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**REPORT ON TRAVEL TO THE
NAGOYA FESTIVAL**

NAGOYA SISTER CITY FESTIVAL REPORT



The Heroes of the Procession of the Three Feudal Lords
EVENT GUIDE

Overview

The Sydney-Nagoya Sister City partnership has experienced long and successful ties, beginning their Sister City Committee in 1980. Whilst the Nagoya-Sydney Committee began with trade and commerce-focused objectives, our current aims are culturally-based. Sydney is able to liaise with Nagoya, and demonstrate our commitment to Japanese culture within our programs and activities. We are able to capture the similarities and explore and celebrate the differences, as observed through such locally enjoyed things as cuisine and artistic explorations.

We are able to exchange information and knowledge to deliver on the demands from both our residents and visitors. This includes assisting one another with the many diverse and challenging needs of economic, social, structural and cultural expansion of our cities. Our strong partnership enables a culturally enriching experience, giving Sydney a unique understanding of Japanese culture.

Sydney shares a Sister City relationship with many different cities across the globe, including San Francisco, Wellington, Portsmouth, Guangzhou, Florence and of course, the most active committee we share, with Nagoya. This ensures that Sydney will be able to maintain its position as an international hub, and accurately represent the many diverse cultures that enliven our City.

Importantly, we share many integral activities with Nagoya that promote sustainable measures, and further programs that highlight social and cultural benefits. We have a formal sister-zoo relationship with Nagoya, instigated in the early 1980s when Taronga Zoo first sent koalas, an iconic Australian animal, to Nagoya Higashiyama Zoo. This has promoted a sustainability focused share on the husbandry knowledge of animals, and supports endangered species breeding programs between the cities.

There are further expansions into the realm of education, through the Sydney-Nagoya Student Exchange Program and the Art Exchange Program. This has encouraged and enabled students from Sydney schools to travel to Nagoya, to visit and perform for such things as the 2005 World Expo in Aichi Prefecture. There have been strong financial advantages to these educational ties, with Nagoya donating \$2 million to Macquarie University in 1988. Students from Nagoya are welcomed into Sydney annually, assisting the welcome reception at Sydney Town Hall. Such benefits of partnership extend through to the financial, social, and cultural strengthening of our city.

The Committee has demonstrated a resolute commitment to further strengthen this important cultural partnership. Our Committee has donated to a replica of an anchor of the HMS Sirius to Nagoya in 1989 to mark the 10th Anniversary; and planned the Council-funded upgrade of the Nagoya Gardens in Hyde Park in 2005 marking the 25th anniversary. Our cultural and social activities have been extensive, including visits between representatives of Nagoya and Sydney: In 1993, Sydney school rugby teams were sent to Nagoya for school matches; In 1995, then Lord Mayor Frank Sartor participated in the Sydney Fair in Nagoya for the 15th anniversary; in 2005, the 25th anniversary was marked by Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP who attended the World Expo in Nagoya. In 2010, Sydney welcomed Mayor Takashi Kawamura, Assembly members and citizens' group, who visited to celebrate the 30th Anniversary. There have been further cultural and sustainability focused programs including a presentation in 2006 at the Nagoya Festival, exhibiting the photographic works of Rick Stevens, award-winning Sydney photographer, depicting Taronga Zoo and Sydney landscape; there was a school book exchange between Sydney and Nagoya schools in 2000; and there is an annual display of school students' artwork in Nagoya. These demonstrate the long-standing commitment to our cultural partnership, shared between Nagoya and Sydney.

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The most recent celebration of our rich history took place to celebrate the 35th Anniversary, with Councillors Jenny Green and Irene Doutney visiting Nagoya in October 2015, representing the City of Sydney. In attending culturally relevant landscapes and festivals, we can ensure that this extraordinary Japanese culture is well represented within the City of Sydney. We look forward to future programs and activities that unravel in the coming years, which will continue celebrating this important international liaison.

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Nagoya Sister City Festival 2015

Day one: Friday 16 October

9.45am – 11.10am Visit Tokugawa Garden and Tokugawa Art Museum

11.30am – 12pm Courtesy Call to Mayor Kawamura



Councillor Green (standing on left) and Councillor Doutney (sitting on left) visiting Mayor Kawamura at Civic Reception Town Hall for the Courtesy Call. Councillor Green gave the introductory speech at the Civic reception on behalf of the City and Sister City delegation. Gifts were exchanged and the economic and cultural benefits of the Two cities relationship were discussed.

