

“The efforts of the two cities will contribute to the peace of the whole world.” — from the pledge from the sister city agreement

Yamato Takada City



**Situation
(background,
aims, etc.)**

In 1952, Father Paul Glynn from Lismore, Australia was appointed to a church in Yamato-Takada City, which was still under reconstruction after the war, and established a kindergarten there. In 1963, the mayor of Yamato Takada City visited Lismore, making an offer to the mayor of Lismore City to make a sister city agreement, which would be the first sister city agreement between Australia and Japan. The first sister city agreement between Japan and Australia was thus established.

**Details
(project
outline, etc.)**

The city outsources the project to the Yamato Takada Lismore Sister City Association, who engage in student exchange programs, hold a ceremony to celebrate the sister city agreement establishment date through the Internet, issue an English-language newspaper, and provide English-language classes for primary school students that are run by association members.

**Results
(features and
innovations,
future
developments,
etc.)**

The pledge between the two cities states “The horizons of this contract, this friendship, are not just the two Cities, but also the motherlands, Australia and Japan. Moreover, it is our firm belief that our efforts will contribute to the peace of the whole world.” It is significant that the agreement referred to global peace as these were the first cities that signed a sister city agreement between Australia and Japan, and therefore the sister city relationship is thought to be unique.