



# KITAKATA SISTER CITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA

November 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Wilsonville Parks and Recreation Admin Office

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## PARTICIPANTS MAY ATTEND THE MEETING AT:

Wilsonville Parks and Rec Admin Office, 29600 SW Park Place, Wilsonville, Oregon

## TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY OR PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Register with Erica Behler:

[Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us) or 503-570-1525

Individuals may submit comments by 12:00 PM on the day before the meeting date via email to the address above, or may mail written comments to:

Erica Behler- Wilsonville City Hall

29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, OR 97070

## CALL TO ORDER [6:00 PM]

1. Roll Call

## CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approval of 09.13.23 Minutes (Needs Motion)

## CITIZEN INPUT [6:05 PM]

## BUDGET [6:07 PM]

## DELEGATION DEBRIEF [6:10 PM]

3. [Letter from Kitakata Mayor](#)
4. [Japan in Oregon Document](#)

## BOARD COMMENTS [6:45 PM]

## ADJOURN [7:00 PM]

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 6:00 PM

*Time frames for agenda items are not time certain (i.e. agenda items may be considered earlier than indicated). The City will endeavor to provide the following services, without cost, if requested at least 48 hours prior to the meeting by contacting Erica Behler, Recreation Coordinator at 503-570-1525 or [Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us](mailto:Behler@ci.wilsonville.or.us) or: assistive listening devices (ALD), sign language interpreter, and/or bilingual interpreter. Those who need accessibility assistance can contact the City by phone through the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY/Voice communication.*

*Habr  interpretes disponibles para aqu llas personas que no hablan Ingl s, previo acuerdo. Comun quese al 503-570-1525.*

Kitakata City  
7244-2 Oshimizuhigashi,  
Kitakata City, Fukushima prefecture,  
966-8601, Japan



Mayor of the city of Wilsonville  
29799 SW Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Ms. Julie Fitzgerald,

I would like to extend my best wishes to you. The citizens of Kitakata and I express our sincerest gratitude for the generous donation from Wilsonville to commemorate the 35th anniversary of our sister city relationship. You may be pleased to know that the donation will be used to add two "Weeping Cherry Blossoms of Friendship" to the 3km line of weeping cherry trees along the former Nicchu Rail Line, a site which our city is very proud of.

I am very pleased that 13 of our students will be participating in the homestay program this year. In the many iterations since we established our sister city relationship, more than 400 student citizens have participated in the homestay program. They have developed international perspective, and by experiencing various activities and traditions with your community, they have broadened their horizons. We are grateful to have been able to deepen our bonds of friendship across the border.

The warmth and kind support shown to the students by you, your staff and the entire Wilsonville community is greatly appreciated. As a token of gratitude, and as a symbol our cities' friendship, I offer a Leather Bekoh. Made locally in Kitakata, it is a leather version of a traditional paper mâché toy called Aka-Bekoh. The Aka-Bekoh is said to ward off illness, and it is my deepest wish that epidemics will never again keep us apart for so long.

I hope for your continued well-being and look forward to growing the relationship between Wilsonville and Kitakata.

Sincerely yours,

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Mayor of Kitakata City

# Japan in Oregon



**October 2023**  
**Consular Office of Japan in Portland**





## Japan in Oregon

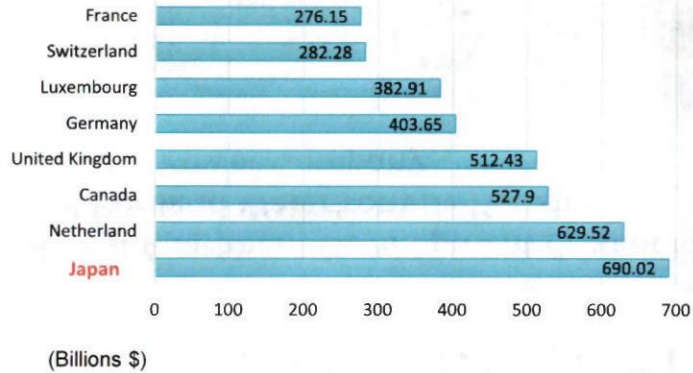


- Japanese Immigration to Oregon in late 19 century
- Japanese Consulate in Portland was established in 1900
- 7,982 Japanese nationals (October 2023)
- 159 Japanese companies (April 2023)
- Japanese Business Association of Portland (since 1966) and Portland Japanese School
- Japanese language programs in 26 schools and 12 colleges/universities including Japanese immersion classes
- 25 sister-state/city relationships between OR and Japan
- Japan-related Organizations (JASO, USJC, JAMO, JAACL, CJS, Japanese Garden)

