



Tauranga City

HITACHI-TAURANGA SISTER CITY AGREEMENT



The city of Hitachi, Ibaraki, Japan and the City of Tauranga, Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, through the opportunity provided by the 20th anniversary of the Sister City Relationship, and based on a solid relationship of friendly exchange achieved through many years of mutual understanding and trust, aim to enhance the prosperity of both cities and further improve their friendly relations by implementing a wide variety of continuing exchange programs.

The two cities shall endeavor to further promote the Sister City exchange programs in order to strengthen new development initiatives in the future with the full understanding and cooperation of the citizens of both cities, in the following areas.

- 1 The promotion and support of citizens' and civic exchange programs between the two cities.
- 2 The promotion of educational and cultural exchange programs.
- 3 The promotion of economic and tourism development exchange programs.
- 4 The promotion of other exchange programs which contribute to further development of friendly relations between the two cities.

Both cities shall agree to work cooperatively together to implement and monitor this Agreement under the Memorandum of Understanding as an addendum to this Agreement.

On behalf of the citizens of both cities, the Mayor of Hitachi City and the Mayor of Tauranga City hereby sign this agreement, written in duplicate in both Japanese and English, and thereby this agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Signed in Hitachi City, Ibaraki, Japan

7th day of April, 2008

Mr. Chiaki Kashimura
Mayor of Hitachi,
Ibaraki, Japan

Mr. Stuart Crosby
Mayor of Tauranga,
Bay of Plenty, New Zealand