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**HIGASHIOMI CITY ASSEMBLY MESSAGE  
2008**

**KONNICHIWA!**

**MAYOR NAKAMURA AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF HIGASHIOMI CITY HALL.**

**ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL, THE CITIZENS OF TABER AND FELLOW DELEGATES, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BRING GREETINGS FROM YOUR TWINNING PARTNER THE TOWN OF TABER TO OUR SISTER CITY - HIGASHIOMI CITY.**

**I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE OUR DELEGATES: MURRAY ROCHELLE, COUNCILLOR FROM OTHE TOWN OF TABER; SUSAN BEERS A NURSE FROM THE TABER HOSPITAL AND HER SON OWEN BEERS A GRADE 10 STUDENT; KARLY PERIN A GRADE 10 STUDENT ; AND MYSELF RAY BRYANT MAYOR FROM THE TOWN OF TABER.**

**WE ARE SO PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND HIGASHIOMI CITY TO FURTHER SHARE OUR CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS; TO STRENGTHEN OUR EXISTING BONDS; AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CREATING NEW AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS, AS WELL AS RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING OUR HOST FAMILIES AND EXPERIENCING LIFE WITHIN THE CITY.**

**FROM OUR ORIGINAL TWINNING AGREEMENT IN 1981 TO PRESENT (2008), IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SOME 27 YEARS HAVE PASSED, IT ONLY GOES TO SHOW THAT OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP IS STRONG AND HAS WITHHELD THE TEST OF TIME.**

**ARIGATO GOZAIMASU**

**PRESENT GIFT TO MAYOR NAKAMURA**