



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES April 8, 2025

The scheduled meeting of the Ontario City Council was called to order by Mayor Deborah Folden at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Council members present were Deborah Folden, Penny Bakefelt, Susann Mills, Ken Hart, John Kirby, Michael Braden, and Adrianna Contreras.

Staff present were Dan Cummings, Tori Barnett, Corinna Hysell, Clint Benson, Casey Walker, Kari Ott, Tatiana Burgess, Al Haun, and Andy Wood.

The meeting was recorded, and copies are available at City Hall.

Mayor Folden asked the Council to join her in front of the dais, and asked Ms. Barnett to join them. Mayor Folden presented an appreciation award for her 30 years of loyalty, dedication, and service to the City of Ontario, 1995 to 2025. She thanked Ms. Barnett for guiding her over the past two years, and voiced her appreciation for all she'd done.

Ms. Barnett thanked them all, and stated it had been an honor to work with everyone.

AGENDA

This Agenda was posted Friday, April 4, 2025. Copies of the Agenda are available from the City Hall Customer Service Counter and on the city's website www.ontariooregon.org.

MILLS moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

HART moved, KIRBY seconded, **TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA, WHICH CONSISTED OF ADOPTION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2025**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andi Walsh, Ontario, stated: *Good evening, Mayor Folden and members of the City Council. My name is Andi Walsh. I'm a local resident of Ontario. I'm a lawyer and social worker by training, and currently work on statewide health issues for young children and their families as the Senior Health Policy Advisor for the Children's Institute. I was also recently elected as co-chair for the Oregon Health Policy Board's Health Equity Committee, but tonight I'm speaking to you as an Ontario resident since August of 2023, and strongly urge you to keep the Diversity Advisory Committee. There are many reasons why you should keep this committee intact, including disbanding now is unnecessary and only being done out of fear. Acting preemptively is not what I have learned and observed as the incredible values of this community. Our own mission states it is to "create a healthy, safe, diverse, and prosperous city by engaging community members to develop an enriched quality of life." This mission, in addition to Ontario's long history of standing up to direct and perceived threats to our neighbors, is why this committee exists in the first place. And, even if these executive orders were to be found legal, these orders their reasoning is to uphold the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and eliminate illegal DEI efforts. I want to stress that in particular. It is specifically targeting illegal efforts. What about this committee is illegal? What about this committee violates our values within the Civil Rights Act? It does the opposite. It upholds the values, and ensures the civil rights of every community member can be represented and protected. I could give you many more reasons, statistics, and facts around why keeping this committee is critical, but my main reason for speaking up tonight is because I know what it is like to live in a community in which I and my family are voiceless. I grew up in a similar-size town to Ontario, within a family living in deep poverty. Both of*



my parents suffered from severe mental illness and substance-use disorders, forcing them to cycle between homelessness, jails and prisons, and institutionalization, while I cycled through foster care, homelessness, struggling public education, and social services. No one listened to us. No one asked us what we needed. We were voiceless. And although I made it through that, I suffered deeply, and my family suffered even worse. The shame I felt then, because our family was different and didn't feel welcomed or like we belonged, is not something anyone in Ontario should have to experience. Everyone, like my family, deserves kindness, compassion, support from their government, and room to be heard about what they need. That is what I see as the purpose of this committee. To authentically engage with everyone from all walks of life, to hear what they need to thrive. Removing that opportunity to be heard, not only betrays this community's own values and history, it betrays the people of Ontario by saying they are not worth hearing. I do my statewide work so families like mine can have better outcomes than what we had. To have the support we should have had and what Ontario residents deserve. I deeply urge you to keep intact, the committee intact, and to say to your community members that their voice's deserve to be and will be heard. Thank you.

Jackie Koehler, Ontario, stated: Thank you Mayor Folden and members of the Council and also members of the community. My name is Jackie Koehler, and I am a resident of Ontario, Oregon. As Chairperson of the Ontario Diversity Advisory Committee, I just wanted to come to this Council meeting and extend a personal invitation to each of you to our next week meeting. It is our Diversity Champion's meeting. We'll be presenting two Ontario Diversity Champions, Mr. Gustavo Morales and Ms. Zara Aldeway, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to fostering diversity and inclusion within our community. Your presence at this event is particularly significant as what better way to demonstrate the Council's unwavering commitment to honoring the diverse voices that make Ontario strong. In these challenging times, when communities across the nation struggle with division, your leadership in supporting diversity initiatives sends a powerful message that Ontario values all of its residents and recognizes that our differences strengthen our community fabric. The visibility of our elected officials at this celebration would reassure residents that Ontario remains dedicated to creating an equitable community, where everyone feels valued, represented, and heard. We believe this aligns perfectly with the Council's vision for a unified and thriving Ontario. Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to seeing you next week, April 16th, at 5:30 pm right here in the Council Chambers.

Eddie Melendrez, Ontario, stated: Thank you Council, Mayor. Eddie Melendrez, thank you for having me. I live here in Ontario, Oregon, and thank you all for appointing me as a new committee member to the Diversity Advisory Committee. I appreciate that. And then I just want to congratulate our newest member. That's what the vision is for Ontario, is for the new, younger leaders to take part in the decision-making process of what impacts us, all of us, in our communities. I'm a little nervous, so, thank you for having and just to offer support for the Diversity Advisory Committee. I believe that, you know, with many of the community members, elected officials that work in health care, that work in housing, that work in law enforcement, that it's very important that we show support for the diversity committee, and the folks that are trying to create change in our communities and trying to give those folks a voice that maybe are marginalized or maybe don't show up to Council as much, and that's all we're trying to do. We're not trying to be involved with the hiring process. I know there's a lot of conversation around of us wanting us to be able to have say in who is hired and who is not. We're not here for that. We're just trying, we're here to bring the concerns of the citizens to the City Council, those folks that are maybe, that are afraid to show up, that don't have trust in the Council, the folks that are, that need a voice. So, I guess, you know, like I said, it's I'm just here to support and more than just offer a complaint or concern. I want to get involved, I want to be a part of the solution. That's why I asked to be part of the DAC committee, and I appreciate you all appointing me. But I guess that last thing I'll say is that, you know, the current resistance to equity is data less; it is fueled by discomfort, avoidance, refusal to engage with the realities of a systemic oppression system because doing so feels uncomfortable. I just want to leave you with that, and I appreciate everyone's time and thank you so much.

PRESENTATION

Sister City 50th Anniversary Trip to Osakasayama, Japan: Ken Hart

Councilor Hart gave a PowerPoint presentation on his travel to Japan; presentation incorporated by reference and attached to these minutes.



OLD BUSINESSContinue Discussion: Diversity Advisory Committee

Dan Cummings, City Manager, presented.

Due to concerns about the possibility of the city losing federal funds under the current government administration, the City Council was discussing options for the city's Diversity Advisory Committee. These discussions were necessary to protect the city from losing federal funds and/or lawsuits in conjunction with having a Diversity Committee due to current federal administration Executive Orders.

On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14151, Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferences.

On January 21, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14173, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity. Executive Order 14173 was intended to, among other things, "end illegal preferences and discrimination".

At the City Council meeting of March 11, 2025, the City Council discussed the possibility of disbanding the Diversity Committee. After hearing testimony from some of the members of the Committee and wanting to get more input, the Council asked the City Manager to get a legal opinion from the City Attorney.

In an Executive Session under ORS 192(2)(f): Exempt from Disclosure - Attorney Client Privilege, the City Attorney discussed the possible legal issues with the above referenced Executive Orders, along with possible solutions.

