

Re: Boulder Sister City Organization 2015 Annual Report

The **BOULDER/YAMAGATA CITY FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE** is an all-volunteer, non-political 501(c)(3), charitable organization. Membership is open to all regardless of race, religion, nationality and political beliefs.

Highlights of the year 2014 include:

May 10: Celebration of 20 Year Anniversary of Boulder/Yamagata City Relationship. Mayor Ichikawa along with 25 member delegation came from Yamagata for a three-day event. The official ceremony and the 8th annual cherry tree planting project took place in Harlow Platts Community Park and Viele Lake. They planted 20 more cherry trees. Boulder City Councilmen and Yamagata City Assemblymen along with many citizen volunteers too part in the event.

To mark the occasion a commemorative bench was donated by two cities Friendship Associations. It will be placed in the Harlow Platts Community Park.

August: Sydney Mandel, Boulder High School graduate attending Chicago University spent one month in Yamagata as an intern at the City of Yamagata's International Affairs Department.

November: Former City Attorney of Boulder Joe DeRaismes and his wife visited Yamagata during their extended traveling in Japan. While in Yamagata city, Joe gave a speech/presentation to a group of Yamagata city employees and citizen. The subject was Boulder's home rule type of government.

2015 WORK PLAN:

Organizing and implementing a trip to Japan in September, including visits to our sister municipality of Yamagata and Takayama, Denver's sister city.

Respectfully submitted,
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