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MESSAGE BY AMBASSADOR MIKE MANSFIELD
ON THE OCCASION OF
ESTABLISHMENT OF SISTER-CITY RELATIONS BETWEEN
WENATCHEE, WASHINGTON AND MISAWA, JAPAN
October 4, 1981

It is with sincere pleasure that I congratulate the cities of Misawa and Wenatchee on the occasion of their becoming sister cities. This ceremony recognizes a remarkable link between the two cities that began exactly fifty years ago, a link that has made an important contribution to the friendly relations between our two countries.

I can still vividly remember the excitement that all America felt in October, 1931 when the "Miss Veedol" successfully completed the first non-stop trans-Pacific flight. Japan could not have seemed more remote to us then, but suddenly, Misawa and Wenatchee had become only 41 hours from one another, and the world has kept on shrinking ever since. It was a truly historic occasion, and as we take pride in how our two countries have become friends, trading partners and allies in what I strongly believe to be the most important bilateral relationship in the world, we must not lose sight of that partnership's human foundation.

We must all remember Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon, the two pilots who made history; former Governor Takeuchi, who scooped his competitors in reporting the take-off for the Toh Nippo newspaper; and Mayor Kohiyama and Mr. Hublonk of Wenatchee who sparked new interest in forging sister-city ties during Mayor Kohiyama's visit to Wenatchee this year. They and many others present at this ceremony have earned our thanks.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my congratulations to the people of Misawa and Wenatchee; I deeply hope that as sister cities you will shrink further the distance between our two countries, just as you did fifty years ago.

Mike Mansfield
Governor Suzuki, Governor Snelling, Members of the 17th Annual Japan - U.S. Governors' Conference:

It is a distinct pleasure and an honor for me to address the Seventeenth Japan-U.S. Governors' Conference. Over the years, the Conference has been an invaluable forum for the governors of the American states and the Japanese prefectures. You meet here to share information on the issues which you face in your jurisdictions, to discuss the various means available to deal with these issues, and, most importantly, to get to know each other personally.

Although Japan and the United States are separated by great geographical distance and by differences in language, culture, and history, we are, at the same time, bound together by common purposes that easily span the distances which separate us: both nations are dedicated to a democratic political system, a free economy, and to peace and stability around the world. All of us here are aware of the extent of the economic relationship between the United States and Japan, and the vital part which each of our countries plays in the other's economic well-being. I have often said it before, but I believe it bears repeating, particularly on this occasion -- there is no more important bilateral relationship in the world than that between the United States and Japan, bar none.
The personal contact which you have through the Japan-U.S. Governors' Conference will give you the opportunity to gain a more direct understanding of the many issues involved in our relationship and of the opportunities for common progress that resolution of these issues provides. I know that those of you who have taken part before in the Conference will agree with me how valuable this personal contact is in increasing one's knowledge and understanding of the other's country. George Ariyoshi and Bob Ray, who are frequent visitors to Japan, certainly find it worthwhile to return here to update their knowledge of this country and to renew acquaintances with their Japanese colleagues. During my own stay in Japan I have travelled to all forty-seven prefectures, and have enjoyed the hospitality of so many of the Japanese governors here today. I have learned a great deal about local conditions in Japan during those visits, because I was able to observe them directly, an opportunity which the American participants in the Conference will also have this year. I still have much to learn but I am sure that you will find it as useful as I have.

The issues which you have chosen to discuss today are of vital importance to all levels of government in our two countries. This is a time when the United States federal budget is being limited as part of President Reagan's program to revitalize the American economy. At the same time, the Japanese government is pursuing a program of administrative reform, which also will require fiscal restraint. The problem
OF ADEQUATELY MANAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER CONDITIONS OF REDUCED FISCAL RESOURCES IS CERTAINLY ONE OF GREAT CONCERN, TO AMERICAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNORS ALIKE.

I AM INDEBTED TO ALL OF YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU AND I WISH YOU THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN THIS, THE 17TH JAPAN - U.S. GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.
REMARKS BY
AMBASSADOR MIKE MANSFIELD
1981 OITA FAIR
OCTOBER 21, 1981, OKURA HOTEL

Governor Hiramatsu, distinguished citizens of Oita Prefecture, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is an honor and a distinct pleasure for me to join you here for the opening of the 1981 Oita Fair.

I have been most fortunate to have visited Oita Prefecture on a number of occasions. I have vivid memories not only of the great natural beauty of your prefecture but also of the wonderful warmth and hospitality of your people.

I sincerely hope that through this fair, more and more people will be introduced to Oita Prefecture -- its scenic wonders, its excellent agricultural products and delicious cuisine, its distinguished crafts and arts, its industrial and commercial accomplishments and of course, its wonderful people.