The summary of the discussion, without violating the Executive Session provisions, was that there were several court cases pending that might affect the enforcement or legitimacy of the Executive Orders. Therefore, their legal analysis must be received with caution given the underlying uncertainties, and given those uncertainties, the Council's most conservative option was to dissolve the Diversity Committee. However, based on information received to date, staff didn't believe that the Committee's mere existence violated the Executive Orders, per se. If the Committee was continued, this office recommended amending OMC Title 2, Chapter 14, to seek alignment with the Executive Orders.

The consensus of the Council was to have the City Attorney write up the proposed changes to the Committee ordinance for the Council to review at the current meeting if they were to keep the Committee active or to disband it.

Attached to this report was a draft ordinance, written by the City Attorney, with recommended changes to the Diversity Advisory Committee. Also attached was a document that showed the proposed changes and the existing code, for comparison of the changes.

There were some alternatives provided, but it was at the discretion and direction of the Council as to what they'd like staff's next steps to be.

- 1) Take no action at all, leaving the Committee as is.
- 2) Move to dissolve the Diversity Advisory Committee and have staff come back with an ordinance to remove the Committee from the city code.
- 3) Move to have staff come back with an ordinance incorporating the recommended changes from the City Attorney for the Diversity Committee.

Councilor Bakefelt asked Mr. Cummings to state what the proposed changes were. That way, everybody would be aware of the suggested changes.

Mr. Cummings stated all the proposed changes were under Title 2, Chapter 14, and proposed below.

Amendment No. 1 – Diversity Advisory Committee established. The section establishing the Committee in Section 2-14-1 is amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“A diversity advisory committee is hereby established. The committee shall be composed of seven (7) members representative of the city's population. All members are city volunteers and nothing in this section is meant to create an employment relationship between the city and any committee members. Committee membership is encouraged among all citizens including, without limitation, members who represent different races, ethnicities, cultures, disabilities, ages, genders, gender identities, sexual orientation, and/or socioeconomic classes. Notwithstanding anything contained in Title 2, Chapter 14 of the Code providing otherwise, at all times the committee will operate in a manner consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and/or ordinances, including, without limitation, applicable anti-discrimination laws.”

Amendment No. 2 – Diversity advisory committee mission statement. Code Section 2-14-1.1 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“In Ontario, we operate as ‘One Team, One Community’ fostering a community that values, supports, and develops people of all backgrounds and experiences. To this end, the committee will serve as a liaison between all community members and the council on issues concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

Amendment No. 3 – Advisory Capacity. Code Section 2-14-5 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“Notwithstanding anything contained in Title 2, Chapter 14 of the Code providing otherwise, the committee has no power, control, and/or authority concerning any action, term, condition, and/or privilege of employment concerning the city, including, without limitation, recruiting, interviewing, hiring, selection, training, professional development, internships, fellowships, promotion, retention, discipline, and separation.”

Amendment No. 4 – Duties and Responsibilities. Code Section 2-14-6 is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“The committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary on an annual basis for a one-year term. The chair shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.

The committee may assist in compiling and distributing materials that are intended to promote an equitable, inclusive, welcoming, diverse, and enriching community and cultural environment. The committee may review policies and programs (and advise the council of such policies and programs) that are intended to promote an equitable, inclusive, welcoming, diverse, and enriching community and cultural environment. This includes gathering data and information to formulate recommendations to the council.”

If the Council chose to keep the Diversity Advisory Committee, the City Attorney highly recommended making the proposed changes stated above.

Councilor Bakefelt proposed the Council let the Diversity Committee review the proposed changes, and come back before Council at the next meeting with their thoughts. She did not read anything that appeared really crazy in the proposal, and was more protective for the city. She was not in favor of dissolving the Committee. There had been concern about getting a quorum for the meetings, but people were stepping up now.

Mayor Folden stated as the committee was present, was there anyone who wanted to speak to the Council?

Ms. Koehler stated that Mr. Cummings had sent the committee the recommended changes earlier, so there was time to review. She was unsure if anyone had the time to do that yet, but she had. She was pleased with the attorney's recommendations. She would like to put it on the DAC agenda for next week.



Councilor Kirby stated he'd never seen a Presidential Executive Order be the topic of such consideration by the City Council. However, Executive Order #9066, by Franklin D. Roosevelt, excluded the Japanese-Americans from the west coast. But, that proved a great thing for Ontario. When EO #9066 was implemented, out of the 120,000 Japanese-Americans on the west coast, most went to internment camps. At the encouragement of Ontario Mayor Elmo Smith, and the Council, welcomed them all here to Ontario, resulting in this city having the largest population of Japanese-Americans in the United States, who lived in freedom. During the war 5,000 Japanese-Americans lived in Ontario. He wanted to encourage the Council now to go forth and be welcoming, while staying within the boundary of the law. He asked Mr. Cummings, as City Manager, did he feel he could sign documents on behalf of the city and not worry about being sued.

Mr. Cummings stated following a conversation with the City Attorney, he felt he could protect the city and signers of any suits as long as the committee didn't step out of the bounds, after the implementation of the changes to the committee setup. Therefore, he felt comfortable signing documents.

Mayor Folden and Councilor President Bakefelt also felt comfortable signing documents.

Councilor Bakefelt stated one of the things she loved about this community was that half of her staff was Hispanic, as well as Japanese employees, and she loved every minute of it. It was a mixture of culture, and it kept her energized. One of her duties as a Councilor was to represent the citizens, and she'd not be doing the right thing by shutting that Committee down.

KIRBY moved, BAKEFELT seconded, **THE DISCUSSION BE TABLED UNTIL THE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REVIEW AWAITING THEIR RECOMMENDATION AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Appointment: Diversity Advisory Committee

Tori Barnett, City Recorder, presented.

There had been a slight change to the action, as she had just been given a second application for appointment. Andi Walsh had just submitted her name for consideration for filling the vacancy on the Diversity Advisory Committee.

With Council consensus, Mayor Folden appointed Katherine Collins to the vacant position on the Diversity Advisory Committee. The appointment was effective immediately.

Ms. Collins voiced her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on this committee. She indicated DEI had been a passion of hers for many years, and she felt now was the time to step up.

Ms. Barnett let the Council know there would be vacancies at the end of the calendar year, and Ms. Walsh's application would be kept on file.

Resolution #2025-107: Amend Planning Department Permit Fees

Tatiana Burgess, Planning Director, presented.

Proposed Resolution #2025-107 would amend the Planning Department's fee schedule, to create two new fees, in order to assess short-term rental permit costs.

The Planning Department's current and effective fee schedule was adopted on July 9, 2024, by Resolution #2024-111. On March 25, 2025, the Council adopted Ordinance #2837- 2025 to amend Ontario Zoning Ordinance Title 10A - Substantive Zoning Regulations, to create Chapter 10A-57-101 - Short-term rentals and to add new definitions to Chapter 10A-03 - Definitions. As required by Ordinance #2837-2025, short-term rental operators were required to obtain an operating license for the initial application, or whenever there were any changes proposed to an existing operation. Operators also must renew their license, on an annual basis, for each year they intended to operate.



The current fee schedule did not have a fee specified for a short-term rental permit or its renewal. Resolution #2025-107 would create two new fees: a \$60 fee to be assessed for an initial permit, or whenever there were proposed changes to an existing operation, and a \$10 fee to be assessed for each annual license renewal. An annual license would be valid for one calendar year. All short-term rental operators were also subject to the existing transient lodging tax, as required per section 3-11-7 of the Ontario Municipal Code. The Planning Department would distribute all licensing materials, including required interior and exterior postings and invoices, to known short-term operators. The Planning Department would also issue renewal notices starting December 1 of each calendar year, requiring the renewal license fees be paid before January 1.

