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BERKELEY-SAKAI CITY LANDMARKS



STONE LANTERN

BERKELEY OLD CITY HALL

In 1967, in commemoration of the Joint Declaration of Sister City Affiliation, Sakai presented Berkeley with a beautiful Japanese lantern, which stands under the redwood trees among the rhododendrons on the left side of old City Hall.

SUNDIAL

BERKELEY MARINA, FISHING PIER

In July 1970, the City of Berkeley installed a concrete sundial at the head of the Berkeley Marina fishing pier, which bears a bronze plaque honoring the people of Sakai and promoting the continued friendship between Sakai and Berkeley.



Sundial at Berkeley Marina Pier engraved with this text:

"The peoples of the bountiful Pacific Ocean are brought together by the sweep of time. This sundial honors the citizens of Sakai, Japan, the sister city of Berkeley. United in warm friendship and goodwill, the peoples of Sakai and Berkeley strengthen mutual understanding and respect through the exchange of visitors and cultural programs. This sundial is dedicated to the continuing friendship and growing association between Sakai and Berkeley."

CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE

BERKELEY OLD CITY HALL

In 2012 Berkeley received a special commemorative tree from Japan and planted it in front of the Berkeley Public Safety Building, honoring the 100th anniversary of the gift of Japanese cherry blossom trees in Washington, DC.

POETRY PANEL

BERKELEY ARTS DISTRICT

BSA commissioned a translation of one of Yosano Akiko's famous poems about Sakai for the Addison Street Poetry Walk Project in downtown Berkeley's Arts District. Born in Sakai, Yosano Akiko, became one of Japan's most famous writers/poets.

Sakai Harbor:
When ships from the foreign south
sailed to and fro
what a mingling of spring and
autumn there must be
(translated by Janine Beichman)

CHERRY TREE GROVE

UC CAMPUS,

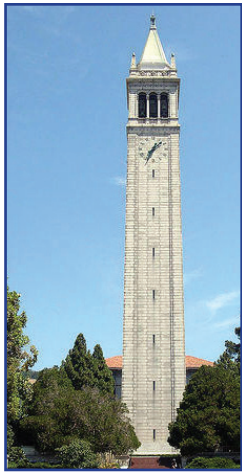
In 2012 the Berkeley-Sakai Association donated to the California Japanese American Alumni Association to help fund a grove of Japanese cherry trees at the west entrance to UCB. The grove was planted as a tribute to persons of Japanese ancestry who graduated from UC.

FIRESTORM MEMORIAL GARDEN

TUNNEL ROAD

After the devastating firestorm on October 20, 1991 in the Berkeley-Oakland hills, the Sakai-Berkeley Association (Sakai, Japan) and the SBSE Alumni Club donated a bench for the garden and funds for the victims of the fire.

BERKELEY-SAKAI SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION



www.berkeley-sakai.org



The Berkeley-Sakai Association was officially formed on Nov. 3, 1967 in a special ceremony in Sakai, Japan. Our programs involve individuals, families, and organizations dedicated to the exchange of culture and friendship between Sakai and Berkeley.

Some of the local Japanese cultural programs we participate in, organize, or promote include:

- Peace Lantern Ceremony at Aquatic Park
- Berkeley-Sakai Girl Scout Exchange
- UCB Botanical Garden Workshops,
 - Tea Ceremony
 - Koto Performance
 - Japanese Joinery
 - Chabana Flower Arranging
 - Origami
- InFusion Art Show at Berkeley Art Center
- Tatsumaki Taiko Drums at Takara Sake
- Tomodachi Student Hosting
- Cherry Blossom Parade in San Francisco
- Otsukimi Moon-Viewing in Oakland

The city of Sakai is located near the center of Osaka Prefecture, overlooking Osaka Bay, on the main Japanese island of Honshu. In 2006 it became a government-designated city and joined the ranks of Japan’s major cities. It is the second largest city in terms of population and area in Osaka Prefecture.

Sakai’s unique history is celebrated every October with the Sakai City Festival. Citizens dress up in Portuguese costumes and ride Portuguese galleon floats through the streets. The festival also features the traditional Japanese tea ceremony, perfected by Sen-no Rikyu, who lived and worked in Sakai.

Japan’s largest keyhole-shaped Kofun Tumulus, Nintoku-ryo Tumulus (a 5th-century burial mound surrounded by moats) is located in Sakai.

Sakai is also known for its Japanese knives, made from Sakai steel; the manufacture of Shimano bicycle parts and fishing reels; the J-GREEN Sakai Athletic Facility; and museums, temples, and parks.



Berkeley-Sakai Artist Exchange

The BSAE supports ongoing cultural dialogue with the artists of Sakai and Berkeley, and hosts collaborative exhibitions in both cities.

Kindergarten Art Exchange

Young artists annually exchange charming artwork to share and exhibit in both Sakai and Berkeley.



Photography Exchange

Each year Berkeley High School photography students exchange their digital photographs on-line with students in Sakai, Japan. A link to the photo site is posted on our web site www.berkeley-sakai.org.

Goodwill Visits to Japan and Sakai

Every five years, BSA organizes a 4-day Goodwill visit to Sakai with a 12-day added tour to other areas in Japan. Host family stays in Sakai are provided by the Sakai-Berkeley Association.

BSA families host goodwill delegations and visitors from Sakai in their homes and show them around Berkeley and the Bay area.

We have a history of student exchanges dating back to 1967. In 2016, we initiated a new exchange program, sending high school students to Sakai to stay with host families, and in turn, hosting students from Sakai the following year in Berkeley.

The Berkeley-Sakai Association strives to promote goodwill and friendship between the citizens of Berkeley, California, and our sister city, Sakai, Japan.

We are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and all donations are fully tax deductible.

Annual Membership Levels

Student/Alumni	\$20
Individual	\$35
Family	\$65
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