The more people know about Oita Prefecture, the more they will understand what a truly "Bountiful Land" (Yutaka-no Kuni) it is, indeed.

Thank you very much.
I would like to welcome you this morning to the annual Embassy Orientation Program. During the next two days, I'm sure that all of you, newcomers and old hands alike, will come to have a greater understanding of the scope of our operation, the many different kinds of work which go on in our Embassy, and how each of you fits into the larger picture of the U.S. Mission in Japan.

Our speakers will be talking about a very large-scale operation indeed. This chancery building itself, opened five years ago, is the largest U.S. chancery in the world. Our Embassy staff of almost 600 employees, representing over 20 government agencies comprises one of our largest embassies.

I have said this many times before, but it bears repeating, particularly now, right at the start of this program: The U.S. - Japan relationship is the most important bilateral relationship in the world, bar none! All of you here, as members of the Embassy family, have an important role to play in this vital relationship.
THE NEXT TWO DAYS WILL GIVE YOU A BETTER FEELING FOR JUST HOW MANY-FACETED THE U.S. - JAPAN RELATIONSHIP IS. AT THIS TIME, LET ME OFFER JUST A FEW EXAMPLES:

-- LAST YEAR OUR CONSULAR SECTION DOWNSTAIRS ISSUED OVER HALF A MILLION VISAS TO JAPANESE TRAVELING TO THE U.S.;

-- FREQUENT CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES COMPREHEND A HIGHLY IMPORTANT PART OF THE CONTINUING DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES;

-- THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN MAINTAIN THE LARGEST OVERSEAS TRADING RELATIONSHIP IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD -- TWO WAY TRADE IS OVER $51 BILLION AND GROWING RAPIDLY; AND,

-- JAPAN IS BY FAR OUR BEST CUSTOMER OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS - $6 BILLION IN 1980 - AND HERE TOO, THE TREND IS UP.

BUT JAPAN IS MUCH MORE TO THE UNITED STATES THAN OUR MAJOR OVERSEAS TRADING PARTNER. JAPAN IS OUR CLOSE FRIEND AND STAUNCH ALLY. WE HAVE AN EXTREMELY CLOSE POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP TESTIFIED TO BY FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN US ON ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
I am happy and proud to be a part of this U.S. - Japan relationship, and I hope that all of you share this feeling with me. As this orientation progresses, I’m sure you will come to appreciate more fully the breadth of this vitally important relationship and the role that the Embassy -- all of us -- play in it.

Now I’d like to introduce Bill Clark, our DCM, and ask him to say a few words and introduce the senior Embassy officers.

Once again, welcome to our orientation program.
AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD’S REMARKS
AT THE RECEPTION TO WELCOME

THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE BERLIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
9:00 P.M. 2ND OF NOVEMBER

MADAME MORI, GOVERNOR SUZUKI, AMBASSADOR BLECH, EXCELLENCIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MRS. MANSFIELD AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE WITH ALL OF
YOU AT THIS DUAL RECEPTION TO HONOR THE BOSTON SYMPHONY AND
THE BERLIN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRAS -- TWO OF THE WORLD’S
GREATEST -- AND TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE WORLD’S TWO
GREATEST MAESTROS -- SEIJI OZAWA AND HERBERT VON KARAJAN.
WHAT A TREMENDOUS JOINING OF THESE TWO ORCHESTRAS AND
THEIR INSPIRING CONDUCTORS AND, TO TOP IT OFF, THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF EACH.

IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN JAPAN AND UNDER THE AUSPICES
OF THE WORLD FAMOUS FASHION DESIGNER, MME. HANAE MORI. TO
HANAE, A GREAT AND GRACIOUS LADY, WE ALL EXTEND OUR THANKS FOR
MAKING ALL THIS POSSIBLE -- YOU ARE WONDERFUL AND WE ARE
ALL DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE.
REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MIKE MANSFIELD
RECEPTION COMMEMORATING THE OPENING OF THE MASON’S
GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN
TOKYO MIYAKO HOTEL
NOVEMBER 7, 1981, 7:00 P.M.

I AM HONORED AND DELIGHTED TO JOIN WITH YOU HERE
THIS EVENING TO HELP COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW
BUILDING HOUSING THE GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN.

ALL OF YOU WELL KNOW THE FINE PRINCIPLES OF
FREEMASONRY: BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF OF THE DISTRESSED,
AND TRUTH. THESE ARE PRINCIPLES WHICH KNOW NO BARRIERS
OF RACE, CREED, NATIONALITY, RELIGION OR SOCIAL POSITION.
THEY CAN SERVE AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR ALL MEN IN THE
CONDUCT OF THEIR DAILY LIVES.

