

Setagaya's Sister Cities

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With society changing and becoming more international, there is a growing demand for interaction with people around the world and a deepening of mutual understanding through friendship, goodwill and coop-

eration. Setagaya City has sister city relationships with Winnipeg(Canada), the Döbling District of Vienna(Austria) and Bunbury(Australia). The city is keen to promote "exchange by residents of the cities".

Winnipeg

Canada

The city of Winnipeg is the home of the state's (Manitoba)capital. The city has modern atmosphere with office buildings lined along the street, in combination with the beautifully peaceful ambiance of traditional Europe.

The cities of Setagaya and Winnipeg first became friends through the children's art exchange program in 1960. The friendship grew deeper and the cities agreed to a Sister Cities relationship in October 1970.



Döbling District in Vienna

Austria

Döbling is located in the northeastern part of Vienna. Surrounded by the Vienna Forest and Donau River, Döbling is a quiet, residential area with vineyards. In May, 1985, the cities signed the Sister Cities Agreement. And in 1992, the Japanese garden, "Setagaya Park" was constructed in Döbling District with technical assistance by the City of Setagaya.



Bunbury

Australia

Bunbury is a harbor town and the center of government located 180 kilometers south of Perth, the capital of West Australia. The city has a beautiful beach that is walking distance from the town, and you can see dolphins come near the shore at Koombana Beach. In 1992, the two cities signed Sister Cities Agreement. Since then, our two cities have promoted friendly exchanges in the fields of sports, art and education.



Symbols



Fringed Orchid
(Sagiso)

A perennial belonging to the orchid family, this exquisite flower takes its Japanese name (literally, "heron grass") from its three-centimeter-long white flowers which resemble a white heron spreading its wings.



Official Mark

Setagaya's official logo was adopted in 1956. It features a stylization of the first character in "Setagaya" (世) in the center of a circle which symbolizes peace. The design depicts both the cooperation among Setagaya's residents and the ongoing development of the city.



Zelkova Tree
(Keyaki)

This straight, thick-trunked tree can be found at historic sites around Setagaya. In April and May, it simultaneously develops new leaves and small flowers of pale yellow-green.



Azure-Winged Magpie
(Onaga)

The azure-winged magpie is a bird common to eastern Iberia, China and Japan, where it is found in large number especially in the Kanto Plain. It features a grayish-blue coloring over its entire body and is distinguished by its black head and long tail of pale blue.

Setagaya's Official Symbols

In 1968 it was decided to designate a bird, flower and tree as the official symbols of Setagaya. Suggestions were invited from the public, and final selections were made based on the opinions of a panel of experts.