MILLS moved, BRADEN seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2025-107 TO AMEND PLANNING DEPARTMENT PERMIT FEES.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Resolution #2025-108: Purchase Ontario Police Department Patrol Rifles

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

The City Council approved the purchase of the rifles at the Council meeting on March 11, 2025. Purchasing the 25 rifles (equipped with suppressors and scopes) would cost the city \$42,299. However, OPD received a \$12,000 donation from National Night Out and would also get a \$6,750 trade-in for the old rifles. This left a \$23,549 net cost to come from the contingency balance of the public safety reserve, leaving a balance of \$472,519 in that contingency line.

BAKEFELT moved, KIRBY seconded, **THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION #2025-108, A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE PATROL RIFLES.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

Resolution #2025-109: Approve Obtaining a Loan from SDWRLF Contract re Safe Drinking Water Project

Kari Ott, Finance Director, presented.

The proposed resolution was necessary in order to enter into a loan agreement through the SDWRLF with the IFA. This loan would fund the city's new water storage tank and booster pump station, replacing the aging Eastside tanks and booster station.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) approved Water Master Plan identified priority water infrastructure upgrades. One of these - a new, larger, storage tank and booster pump station - was selected to move forward. Last year, the City of Ontario was approved to proceed with entering into a loan agreement with OBDD through the SDWRLF program, to assist with funding this project.

This was a \$6,000,000.00 loan, of which \$2,870,617.00 was eligible for principal forgiveness over a loan term of 30 years at an interest rate of no more than 2.77%. Not approving the resolution would result in no loan agreement, so no priority water improvement projects would be completed.

MILLS moved, CONTRERAS seconded, **CITY COUNCIL ADOPT RESOLUTION #2025-109, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CITY OF ONTARIO TO OBTAIN A LOAN FROM THE SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND (SDWRLF) BY ENTERING INTO A CERTAIN FINANCING CONTRACT WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AUTHORITY (IFA) OF THE OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.** Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATE

Fire And Rescue: Quarterly Report

Clint Benson, Fire Chief, presented.



HAND-OUTSMinutes

County Court 03-19-2025

Packet

V&C Meeting 04-02-2025

CORRESPONDENCE, COMMENTS, AND EX-OFFICIO REPORTS

Councilor Hart stated he'd had an interaction with a former police officer the previous evening, who was now on the OSP team. What they discussed, related to his work in health care, was the utilization of AI, which was exploding. They were able to use it now where a doctor would speak with a person via an iPhone. When the doctor was done, they a button, and that patient's chart was updated and done. It was hugely satisfying for providers. They were able to do their jobs faster, and spend more time interacting with people. He brought that up because when speaking with the OSP officer, OSP, with their body cams, when they were done, they hit a button, and the police report was written. The officer might review and check a box or two. He was aware there had been discussion, and recently new laptops had been installed in the police cars to avoid having to return to the office to type up their reports. He did not know if that had been looked into, but he assumed the amount of time saved for the officers, to allow them to continue patrolling in the community, which is where they wanted them to be, and how that would enhance their staffing abilities, and to have more officers not sitting in their car or in the building, looking down at their laptops writing up a report. He asked that the city explore that possibility. He had not idea on cost or time for implementation, but what a great way to assist the officers focus on not being typists, but law enforcement providers.

Mr. Cummings stated all the computers had been installed in all the patrol cars. That provided the opportunity to complete the reports in the field.

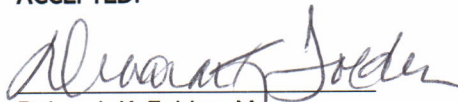
Olga Russell, Ontario, stated her concern with fireworks. Nobody mentioned the 4th of July. There were a lot of fireworks, and if it was forbidden, why were they in private areas? She had spoken with the fire department, and told them that they'd asked people to stop, but after the people received their warnings, they resumed after the fire department left. She presented a sack of a portion of the firework remnants from their roof and property from last year. It continued well past midnight. This summer was going to be even dryer than last year. In most places, one area was established for fireworks, with control by the fire department, and generally lasted around 20 minutes. They needed to set a high fine, such as \$5K. Then no one would do in private areas. For only \$500, people wouldn't stop. This was necessary to save this city. Advertise the penalty and then use any fines collected towards improving the departments.

David Russell stated the problem was that even though this was illegal, it was never enforced. Both police and fire drove around, but the fireworks continued. Many of the fireworks brought that evening actually landed on their home, and that was dangerous. He was from Maine, and it not allowed across the state. They'd have one big show somewhere in various areas across the state, but when the show was done, everyone went home. They were not sold. Here, you could drive into Idaho, and they were for sale everywhere. It was illegal here, and they wanted that enforced. Penalize people and be serious about it.

ADJOURN

KIRBY moved, MILLS seconded, **THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED**. Roll call vote: Mills-yes; Braden-yes; Kirby-yes; Hart-yes; Contreras-yes; Bakefelt-yes; Folden-yes. Motion carried 7/0/0. Meeting concluded at 7:38 p.m.

ACCEPTED:


Deborah K. Folden, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tori Barnett, MMC, City Recorder

Ontario / Osakasayama 50th year Sister Cities Anniversary visit

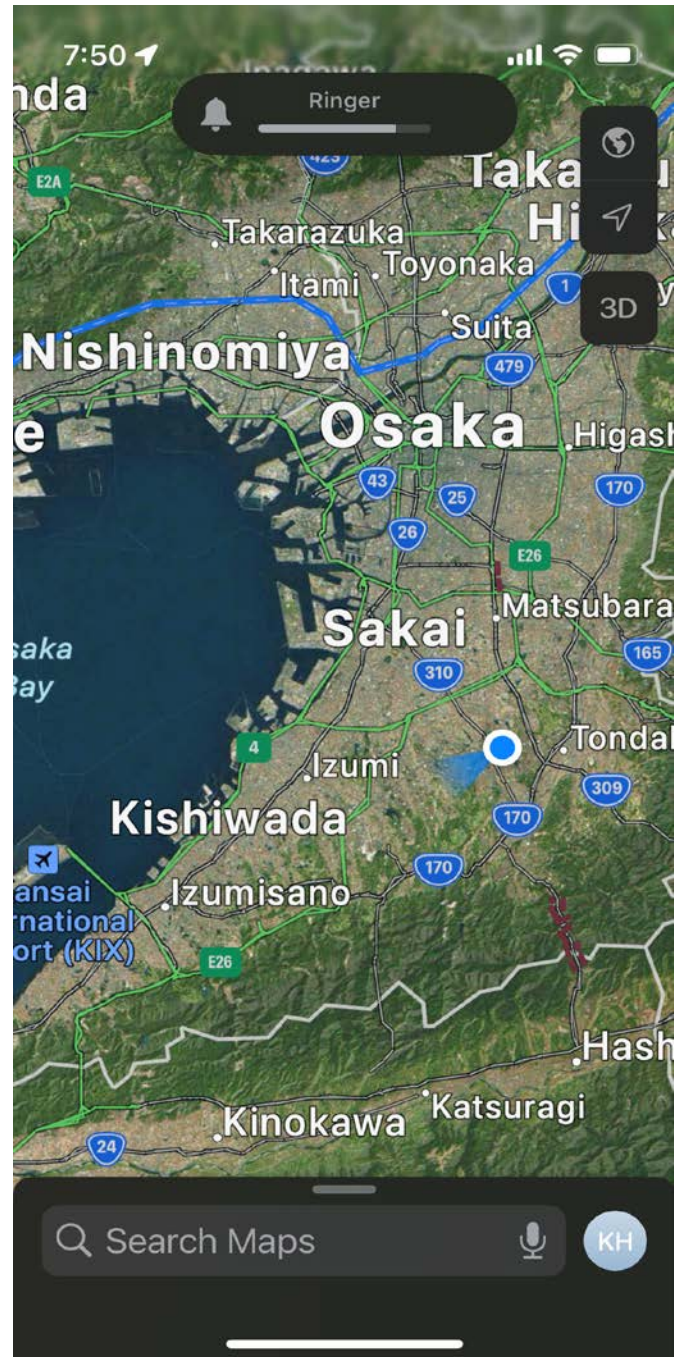
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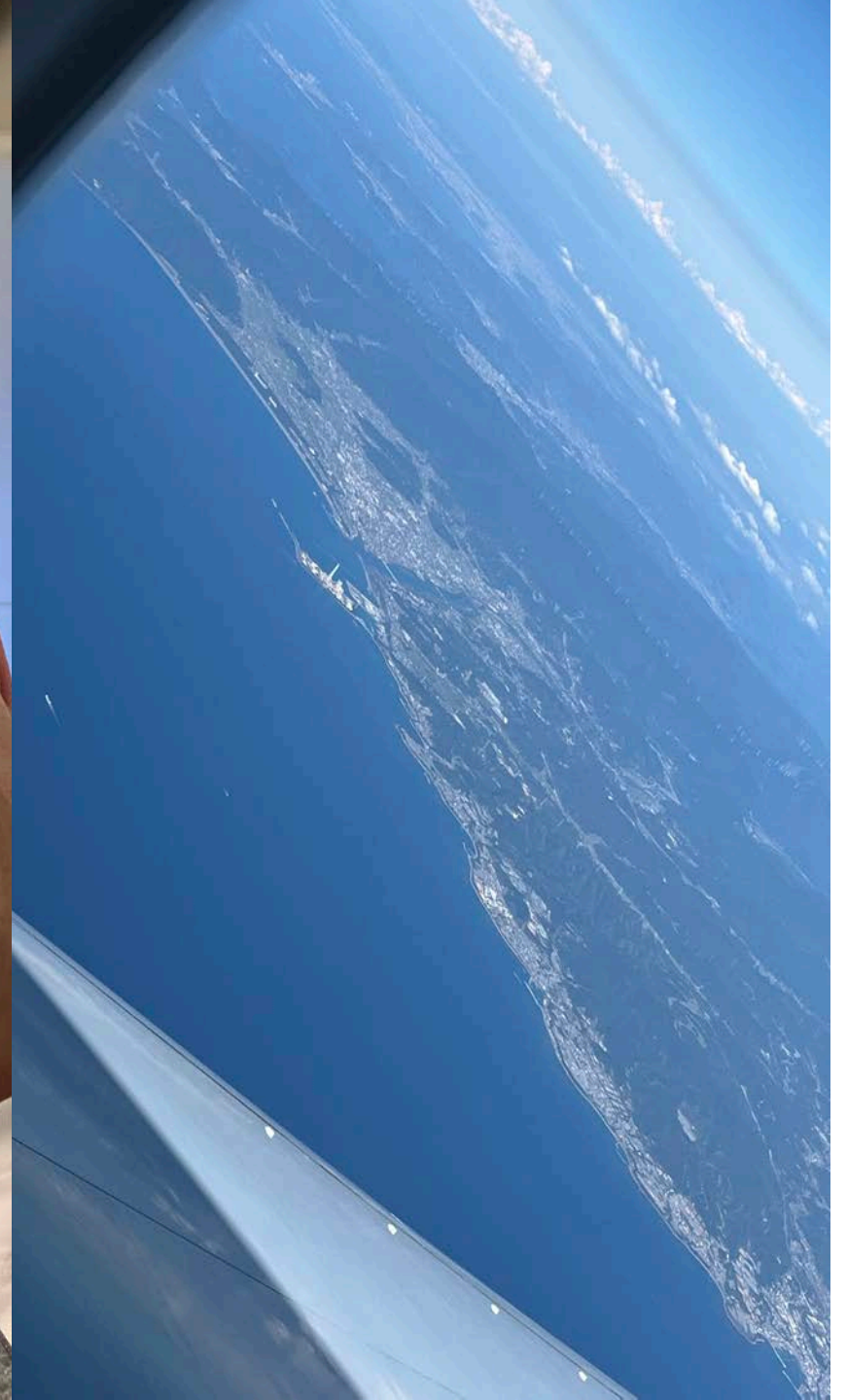
- Bob and Janet Komoto
- Marie and Bryann Torland
- Megan and Avery Cook
- Kelly and Becky Wolery
- David Sullivan and Laurie Posey
- John Kirby
- Michael Miller
- Ken and Sheila Hart

Sister City plaque at City Hall





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6:45 am and
arrive in
Osaka, Japan
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2:50 pm (2
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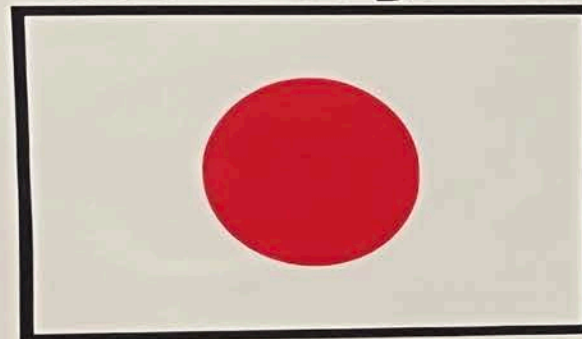
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Welcome Party

Osakasayama

1974 - 2024



October 12, 2024

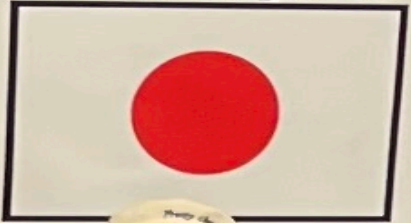
**OSAKA SAYAMA INTERCITY
CITIZEN ASSOCIATION**

Ontario **Welcome Party** Osakasayama

1974 - 2024

50th Anniversary

April 12, 2024



Mayor
Teruhito
"Terry"
Furukawa



Our host family

- Ririko
- Yukiha
- Mayor Terry
- Mr & Mrs Highball
- Akiko
- Emily
- Fusa



Highball
in a can



Our guides
(Ishi and Hiro)
and former
program
students





Day one
night cap



Our room



Breakfast –
healthy every
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Sayama Museum