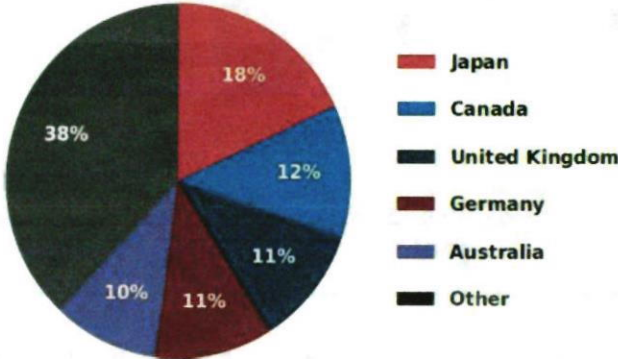
# Japan's FDI in the U.S. and Oregon

- Japan has the largest net foreign assets in the world for 32 years.
- Japan is the largest foreign direct investor in the United States and Oregon.

Countries with highest foreign direct investment (FDI) position in the U.S. 2021



Top Sources of FDI in Oregon (107 Total Announced Greenfield Projects)



Source: BEA | statista, U.S. Department of Commerce | SelectUSA



# Two Apartment Projects with 913 units

## Rental Apartment Development Project in SW Portland Waterfront by Kyushu Electric Power Company



Location: 3850 S. Bond Ave, Portland

Structures:

- High-rise, **23 floors and 340 units** with steel-framed reinforced concrete construction
- Low-rise, **6 floors and 232 units** with wooden structure

Total construction cost: Approx. USD 185 Million

Partners: Diamond Realty Investments, Inc. Alamo Manhattan, Both from Dallas, Texas.

Completion: High-rise, Fourth Quarter 2023  
Low-rise, Move-in Ready.

## Portland urban renewal project "Press Block Project" by Takenaka Corporation



Location: 1621 SW Taylor Street, Portland

Structures:

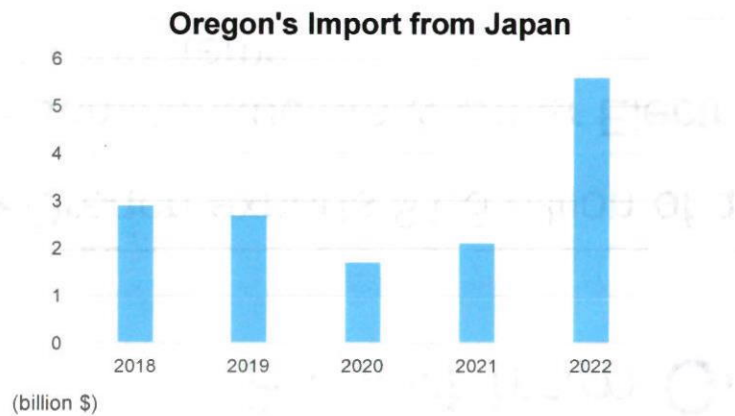
- Rental Apartment, **24 floors, 5 floors underground with 341 units**
- Commercial/Office. 4 floors, 4 floors underground.

Partners: Chuo-Nittochi Group Co., Ltd.  
Nomura Real Estate Holdings, Inc.  
IINO KAIUN KAISHA, LTD  
Urban Renaissance Group  
Security Properties

Completion: August 2025 with the LEED authorization  
(Leadership and Energy in Environmental Design)

# Import to Oregon from Japan

- Oregon imports \$5.6 billion of goods from Japan in 2022.
- As of 2022, Japan is Oregon's largest import partner.

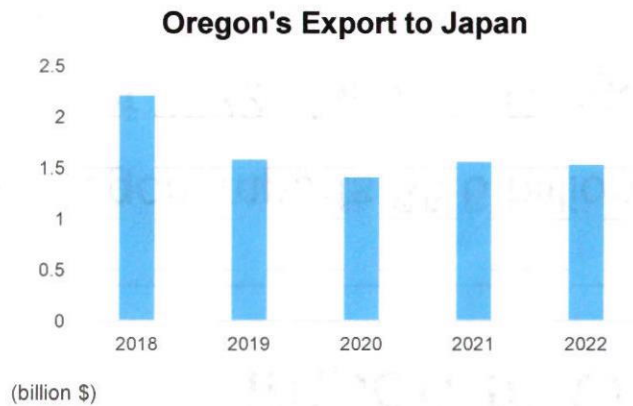


Source: ITA International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce



# Export from Oregon to Japan

- Oregon exports \$1.5 billion of goods to Japan in 2022.
- Semiconductors & Other Electronic Components are the top export items



Source: ITA International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

# Export of Agricultural Products

- Timber and wheat were major products exported to Japan in 1950s.
- Japan imports 40% of wheat consumption from PNW.



Export destination of agricultural products from Oregon 2022

Destination	\$ million	Share
Japan	453	23%
China	332	17%
South Korea	275	14%
Canada	257	13%
World	1,972	100%

Wheat supply in Japan FY 2021

Origin	thousand tonne
USA	2,342
Canada	1,781
Australia	800
Japan	1,097

Source: ITA International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce | MAFF Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan

# Japanese language education in the U.S

Oregon had the 5th highest number of Japanese language learners in 2021.

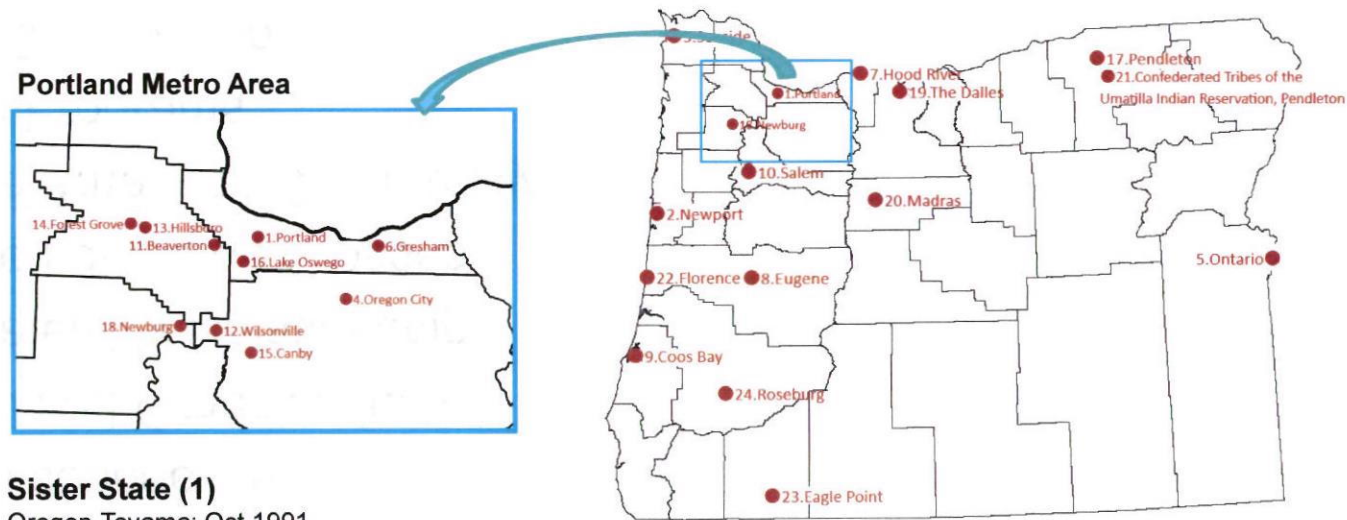
State	Number of learners
California	32,879
Hawaii	16,963
Washington	10,163
New York	8,552
Oregon	6,356
Illinois	5,803
Texas	5,526
Michigan	4,823
North Carolina	4,621
Virginia	4,599

Source: The Japan Foundation Survey 2021



## Map of Sister Cities in Oregon

As of May 2023



### Sister State (1)

Oregon-Toyama: Oct 1991

### Sister Cities (24)

1. Portland-Sapporo, Hokkaido: Nov 1959
2. Newport-Mombetsu, Hokkaido: April 1966
3. Seaside-Shakotan, Hokkaido: May 1966
4. Oregon City- Tateshina, Nagano: Sep 1974
5. Ontario-Osaka Sayama, Osaka: Oct 1974
6. Gresham-Ebetsu, Hokkaido: May 1977
7. Hood River-Tsuruta, Aomori: July 1977
8. Eugene-Kakegawa, Shizuoka: Aug 1979
9. Coos Bay-Choshi, Chiba: Feb 1983
10. Salem-Kawagoe, Saitama: Aug 1986
11. Beaverton-Gotemba, Shizuoka: Oct 1987
12. Wilsonville-Kitakata, Fukushima: Oct 1988
13. Hillsboro-Fukuroi, Shizuoka: Nov 1988
14. Forest Grove-Nyuzen, Toyama: May 1989
15. Canby-Iwamizawa, Hokkaido: July 1989
16. Lake Oswego-Yoshikawa, Saitama: May 1996
17. Pendleton-Minamisoma, Fukushima: Oct 1998
18. Newburg-Asago, Hyogo: Jul 2000
19. The Dalles- Miyoshi, Tokushima: Jan 2003
20. Madras-Tomi, Nagano: Jun 2005
21. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton-Okayama, Okayama: Jul 2005
22. Florence-Yamagata, Gifu: Aug 2005
23. Eagle Point-Showa, Gunma: Oct 2011
24. Roseburg-Kuki, Saitama: Aug 2015 (Oct 1993)



## Resources for advancing Japan-Oregon relations

- JET(Japan Exchange and Teaching) Program
- Japan Foundation
- JETRO(Japan External Trade Organization)
- Business connection
- Japan-related Organizations
- Sister State/City Relationships
- Japanese Language Classes
- Japanese American Community
- Invitation Programs
- National Scholarship

# JET Program

- Started in 1987. Work as ALT, CIR or SEA up to 5 years.
- 5,831 participants from 50 countries in 2023.
- 52 % of participants are from the U.S.
- 30-50 participants from Oregon every year





**Adolf Hertrich**



**Vanport Manufacturing was formed in 1967 and received JAS in 1988.**

**Vanport International was formed due to export ban on logs from the U.S. forests.**



**POP is home to Columbia Grain, Toyota, Subaru, Ajinomoto, Kanto, Tokyo Kasei.**

**All U.S. wheat exported to Japan is shipped from PNW.**



# NIKE

Phil Knight started business by reselling Onitsuka Tiger shoes in the U.S. in 1964.

Nisshoiwai saved Nike from its bankruptcy.

Onitsuka Kihachiro



(Onitsuka Tiger)

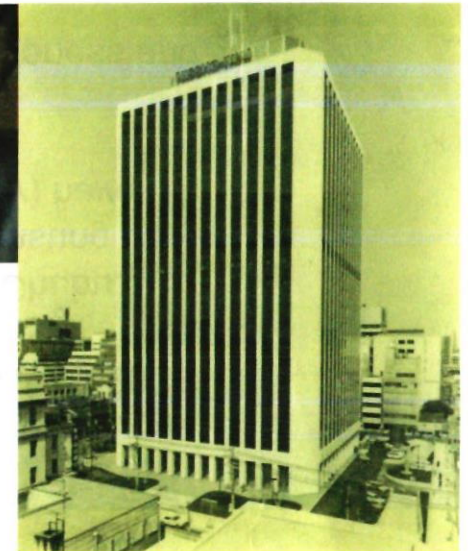
Sojitsu(Nisshoiwai)



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# NuScale



Established in 2007 and will produce SMRs (Small Modular reactor) up to 12 in the land of INL by 2029.

The U.S. (Fluor), Japan (JGC, IHI, JBIC, Chubu Electric Power Company) and ROK (Samsung C&T corporation, Doosan Enerbility, GS energy) have shares in the company.

The U.S. and Japan concluded competitiveness and Resilience Partnership in 2021.