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Councillor Green and Councillor Doutney visiting the Mayor and delegates at Civic Reception Hall

- 2.00pm-3.30pm Higashiyama Zoo Guide Tour. Higashiyama Zoo & Botanical Gardens (To be accompanied by 4 High School students who attended Sydney Town Hall this year as part of the student exchange program)
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm Planting ceremony hosted by Deputy Mayor Teruo Shinkai - Higashiyama Zoo & Botanical Gardens. This was attended by many members of the City Assembly and the City of Sydney presented the gardens with 3 Callistemon plants known in Australia as “bottle brushes”. This continues a tradition of native plant exchanges between the Higashiyama Zoo and Botanical Gardens and the Nagoya Garden in Sydney’s Hyde Park.

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Councillor Doutney delivering a speech as a City of Sydney representative at the Planting Ceremony

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Councillor Green and Councillor Doutney with the Deputy Mayor and delegates at the Tree-planting ceremony



Councillor Green (on left) and Councillor Doutney (on right) with Assembly Member celebrating the Tree-planting Ceremony

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6.30pm – 8.00pm

Welcome Reception hosted by Nagoya Sister Cities Association- Westin Nagoya Castle



Councillor Green speaking at the Welcome Reception with other representatives from Sister Cities of Turin, LA and Mexico, at the Westin Nagoya Castle



Councillor Doughty and guests at the Welcome Reception

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Day two: Saturday 17 October

9.30am – 11.00am Visit Shirotori Garden (Tea ceremony experience)



Councillor Jenny Green visiting the Tea Ceremony Experience

- 11.30am Lunch with Rioya & Mr TAKADA, from CLAIR Tokyo & Ms ITO Yuka, Ward Office in Nagoya & Miss HASEGAWA Momoko, Board of Education - Kiln Restaurant at Noritake Garden. Discussions were had with CLAIR members and City staff about their experiences working in Sydney CLAIR Office at Martin Place and with City of Sydney.
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm Visit Noritake Garden
- 3.00pm – 3.30pm Sister Cities Festival 2015 opening ceremony- Oasis 21
- 3.30pm – 4.00pm Sister Cities Festival 2015 - Oasis 21



Councillor Doutney delivering a speech with delegates at Oasis 21, Sister City Festival. Councillor Doutney gave the opening speech for the City of Sydney at the large Oasis 21 Centre launch of the Sister City Celebrations.

6.30pm – 8.00pm Dinner hosted by Mayor Kawamura - Hitohashi Restaurant (Japanese Casual Restaurant)



Councillor Green and Councillor Doutney having dinner hosted by Mayor Kawamura

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Day three: Sunday 18 October

9.30am – 10.30am Visit Nagoya Castle



The culturally significant Nagoya Castle

12.30pm – 1.40pm Sister Cities Parade start. Councillors Jenny Green and Irene Doutney were part of the Nagoya Festival Parade leading the Sydney delegation. The Councillors threw small toy koalas to the children along the parade route which was received with delight by the citizens of Nagoya. The Australian contingent was very popular and cemented our friendship with the City of Nagoya.



Councillor Green and Councillor Doutney representing Sydney in the Sister City Parade

NAGOYA REPRESENTATIVES IN SYDNEY

Following the return of Councillor Green and Councillor Doutney from Nagoya, Sydney had the opportunity to welcome representatives from Nagoya, for further cultural exchanges with a focus on Sydney, on 1 November 2015. The City of Sydney was honoured to welcome the Mayor from Nagoya, who was joined by his delegates, to experience the culture of Sydney and to further consolidate the links between our cities' forging identities.

Representative visits honour each city's role to the other. The Lord Mayor Kawamura from Nagoya and his delegates were able to explore Sydney and partake in the activities that symbolise our important relationship. He presented Sydney with 9 Sasanqua Camellia flowers which were planted in Hyde Park at the Tree planting ceremony, honouring this long-standing relationship. This event was hosted by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney.

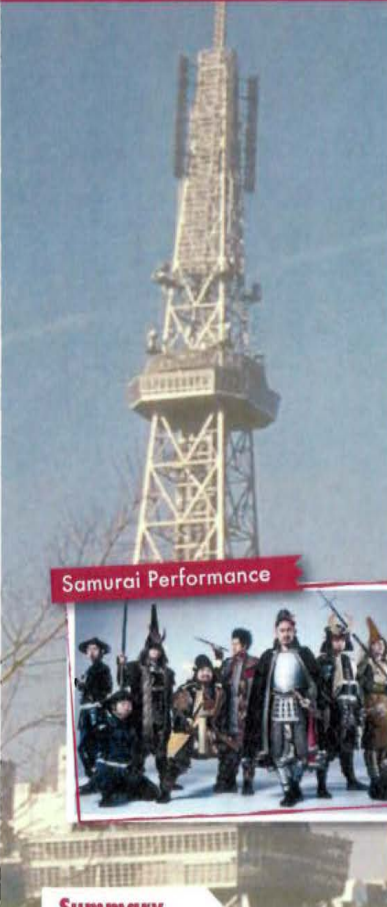
The visit was further celebrated with a festival in the park, and a visit to Taronga Zoo; marking our mutual priority on sustainability and animal husbandry. To conclude the celebrations, Nagoya representatives had a courtesy call with the Mayor, followed by dinner.

