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Madison-Obihiro Sister City Relationship Officially Established

The official signing ceremony for the Madison-Obihiro sister-city relationship will be held at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison, Wisconsin at 10:30am on October 25.

Both cities have been developing their relationship in many areas including mental health and dairy husbandry. Thus far, various types of exchange programs have been established over the past several years.

A delegation from Japan will attend the ceremony. Those who will present will include Mr. Shoichi Nakagawa, the Policy Research Council Chairman of the Liberal-Democratic Party, the ruling party of Japan (the former Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan), Mr. Toshifumi Sunagawa, the Mayor of Obihiro, and the Consul General Kenji Shinoda, the Consulate General of Japan at Chicago. Mr. David J. Cieslewicz, the Mayor of Madison will attend the ceremony as well.

For more information, please contact Ms. Nobuko Obana or Mr. Takanobu Ameya of the Japan Information Center in Chicago at 312 280 0249 or 312 280 0436. To get more information on the Madison-Obihiro Sister City relationship, please visit <http://www.madison.com/communities/madison-obihiro/>. For the exact location of the Olbrich Botanical Gardens, please visit www.ci.madison.wi.us/olbrich.

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