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Mayor Mike Hurley City of Burnaby 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby British Columbia, V5G 1M2 CANADA

Dear Mayor Hurley,

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for your kind inquiry regarding the $55^{\rm th}$ anniversary of our sister city affiliation.

In 2015, the history of our affiliation celebrated half a century. Both cities observed the golden jubilee together in both Burnaby and Kushiro. Kushiro City, in the recent decade, has conducted commemorative events to celebrate affiliation with other cities in both Japan and overseas, to mark every ten years.

However, having a new mayor in Burnaby and a new city council in Kushiro, I would like to invite you and Burnaby city councillors to Kushiro, to commemorate the 55th anniversary in 2020.

I look forward to enhancing the productive relationship between Burnaby and Kushiro, as well as the development of the both cities.

Sincerely yours,

EBINA Hiroya

Mayor