Please see next page for Nagoya Day celebrations pamphlet held in Sydney.

Nagoya Day

Nagoya Sydney Sister City Affiliation 35th Anniversary

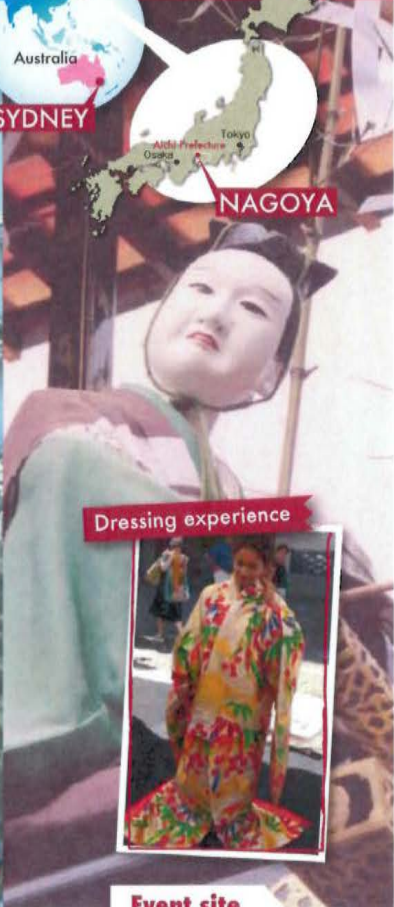
on Sunday 1st November 2015 from 11:00 – 17:00
in Hyde Park



Samurai Performance



Japanese Tea Ceremony



Dressing experience

Summary

Stage Event

- Opening Ceremony
- Classical Japanese dance Performance
- Samurai Performance (Nagoya PR Stage)
- Cosplay Show
- Choir Performance
- Japanese Pop Songs Performance
- Closing Event

Booth Event

- Nagoya Food Sampling Service**
Free(Limited Quantities)Nagoya-meshi
- Japanese Cultural Dress up, Craft and Calligraphy Experience**
Kimono and Yukata Wearing, Origami, Calligraphy, Water balloon
- Japanese Tea Ceremony**
Free Japanese Tea
- Display Area**
Introduce Nagoya Video and Panel

Event site



APPENDIX:

Venue Guide

Hisaya-odori Park

Hisaya Plaza, Angel Plaza and Mochinoki Plaza

Packed with events you can only see at Nagoya Festival!

Hisaya-odori Park Venue [Hisaya Plaza, Angel Plaza, Mochinoki Plaza]

17 (Sat) & 18 (Sun) 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

Tohoku-Nagoya Great Exchange

Traditional festivals representing the Tohoku region at Nagoya Festival! Stage performances will express their gratitude for Nagoya's support to Tohoku. Exhibition booths will welcome you with the "Great Cuisine Exchange," featuring a street lined with various Tohoku gourmet and Nagoya cuisine (*Nagoya-meshi*).

● **Where** : Hisaya Plaza



Specialty foods from Tohoku



Ankake-Spa



Kamatama Ramen (Miso ramen with Nagoya Cochin egg)
(Won grand prize at Nagoya-meshi Expo 2014)

※Photograph is for illustrative purposes

Nagoya-meshi Expo 2015 Promotion Booths & Stages

"Nagoya-meshi Expo 2015," an event for participants to enjoy eating around Nagoya-meshi will be introduced at booths and on stage. Special supporters including *Nagoya Omotenashi Bushotai* will present you the charm of Nagoya-meshi on stage!

● **Where** : Hisaya Plaza



2014 Stage

Nippon Domannaka Festival Performance

Oct. 17 (Sat) & Oct. 18 (Sun)

● **Where** : Hisaya Plaza



(Photo courtesy of Nippon Domannaka Festival)

Celebratory Kashimaki (candy distribution)

Oct. 17 (Sat) & Oct. 18 (Sun)

The Nagoya Omotenashi Bushotai Samurai Group and stage Performers will bring additional excitement to the Festival by passing out candies, a festivity appropriate for any festival being held in Nagoya.

