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Mr. Harold Pereverseff
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Dear Mr. Pereverseff,


I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your leadership throughout your time as President of the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association. It has no doubt been a challenge over the years to build upon the goals of the A/JTMA; however, the predominant focus on grass-roots exchange has cultivated the organization into further maturity as a stable and expanding association motivated by the furtherance of “people to people” exchange.

Throughout the past 4 years under your direction the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association has made some notable improvements and additions, including the formulation of the A/JTMA Constitution, increased membership and exchanges, the creation of the Association’s own website, and the institution of the Youth Executive Visionary position. I would like to commend you on your efforts in the name of Japan-Canada relations, and express my hope that in the future you will continue to offer your knowledge and expertise in the pursuit of increased international awareness and friendship between our two countries.

As I explained in my conference organized by the Canadian International Council at Mount Royal University, Japan endured a great tragedy in March of 2011, in the aftermath of which Canada in particular showed its true colours of friendship and humanitarianism by offering abundant assistance to the people of Japan in their time of need. I would like to thank you and all those that made sacrifices in order to assist our country. Japan’s path to recovery, to which we are indebted to your nation, is now focussed with greater energy and clarity in creating a vibrant nation.

In closing I would like to congratulate you once more on your years of service as President of the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association and reiterate my hope that your presence in the A/JTMA and Japan-Canada relations in general remains as resilient and inspiring as ever.

Sincerely,



Susumu Fukuda

Consul General of Japan at Calgary