



Yokkaichi Trio to Visit L.B. in 2018

6 Host Families Needed

In alternate years, one teacher and two high school students (16-17) from Long Beach are selected to visit Yokkaichi, Japan as goodwill ambassadors for a three-week cultural exchange. In alternate years, Long Beach hosts a trio from Yokkaichi.



2016 Trio from Yokkaichi with host families.

2018 is our turn to host a trio from Yokkaichi, Japan and **6 families are being sought to serve as hosts this summer for two high school students and a teacher from Yokkaichi who will arrive on July 22.**

Host families should have at least one child around the age of the visiting student and there should be a responsible adult during the guest's stay.

Trio Arrive in Los Angeles: July 22, 2018
Trio Depart Los Angeles: August 9, 2018

Each member of the Yokkaichi trio will spend about 10 days with one family and the final 10 days with another family.

1st Group Host Family Stay 7/22—7/30/18
2nd Group Host Family Stay 7/31—8/9/18

If you are able to host or know a family who is interested in hosting one of the trio members, please contact:

Yoko Pusavat, Trio Committee Chair
yoko.pusavat@csulb.edu

2018 Host Family applications available at:
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

2018 Environmental Summit Program

In 2007 former **Yokkaichi Mayor Tetsuo Inoue** established a program that sends a delegation of Long Beach students to participate in a solution-finding study and discussion regarding environmental problems with other students from Japan and China.

Four high school students and a chaperone from Long Beach are being sought to take part in this annual environmental summit to take place in Yokkaichi, Japan.

Environmental Summit Team Schedule

Depart LAX for Japan: **July 29, 2018**

Return to LAX: **August 6, 2018***

(*This date subject to change)

2018 Environmental Summit
Application forms available at
<http://longbeach-yokkaichi.org>

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jeanette Schelin, Committee Chair
Student Environmental Summit Program
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2017 Environmental Summit Delegates from Long Beach with Delegates from Japan and China.

2018 YEF Program

Are You Interested in being an Assistant English Teacher in Yokkaichi, Japan?

One of the highlights of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association is the Yokkaichi English Fellows (YEF). This very successful program provides a job opportunity for Long Beach teachers or Cal State Long Beach graduates to serve for **two years as assistant language teachers** at the elementary and middle school levels in Yokkaichi, Japan.

This is an English immersion program for the students. Speaking Japanese is not required.

Selected teachers or new graduates will work at a paid position in the Yokkaichi School System. A total of seven YEFs are at the school system each year and are replaced on a rotating basis so that the 2nd-year YEFs may assist the new arrivals.

Applicants must have at least a Bachelor's degree in any subject by May 2018 and must be a U.S. citizen. Applicants should enjoy working with students and be able to adjust to Japanese culture. The position will be for a two-year contract, with review after one year.

For Information please contact:

Jeanne Karatsu, YEF Program Chair

Phone: 562-498-2640

or

CSULB Center for International Education

Phone: 562-985-8429

2018 YEF Applications available at:

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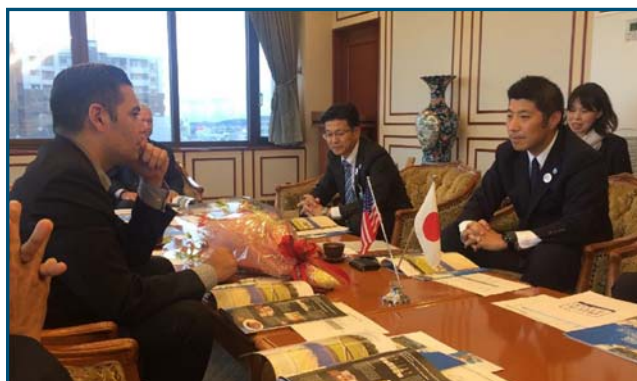
Yokkaichi Visit

By Tyler Curley, Legislative Deputy, Office of Mayor Robert Garcia

From October 16-21, 2017, **Mayor Robert Garcia** and I participated in a trade mission to Asia with leadership from the Port of Long Beach, including **Harbor Board President Lou Anne Bynum, Executive Director Mario Cordero, Chief Commercial Officer Noel Hacegaba, Harbor Board Chief of Staff Richard Jordan and Director of Business Development Don Snyder**. We visited Port customers in Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan, before heading to Yokkaichi for an official meeting with **Mayor Tomohiro Mori** and other City officials.

On Thursday, October 19, we traveled from Tokyo to Nagoya via train and were greeted at the Nagoya train station by Yasumasa Ohno of Yokkaichi's Secretarial Division and two of his colleagues. From there, we went by bus to Yokkaichi. It was great to see the countryside and get a quick tour of Yokkaichi prior to our meeting with the mayor.

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Mayor Robert Garcia and Mayor Tomohiro Mori

2018 Doctors Program



2017 Doctors from Yokkaichi with Dr. James Wells

Beginning in 2002, under the direction of the late **Dr. John Kashiwabara**, LBYSKA has taken part in an educational program in which the city of Yokkaichi selects practicing physicians to come to Long Beach and study Western medical techniques at Long Beach hospitals.