● **Where** : Angel Plaza



Introduction to the Parades / Gorgeous parades featuring the culture and charms of Nagoya

1 Dashi Float Parade

Oct.18 (Sun)

The array of treasured dashi floats offers much to see, including performances by Karakuri mechanical dolls and flashy embroidered skirts. This year, the dashi appear in the following order:

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|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Yutori-guruma | 4 Kasui-sha | 7 Momijigari-sha |
| 2 Jinko-sha | 5 Kashika-jinsha | 8 Nifuku-jinsha |
| 3 Ogishi-sha | 6 Karako-sha | 9 Fukurokuju-sha |



2 Locales are indicated in parentheses. Kagura Float Parade

These floats for kagura, each featuring a roofed enclosure containing a lion mask as its centerpiece, are cultural assets distinctive to the local region. This year, eight kagura are talking part:

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Nishinokiri-Kagura | 5 Ousucho-Kagura |
| 2 Nakanokiri-Kagura | 6 Tochicho-Kagura |
| 3 Minaminokiri-Kagura | 7 Shinchaya-Kagura |
| 4 Higashinokiri-Kagura | 8 Chita-Kagura |
| (1 through 4 from Nakagawa-ku) | (5 through 8 from Minato-ku) |



Oct.18 (Sun)

3 Children's Mikoshi Parade Oct.18 (Sun)



The young members of children's groups in each of Nagoya's 16 wards made the original mikoshi that take part in this event. Along with the energetic shouts of children, each mikoshi presents a fun theme, which adds to the festiveness.

4 Sister and Friendship Cities Goodwill Parade Oct.18 (Sun)



Representatives from Nagoya's sister and friendship cities of Los Angeles, Mexico City, Nanjing, Sydney, and Torino will make an appearance in convertible cars.

5 Flower Car Parade Oct.17 (Sat) & Oct.18 (Sun)



This magnificent parade includes over 300 participants. Large floats decorated with lovely fresh flowers are accompanied by baton-twirlers and brass bands performing. Showy performances by dance teams also add to the festive mood.

6 Nana-chan Team Oct.17 (Sat) & Oct.18 (Sun)



This parade features Nana-chan, the symbolic doll located in front of Nagoya Station.

7 Procession of the Three Feudal Lords

Oct.17 (Sat) & Oct.18 (Sun)

A fife and drum band of children leads the way, followed by the gorgeous Shachi Bayashi Troupe, then troops led by Oda Nobunaga, who paved the way to unifying Japan, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, who was born in Owari region and ruled the entire country, and finally Tokugawa Ieyasu, who laid the foundation for the 300 years of prosperity of the Tokugawa Shogunate.



The photos are from last year's parade.

Oasis 21

Nagoya's Premier Event Space
Oasis 21 Venue (Galaxy Platform)

17 (Sat) & 18 (Sun) 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

Friends of Nagoya Tourism and Culture Connections Fair

This is an exhibition space and stage for municipalities and sister cities with historical and cultural connections to Nagoya to show off their unique culture and tourism information. Locales from inside and outside Aichi will be presenting at the event!



Folk Performing Arts Exhibition

Oct. 17 (Sat)

Demonstration of bo-no-te, a martial art using staffs

●When : Noon to 2:00 pm



Oct. 17 (Sat)

Folk Performing Arts

●When : 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



Nagoya Sister Cities Festival 2015

Oct. 17 (Sat) & Oct. 18 (Sun)

●When : 11:30 am to 8:00 pm
 (The stage performance is from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on the 17th (Sat).)



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<http://www.centrair.jp/en/>

Local Samurai Groups & Local Idols & Other Events

Performances and Talk Shows by Samurai and Ninja Groups

Samurai and ninja groups from around Japan, including Nagoya's *Nagoya Omotenashi Bushotai* and *Oshu-Sendai Omotenashi Shudan Date Bushotai* exhibit their hometown's specialty food and tourist attractions with a dream performance on stage!

●Where : Hisaya Plaza



Local Samurai Groups



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Great Gathering of Local Idols!

Local idols from Nagoya, Aichi and across Japan will gather for song and dance to heat up Nagoya Festival. Don't miss their exciting performance!

●Where : Angel Plaza



Local Idol Groups



Stroll of the Three Feudal Lords through Osu

In this event, the Three Feudal Lords Oda Nobunaga, Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and Tokugawa Ieyasu stroll through the Osu Shopping District, each flanked by about 30 other warlords, forming a procession of about 100 warriors. This event has a different feel from the gorgeous and extra-gant Procession of the Three Feudal Lords through Yabacho, as onlookers can view the Three Feudal Lords up close and personal as they proceed through the Shopping District.



[Course] An approximately 600 meter route that starts on the north side of Shintenchi-dori, moves southward through Shintenchi-dori, enters Higashi Nioumon-dori and travels through Nioumon-dori reach Osu Kannon.

●Where : Osu Shopping District ●When : 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm