



Mr. Satya Das

With close to 30 years experience as an award winning editorialist, national media commentator, public policy advisor and founder of Cambridge Strategies Inc. Satya has substantial expertise in areas relating to governance, strategic planning, and public & economic policy. Satya has worked with all levels of government in such areas as: social policy development; issues management; public/private partnerships; intergovernmental relations; stakeholder consultations and program evaluation; international trade and aid policies and development; and international relations. He received the Province of Alberta Human Rights Award in 1999, and the City of Edmonton conferred a 2001 Citation Award for lifetime services to human rights and culture. He is the author of *Dispatches from a Borderless World* (1999) and of the best selling book, *The Best Country: Why Canada Will Lead the Future* (2002).



MISSION STATEMENT

To stimulate, coordinate and facilitate the twinning of municipalities in Alberta with municipalities in Japan.

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“FRIENDSHIP”

Whitecourt joined the Twin Town Program in 1998 when we officially recognized our relationship with Kamiyubetsu, Japan. Over the past several years, both communities have hosted delegations and celebratory events to commemorate the bonds of friendship that have developed and to emphasize their commitment to the program. 2008 marked the 10th anniversary of the official agreement signing.

Regular correspondence and visits between Whitecourt and Kamiyubetsu have offered both enriching and positive opportunities for our youth and adults alike. A School Exchange Program was developed several years ago which has provided high school students and interested community residents from both towns travel opportunities that otherwise might not have been possible.

The future is bright as we continue to **extend the hands of friendship** to our friends in Kamiyubetsu and to all communities involved in the A/JTMA.



Whitecourt, Alberta



Kamiyubetsu, Hokkaido

2009 Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference



**Extending the
Hands of Friendship**

JUNE 19 & 20, 2009

St. Joseph
Parish Community Hall
5538 Mink Creek Road
Whitecourt, Alberta

Where To Stay

Hotel rooms have been blocked, under the Town of Whitecourt, for conference delegates at the following hotels:

Lakeview Inns and Suites

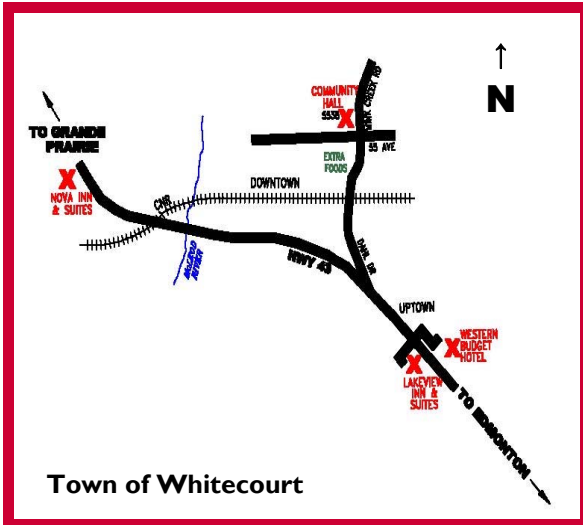
3325 Caxton Street, Whitecourt
780-706-3349
\$109.95 per night (plus taxes)

Western Budget Motel

3405 Kepler Street, Whitecourt
780-706-2030
\$88.00 to \$98.00 per night (plus taxes)

Nova Inn and Suites

5406 Caxton Street, Whitecourt
780-779-2399 or 1-866-779-2399
\$95.00 per night (plus taxes)—Group #86



Conference Agenda

Welcome to Whitecourt and the 2009 Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Conference. The Whitecourt International Friendship Society and the Town of Whitecourt are proud to host this event.

Friday, June 19th

Parish Community Hall (5538 Mink Creek Road)

- 5:00 PM Conference Registration
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Opening Remarks & Guest Speakers
- 8:00 PM Entertainment / Art Display Viewing

Saturday, June 20th

Parish Community Hall (5538 Mink Creek Road)

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 AM Parade of Flags
- 9:30 AM A/JTMA Meeting
- 12:30 PM Lunch and Keynote Address by Satya Das
- 2:30 PM Friendship Park & Group Picture
- 3:00 PM Helicopter Tour, Jet Boat Rides and Refreshments at Riverboat Park



Conference Registration

2009 Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference

“Extending The Hands of Friendship”

June 19 & 20, 2009, Whitecourt, Alberta



Registration Deadline: April 24, 2009
Registration fee: \$100.00 (gst included)
(cheque or money order only)
Registration fee includes all activities and meals

Name: _____

Organization/Town: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please make cheques payable to “The Town of Whitecourt” and mail to:

The Town of Whitecourt
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