This year, we are currently expecting three doctors from Yokkaichi Municipal Hospital whose fields of practice are in orthopedics, neurology, cardiology and general surgery. They will be arriving on March 10th.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact **Dr. James Wells**, Doctors Program Chair, at 562-708-1976.

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When we arrived at Yokkaichi City Hall, dozens of City employees welcomed us in the lobby, and Mayor Garcia was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Once upstairs in the Secretarial Division Reception Room, we met with Mayor Mori, the Deputy Mayor, the Director of Policy Promotion and the Manager of the Secretarial Division. The table was set with brochures and information about the city and port, and we were served local green tea. The setup was stunning, and the tea was excellent!

Following brief introductions from both sides of the table, the mayors had an engaging discussion. Topics included their similar interests, their reasons for getting involved in public service and elected office, as well as the 55th anniversary of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi sister city relationship. Both mayors are 39 years old and have a passion for economic development, education and civic innovation.

After this discussion, the mayors formally exchanged gifts, and Mayor Garcia officially invited Mayor Mori to visit Long Beach next year for the 55th anniversary celebration.

Once our meeting with Mayor Mori and Yokkaichi City officials ended, Yasu had arranged for our delegation to experience a traditional tea ceremony. We were bused to a local Shisuian teahouse to drink green tea and learn from the tea masters about their lives, the importance of tea in Japanese culture and the history of teahouses in Yokkaichi. Once again, the tea was excellent, the hosts were exceptionally gracious and the setting was beautiful.



Mayor Garcia and Mayor Mori

The next stop on our tour of Yokkaichi was the Miyako Hotel, to check in and get much-needed rest before dinner. After some downtime, we were invited to a formal welcome dinner banquet hosted by Mayor Mori.

Also present were the Deputy Chairman of the City Assembly, the President of Port Promotion Association, the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Director of the Municipal Hospital and the Director of Policy Promotion. The mayors toasted to the longstanding sister city relationship, and over dinner they discussed the importance of strengthening the partnership between Long Beach and Yokkaichi.



Long Beach Delegation in Yokkaichi

The next morning, on Friday, October 20, Mayor Garcia, Board President Bynum and I met with leadership from the Yokkaichi Neighborhood Association. They shared information about the association and the impressive work they have done helping graduate over 700 youth and adults from their leadership programs. Mayor Garcia was inspired by the conversation and asked many engaging questions to learn how to create stronger ties between our communities through leadership exchanges.

After our fruitful meeting about neighborhood leadership and local economic development, we learned more about international trade at the Yokkaichi Port. We were all impressed by the interactive public spaces at the port headquarters, where dozens of youth were learning about the importance of the port as an economic engine for the city. Mayor Garcia was so inspired that he hopes to incorporate more accessible information in Long Beach's new Civic Center buildings. It was a great opportunity for the Port of Long Beach leadership to learn about the organizational structure and business focus of the Yokkaichi Port.

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Our boat cruise around the port was also educational. We got to see firsthand the port layout and design, and the tour guides gave us background information about the main customers and industries that import and export through Yokkaichi.

Aside from meeting with Mayor Mori, Mayor Garcia was particularly interested in planting a tree while in Yokkaichi. Yasu arranged for us to have a memorial tree planting ceremony following the port tour, so we headed to Long Beach Gardens where we were greeted by Mayor Mori and a crowd of City officials. Hopefully the tree will grow and flourish over the years, just as our sister city relationship has.

Of course, while we were at Long Beach Gardens, we were excited to learn about the vibrant history of the Long Beach-Yokkaichi partnership. We got to see up close the oil pump gifted to Yokkaichi in 1965 to commemorate the sister city relationship.



Mayor Mori and Mayor Garcia

The final stop on our tour of Yokkaichi was a marvelous informal lunch back at the Miyako Hotel. It was a great way to end the trip, and it demonstrated the generosity of Mayor Mori, Yokkaichi city and especially Yasu, who helped coordinate the trip. We cannot wait to show them the same level of hospitality when they visit next year for the 55th anniversary of the Long Beach Yokkaichi sister city relationship!

*Tyler Curley, Legislative Deputy
Office of Mayor Robert Garcia*

2018 LBYSCA Board President Named



Yoko Pusavat has been elected president of the 2018 Long Beach-Yokkaichi Sister City Association (LBYSCA). Yoko joined the LBYSCA board of directors in 2005 and previously served as vice president. She has served as Trio Program chair since 2007.

Professor Emeritus from California State University Long Beach (CSULB), Yoko is a life-long educator who founded the Japanese language BA degree program during her tenure at CSULB. Since retirement from the university, she has remained active as a transnational and cross cultural communication specialist working with generations of language and culture learners in both educational and non-profit foundation communities. Yoko is keenly interested in growing future leaders and connecting individuals to the world by thinking globally and working locally.



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