a welcome party were held.</p> 

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29/7~5/8/2015	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families. And they visited the Mining Minister and handed a letter from Mayor of Saku City.</p> 
17~19/9/2015	<p>An official visit for 50th anniversary of Foundation of Sukhbaatar District: Members of Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association participated in a ceremony. Mayor of Saku City and Mr. Mizuma, a secretary-general of Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association, were decorated with Order of Testimonial.</p> 
3~5/5/2016	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2016: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolian Embassy, his wife and son were present at an opening ceremony. And a city tour and a welcome party were held.</p> 




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3~10/8/2016	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families and experienced exchanges with Mongolian children.</p> 
23/11/2016	<p>The Order of Nairamdal: A president and a secretary-general of Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association were decorated with the Order of Nairamdal for promoting friendship between Japan and Mongolia.</p> 
3~5/5/2017	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2017: Minister of Mongolian Embassy, his wife and son were present at an opening ceremony. And a city tour and a welcome party were held.</p> 



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7~31/7/2017	<p>An exchange training program for children: Junior high school students of Saku City stayed with Mongolian families and experienced exchanges with Mongolian children.</p> 
1~3/11/2017	<p>Fumiko Kimoto Photo Exhibition Photo exhibition "Landscape and Life in Western Mongolia" was held at the Saku City Hall and the concert hall.</p> 
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3/11/2017	<p>A concert of Mongolian harp: A concert of Mongolian harp was held in Sakudaira Exchange Center by Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association. Junior high school students were invited free and experienced exchanges with performers.</p> 
24～25/2/2018	<p>An official visit of Foreign Minister of Mongolia: A city tour and a conference with Mayor of Saku City were held.</p> 
3～5/5/2018	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2018: Official delegation of Sukhbaatar District, including a chairperson of Sukhbaatar District Assembly, Charges d’Affaires ad interim, his wife and son visited Saku City.</p> 

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29/7～3/8/2018	<p>Official visit to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the friendship city affiliation between Saku City and Sukhbaatar District: The Mayor of Saku City, the Chairman of Saku City Council, the President of Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association, and the President of Saku City Sports Association visited Sukhbaatar District, Mongolia, for a ceremony, a tour of the district, and other exchange activities.</p> 
30/7～6/8/2018	<p>2018 An exchange training program for children to Sukhbaatar District : Junior high school students from Saku City visited and stayed with ordinary families and nomadic families in their gers, and interacted with Mongolian children through the Children's Exchange Program.</p> 
2～9/11/2018	<p>2018 An exchange training program for children from Sukhbaatar District:Sukhbaatar district junior high school students were invited to Saku City to deepen friendship with junior high school students in Saku City through hands-on learning of Japanese culture and home stays with ordinary families.</p> 

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11/11/2018	<p>Concert with Mongolian folk instruments and Khoomii : A concert using Mongolian folk instruments and khoomii was held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sukhbaatar District Friendship City Agreement.</p> <p>The audience was able to experience Mongolian folk culture and music.</p> 
11/11/2018	<p>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Japan Dambadarjaa Batjargal presented his credentials to His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on October 10, 2018.</p> <p>To celebrate his appointment as Ambassador, a party was held in Saku City to celebrate his inauguration.</p> 
2～3/5/2019	<p>Saku Balloon Festival 2019 : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of Mongolia in Japan Dambadarjaa Batjargal, his wife and children came to Saku City to deepen exchanges.</p> 

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1~8/8/2019	<p>2019 An exchange training program for children to Sukhbaatar District : Six junior high school students from Saku City visited and stayed with ordinary families and nomadic families in their gers, and interacted with Mongolian children through the Children's Exchange Program.</p> 
1~8/11/2019	<p>2019 An exchange training program for children from Sukhbaatar District: Sukhbaatar district junior high school students were invited to Saku City to deepen friendship with junior high school students in Saku City through hands-on learning of Japanese culture and home stays with ordinary families.</p> 
5~8/11/2019	<p>Matouqin Concert Delivery: Matouqin Concerts were held at 8 elementary schools in Saku City.</p> 

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18/8/2020	Dinner was held in Saku City with Ambassador Dambadarjaa Batjargal's family, Saku City-Mongolia Friendship Association, the mayor and other related parties.
20/11/2021	Dinner was held in Saku City with Ambassador Dambadarjaa Batjargal's family, Saku City-Mongolia Friendship Association, the mayor and other related parties.
9~14/11/2022	<p>2022 An exchange training program for children from Sukhbaatar District: Children from Sukhbaatar District visited Saku City to experience Japanese culture such as hot springs and visit a junior high school in the city to deepen friendship.</p> 
30/11/2022	<p>Saku City-Mongolia Friendship Association President and Executive Director awarded the Order of the North Star</p> <p>Akio Haruhara, President of the Saku-Mongolia Friendship Association, and Masahisa Mizuma, Executive Director and Secretary General of the Association, were awarded the Order of the North Star, the highest honor bestowed upon foreigners by the Mongolian government, for their contributions to the development of friendly relations between Mongolia and Japan.</p>
24/4/2023	<p>The two recipients of the Order of the North Star were reported to the Mayor of Saku City.</p> 

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1～5/5/2023	<p>Official visit to Saku Balloon Festival 2023 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Friendship City Agreement : The Chairman of Sukhbaatar District Council and other members of the official delegation, as well as the wife and children of Ambassador Dambadarjaa Batjargal of the Embassy of Mongolia in Japan, visited the Saku City and deepened exchanges with the guests.</p> 
7～12/7/2023	<p>To commemorate the 15th anniversary of the friendship city agreement between Saku City and Sukhbaatar District, the Mayor of Saku City, the Chairperson of Saku City Council, and the President of Saku City-Mongolia Friendship Association visited Sukhbaatar District in Mongolia, held a ceremony, and made an inspection tour of the district.</p> 
10～17/11/2023	<p>Children from Sukhbaatar district in Mongolia visited Saku City, experienced Japanese culture such as school lunch and calligraphy, and deepened friendships with elementary and junior high school students in the city.</p> 

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1/5/2024	<p>In order to further strengthen and contribute to the further development of the 15-year friendship and cooperative relationship, a sister city agreement signing ceremony was held at the Saku City Council Chambers, and the two cities became sister cities instead of friendship cities.</p> 
1～3/5/2024	<p>In conjunction with the signing ceremony of the sister city agreement, H.E. Mr. Banzragch Bayarsaikhan Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to Japan, his wife, and family visited the Saku Balloon Festival 2024 to deepen exchanges with the city.</p> 
12～15/11/2024	<p>The “White Horse of Sukho” reading concert was held at seven elementary schools in Saku City to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the birth of the new Saku City.</p> 

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15~22/11/2024	<p>Children from Sukhbaatar District in Mongolia visited Saku City, Japan, and deepened their friendship by experiencing Japanese culture such as Zen and karate with students in the city.</p> 