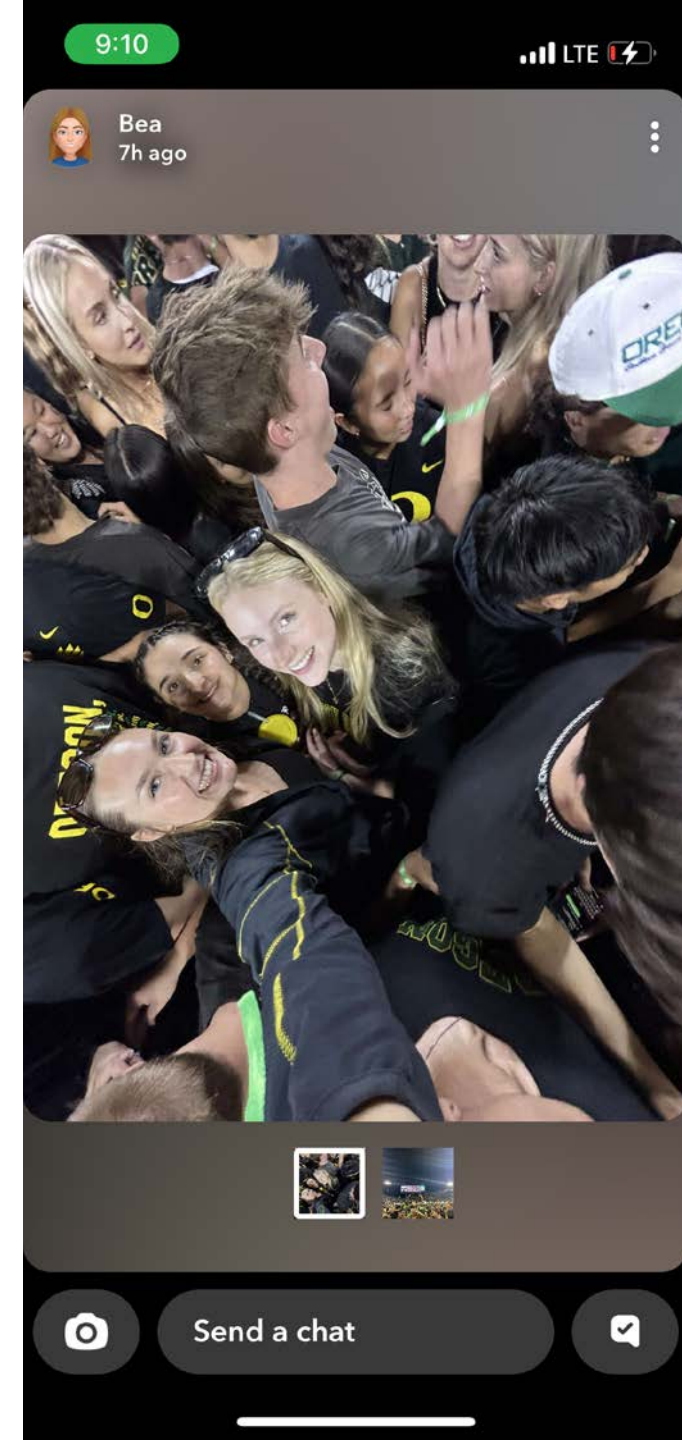
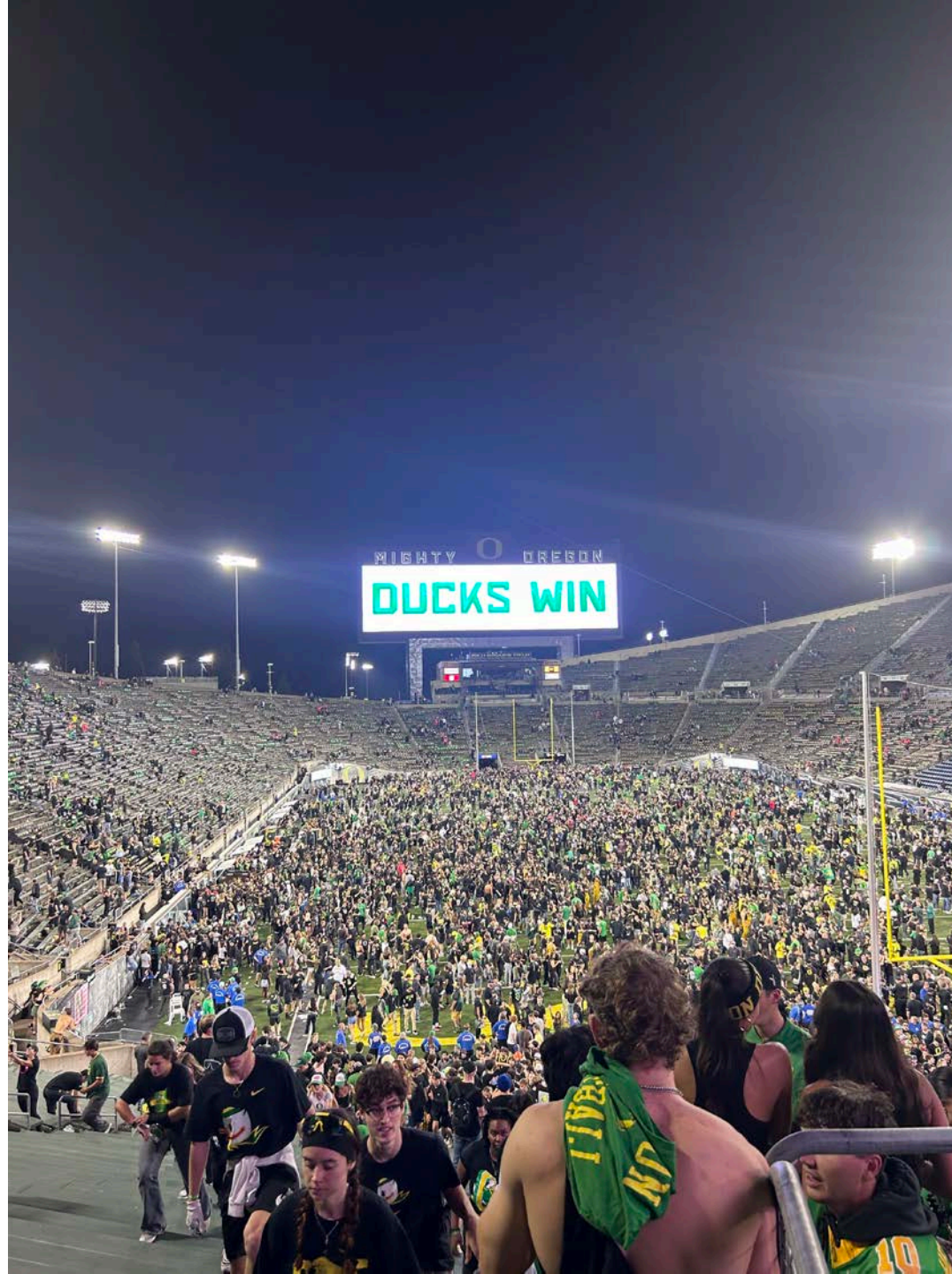