MASONRY’S FAMILIAR SYMBOLS OF BUILDERS’ TOOLS ARE
USED TO REPRESENT MORAL TRUTH. I AM SURE WE ALL SHARE
THE SAME CONVICTION THAT OUR LIVES SHOULD BE CONDUCTED
IN A MANNER WHICH REFLECTS THIS HIGHER TRUTH AND A
REVERENCE FOR THE SUPREME BEING.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MASONRY HAS BEEN IN JAPAN FOR
ABOUT 100 YEARS AND HAS GROWN TO INCLUDE SOME 20 LODGES
THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. I WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED
TO LEARN OF THE MANY WORTHWHILE PROJECTS IN WHICH THE
LODGES ARE INVOLVED, AND ESPECIALLY THE WORK WHICH THE
GRAND LODGE HAS DONE TO ASSIST AFFLICTED PEOPLE REGAIN
THEIR SIGHT. WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WITH
perfectly good eyes who still cannot see the truth. But it is men such as yourselves -- aiding the afflicted in a spirit of common respect and love -- who demonstrate what "vision" really is.

May I offer my personal congratulations to you on this occasion of the opening of the new Grand Lodge here in Tokyo. I am sure that the building will provide fine facilities, and I wish you every success and best wishes for your activities in the years to come.
REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MIKE MANSFIELD
MARINE CORPS BALL
AT THE NCR BUILDING
NOVEMBER 10, 1981

IT IS A PRIVILEGE - AS ALWAYS - FOR MRS. MANSFIELD AND ME TO JOIN ALL OF YOU THIS EVENING TO CELEBRATE THE 206TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS.

FOR 35 YEARS, MARINES HAVE BEEN AN OFFICIAL PART OF OUR EMBASSIES AROUND THE WORLD. ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT THE EMBASSY, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSISTENTLY FINE SERVICE OFFERED BY THE MARINES HERE IN TOKYO.

LET ME EXTEND MY BEST WISHES FOR A "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO ALL MARINES, AND CLOSE BY STATING THE MARINE CORPS SLOGAN FOR THIS YEAR: "LONG LIVE THE UNITED STATES AND SUCCESS TO THE MARINES".
REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR MIKE MANSFIELD
HONDA FOUNDATION AWARD CEREMONY
NOVEMBER 17, 1981

It is an honor and privilege to be with you for the award of the Honda Prize to Dr. Harold Chestnut. I am especially pleased to be present on this occasion honoring not only Dr. Chestnut's contributions to systems engineering, but also the goals of the Honda Foundation in promoting the use of technology to benefit humanity at large.

Dr. Chestnut's work represents a long American tradition of Yankee Ingenuity, applying scientific knowledge to everyday life. This tradition goes back to our Colonial days and continues uninterrupted today. We are, of course, proud of major scientific and engineering accomplishments such as the Space Shuttle. But even more important in the daily lives of our citizens are the contributions of engineers like Dr. Chestnut to the use of science in industrial production and the generation of electric power for labor-saving appliances in the home. Through his work on modeling, simulation, and the application of systems engineering to social and economic problems, Dr. Chestnut has increased our awareness of the importance of technology in human affairs. We need more engineers with his vision to help us use technology wisely and well.
Today, Japan and the United States face common problems in adjusting to the growing part that technology plays in our everyday life. Our cooperation and sharing of experience in this field have been important parts of the relationship between our two countries for a long time. It is in this spirit that the Honda Foundation awards prizes to leading engineers, recognizing the international contributions of engineering to human society.

Scientists and engineers have long known that their work is truly international. National boundaries are not barriers to information and sharing of discoveries. Along with the scientific and engineering community, I think we all share the belief that ideas know no limits, and that what benefits one national can benefit all. The award of the Honda Prize to Dr. Chestnut is evidence of the power of this principle. I applaud your choice of Dr. Chestnut, and commend the Honda Foundation for its dedication to the use of science and engineering to improve everyday life.
Good afternoon and Welcome!
I’m delighted to see that so many of us could join here this afternoon for our annual Embassy Christmas Party.

This being the end of the year, it’s traditional, I believe, for me to offer some remarks about how much we have all done during the past 12 months. However, since this is a happy and festive occasion, I’m not going to burden you by reciting a list of things we have worked on and accomplished. I will only make one general observation: During this year, the administration began a difficult process of slowing the growth in size and cost of the Federal Government. All of the sections in our Embassy have been affected to some degree by reductions. At the same time, however, I am well aware there has been no corresponding reduction in the work which you have been called on to accomplish. On the contrary, you have often been asked to do more...and in many cases, with less.

Let me take this opportunity therefore to offer my personal thanks and praise to all of you for the professionalism which you have demonstrated through this year. It is your professionalism and your efforts which have made this Embassy the finest in our Foreign Service.
During this holiday season, may I extend my best wishes to you and your families for a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Thank you very much.