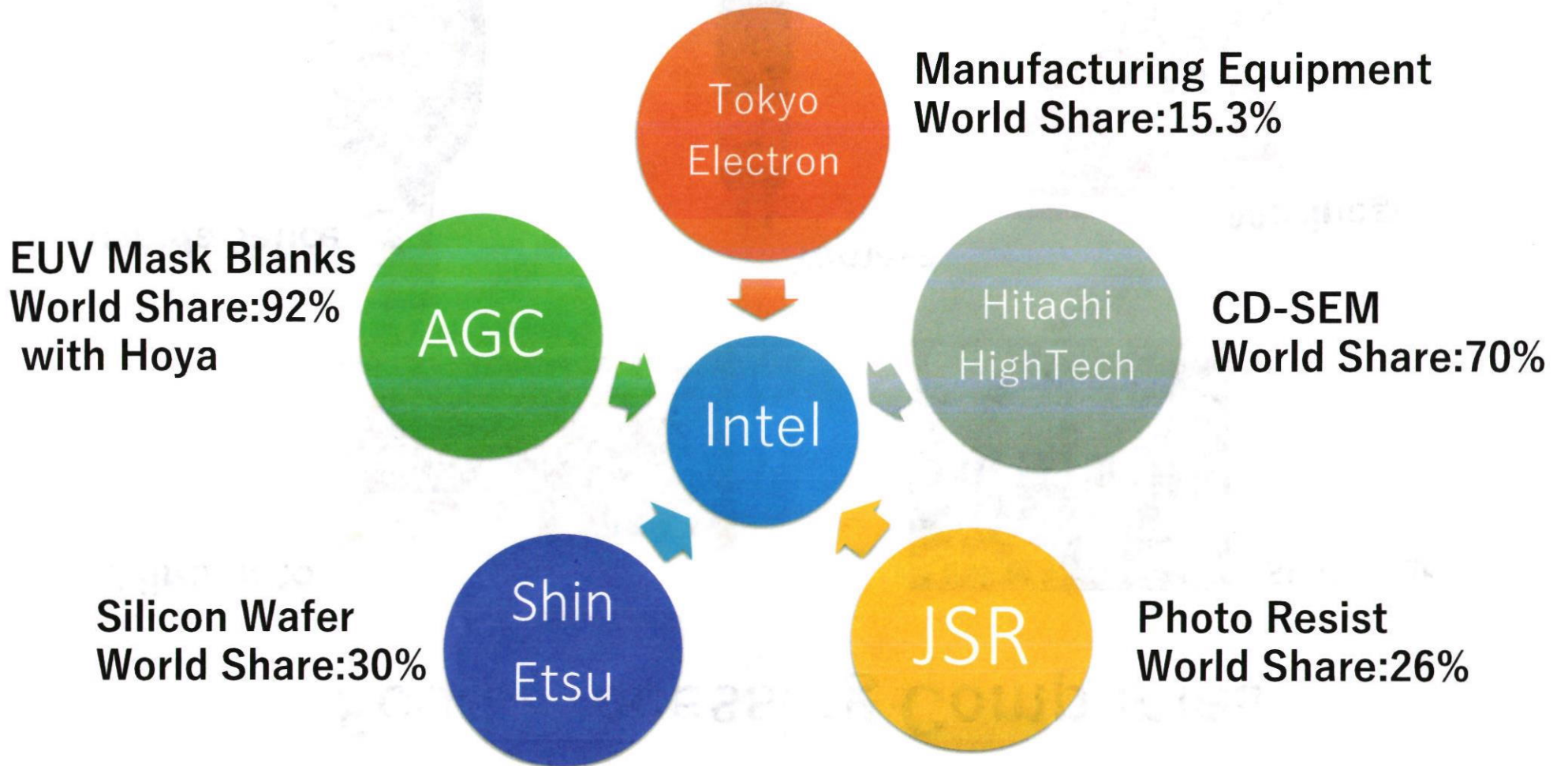
VOYGR-6 has 6 NPM.  
Each NPM has 77.000kW.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved the NPM design in 2020.

## Idaho National Laboratory (INL)



# Vendors for Intel



# Food Processing Companies

**Ajinomoto**



**St. Cousar**

**Yoshida Sauce**



**Yamasa**



**Morinaga**