Danjiri Festival Parade



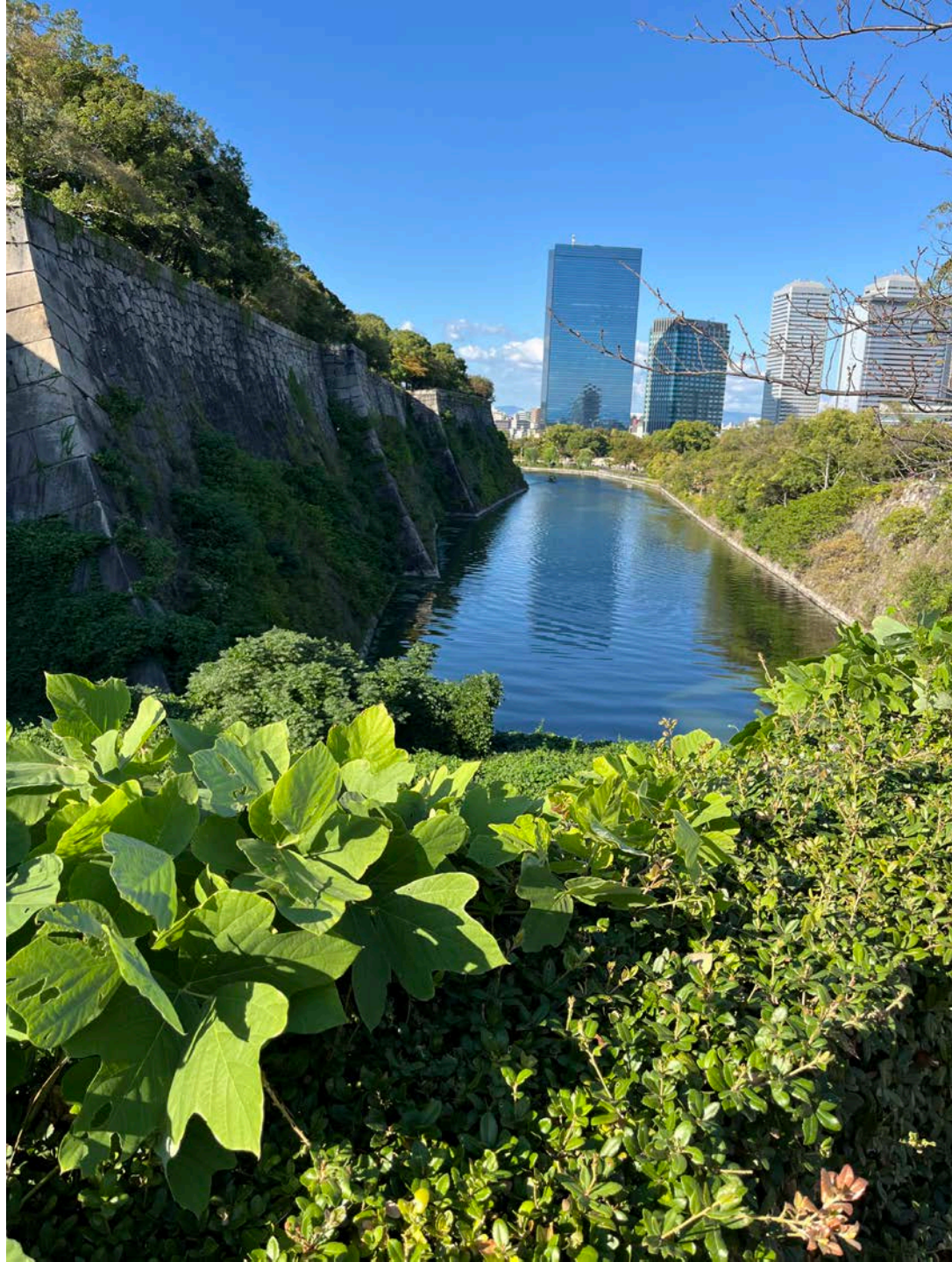


Oregon 32
Ohio 31



Osaka Castle







Shopping in Osaka



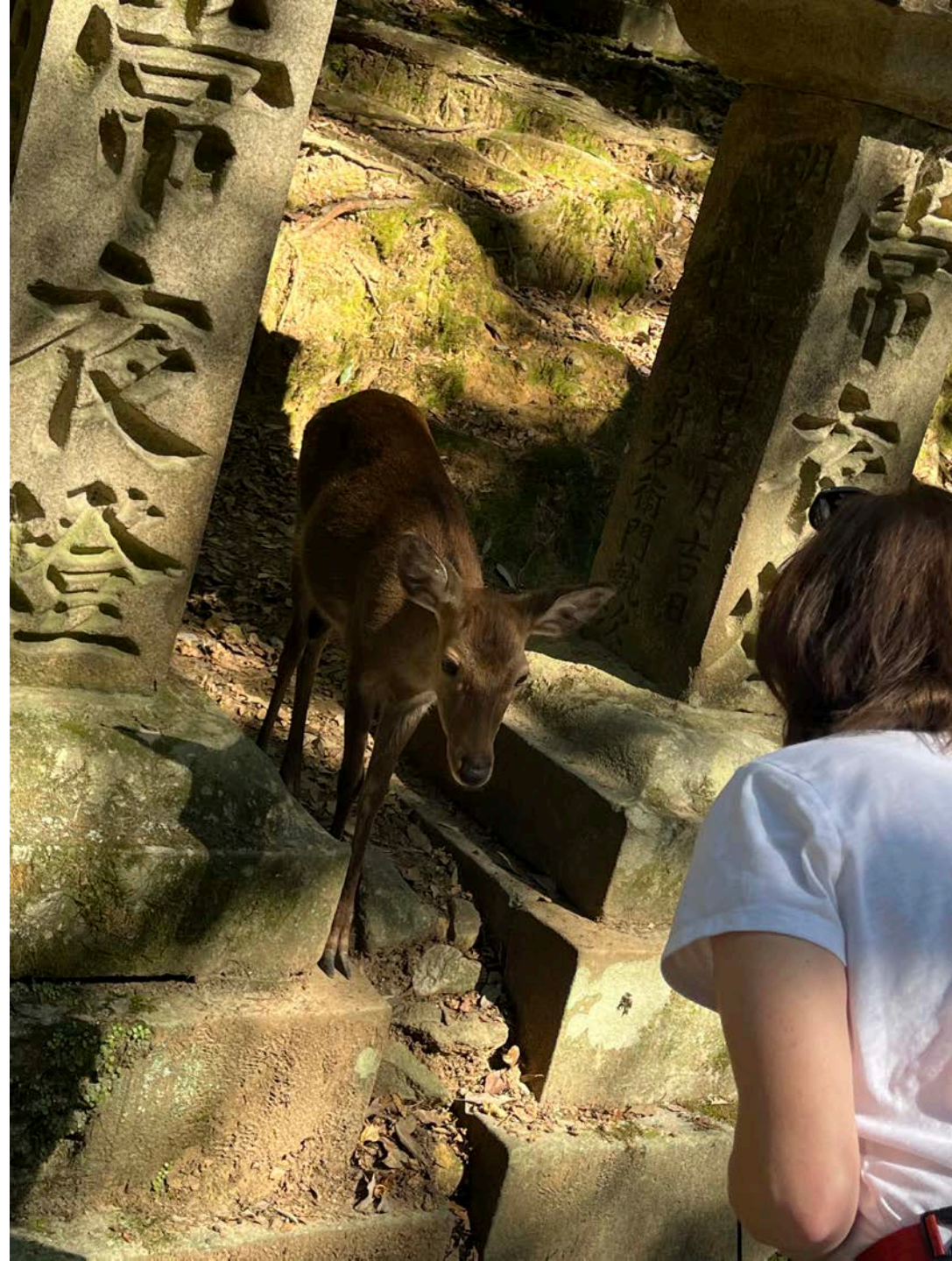




Nara Park







Lunch in the Park



Kasuga Shrine

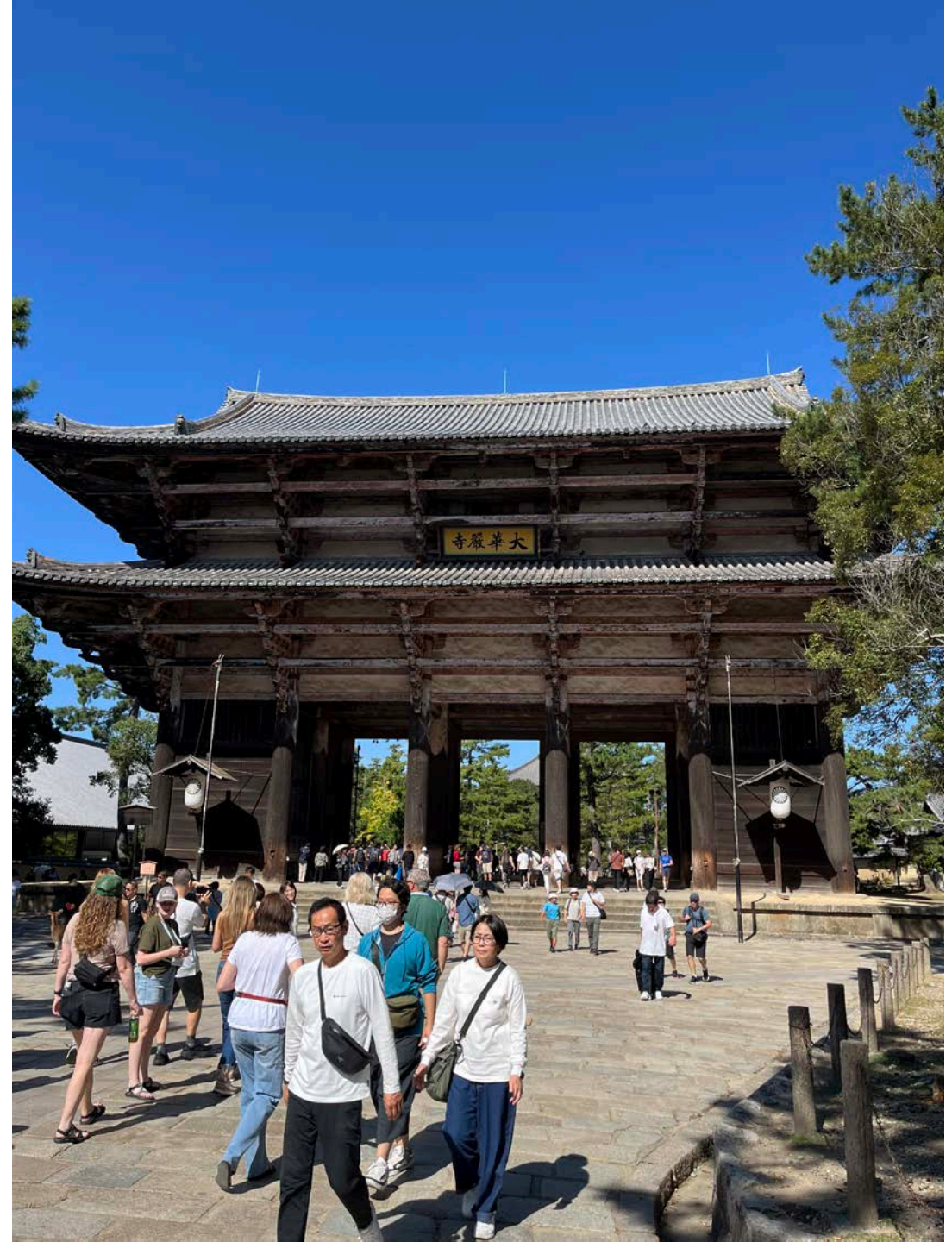
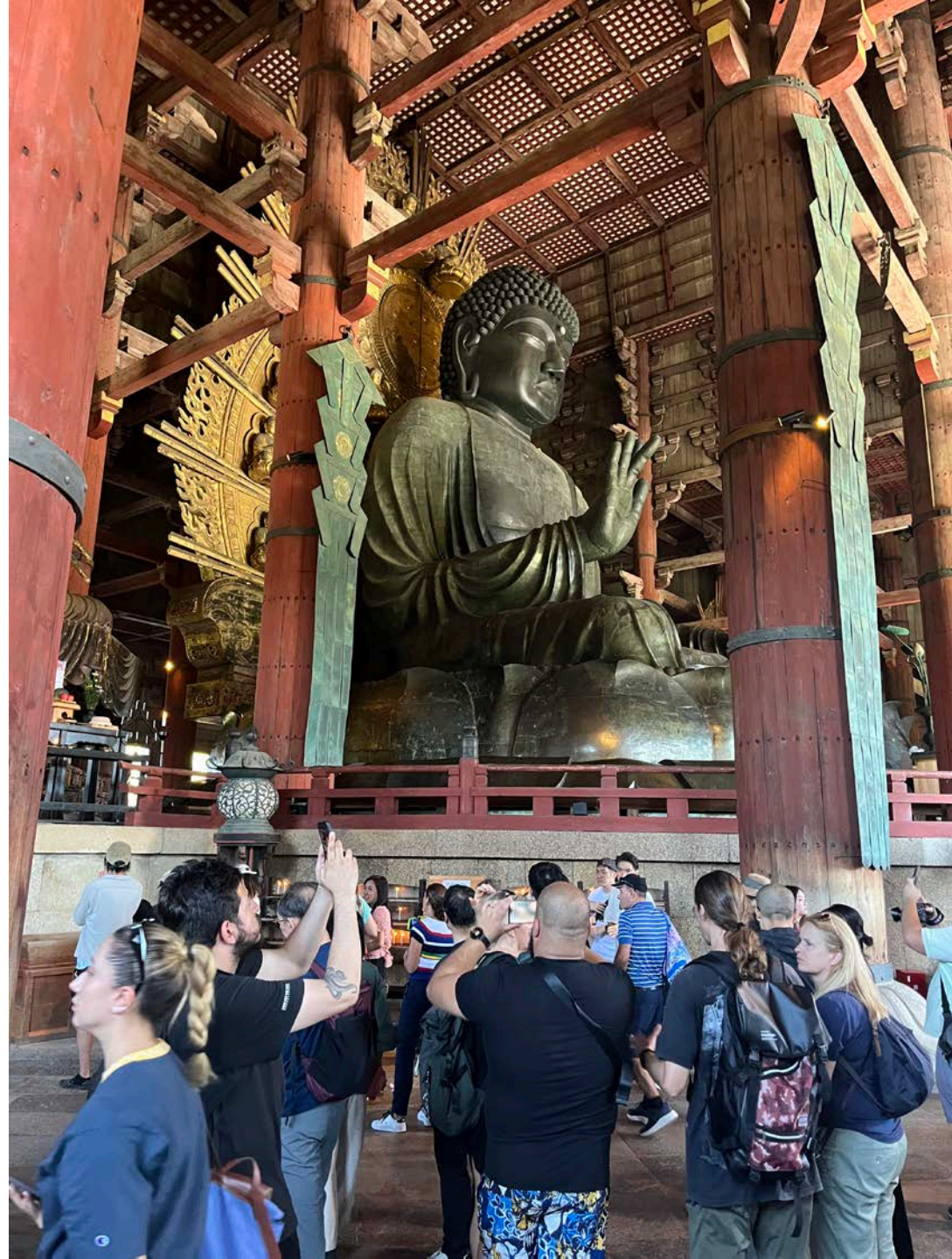




Todaiji
Temple
(728 AD)







Traditional home tour



50th Anniversary Ceremony Party







オンタリオ市 大阪狭山市
姉妹都市提携50周年記念パーティー



October 14, 2024

Ontario Osakasayama
SisterCities 50th Anniversary Party

大阪狭山市都市間市民交流協会 主催





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Ontario Osakasayama
Cities 50th Anniversary Party

大阪狭山市都市間市民交流協会







City Hall Tree Planting Ceremony









Presentation of the Sister City flag



School Tours





Tea ceremony at Kubota's House







Party
Time

Karaoke







Kyoto
(former capitol
of Japan and
emperor's
residence from
794 to 1868)



Ryoanji Zen temple









Kinkakuji Buddhist temple



Sushi (little trains) lunch



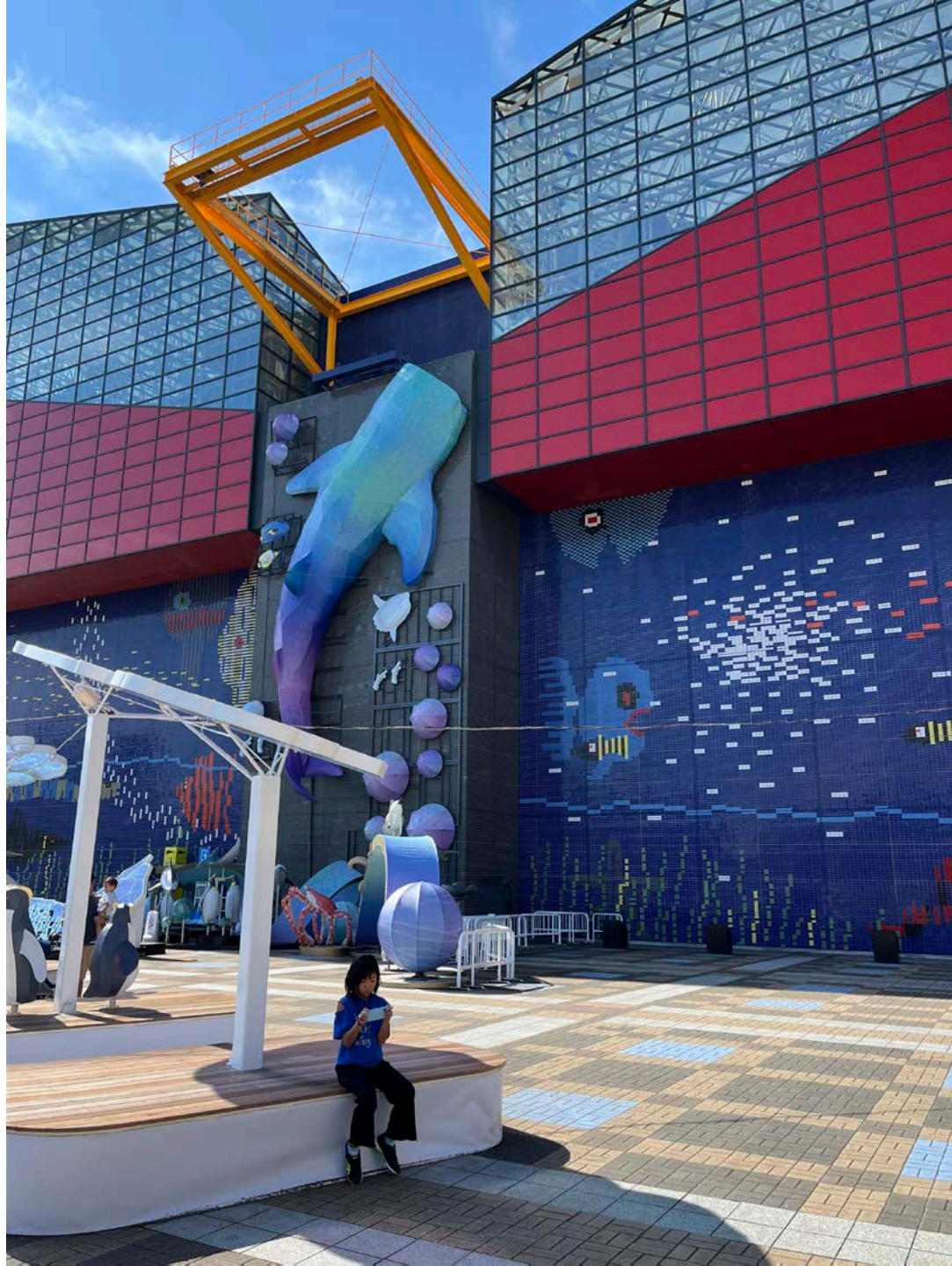
More
karaoke??

Sure – why
not?



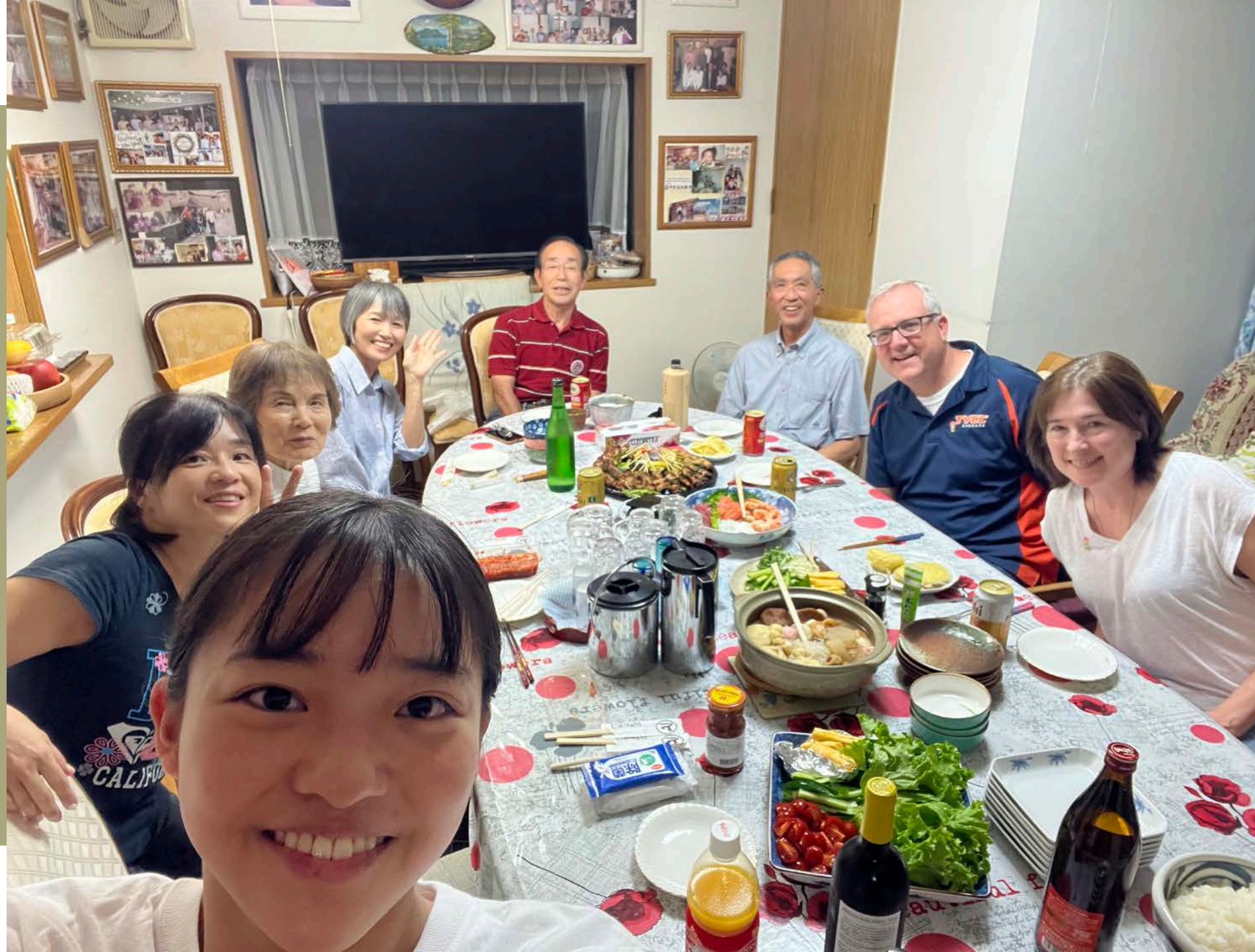


Aquarium Kaiyukan in Osaka Bay





Final night –
family dinner







Headed
home

Thank You
Osakasayama

