

Sending out Our Prayers for the Pursuit of Peace  
to the Future and to the World

**2015**

## **The Nagaoka-Honolulu Peace Exchange Commemorative Project**



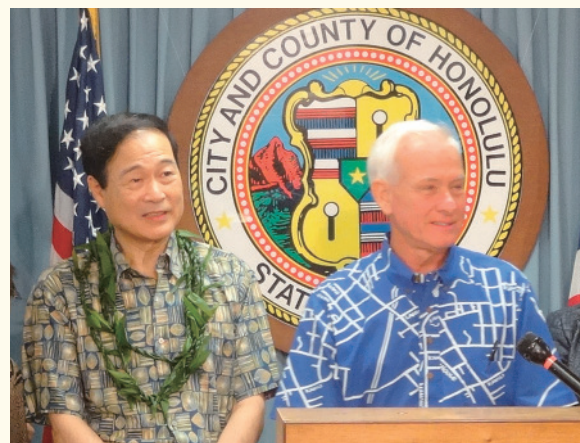
This year, 2015, marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the end of the war in the Pacific. The sister cities of Nagaoka and Honolulu, both having experienced the misery of war, will further deepen our ties of friendship and send out our messages of peace to the future and to the world through promoting peace exchange programs especially focusing on our youths as well as displaying Nagaoka Fireworks at Pearl Harbor.

# August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

For the Pursuit of Peace and With the Future in Mind

## The Nagaoka-Honolulu Peace Exchange Commemorative Project

This year, 2015, marks the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the end of the war in the Pacific. The sister cities of Honolulu and Nagaoka will co-host the Peace Exchange Commemorative Project in order to deepen the U.S.A.-Japan friendship and convey to the world the significance of peace. On August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the Youth Peace Exchange Summit will be held and Nagaoka Fireworks will be launched at Pearl Harbor.



**Tamio Mori**  
Mayor  
The City of Nagaoka

We in Nagaoka have experienced the pains of war just like the people of Honolulu. I hope that the Nagaoka-Honolulu Peace Exchange Project focusing on youth exchange programs and the Peace Summit, to be held in commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup> Year since the End of the Pacific War, provides an opportunity for us to deepen better mutual understanding and think about the significance of peace.

On this special occasion on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, a display of Nagaoka Fireworks will be presented at Pearl Harbor in honor of American and Japanese war victims and with our prayers for the pursuit of peace.

I believe this project will help our nations and cities unite with stronger bonds of friendship.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the City and County of Honolulu as well as the many people who have provided their great support.

**Kirk Caldwell**  
Mayor  
The City and County of Honolulu

Based on peace related exchanges, the Cities of Nagaoka and Honolulu are united with strong ties of friendship. I am proud to announce that the City and County of Honolulu is working with our Sister-City of Nagaoka and Pearl Harbor, on events to commemorate 70 years of peace.

The fireworks provided by the City of Nagaoka to be used at Pearl Harbor for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the End of World War II is greatly significant to us, as both Nagaoka and Pearl Harbor were bombed during the war and Nagaoka and Hawaii have felt the pain and hardships of war. Thus, we want to educate the next generation of children of Nagaoka, Japan, and Hawaii, United States, of the importance of peace.

We hope that this project will help us further develop the bonds of friendship and help many people remember the importance of peaceful conflict resolutions, be they large or small, found in nations, workplaces, or at home.

## Peace Exchange Programs Focusing on Our Youths

In order to convey to our youths the significance of peace, we will help them learn about our respective histories and deepen mutual understanding through promoting citizens' exchange programs especially focusing on our youths.

### The Youth Peace Exchange Summit

Middle school and junior high school students from both cities will visit each other, discuss peace while learning about their respective histories and culture, and proclaim a summit declaration for the pursuit of peace to the world.

July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup> in the City of Nagaoka  
August 13<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup> in the City and County of Honolulu



Kawanakoa Middle School



The National Cemetery of the Pacific

### The Trilateral Joint Symposium

Three war-damage-related facilities, the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center, the Nagaoka War Damage Exhibit Hall, and the Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto Memorial Museum, will introduce their commitments and host a trilateral joint symposium in order to convey to future generations our respective histories and the significance of peace.



The Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto Memorial Museum



The Arizona Visitor Center

### Citizens' Cultural and Sport Exchange Programs

In addition to participating in the Memorial Service and the Fireworks Display in the City of Honolulu, citizens from Nagaoka will deepen bonds of friendship with citizens of Honolulu through cultural and sport exchanges.



A cultural exchange program



A baseball exchange program

### Exchange Programs between the University of Hawaii and the Nagaoka Institute of Design

Both institutions will establish the agreement on mutual exchange programs including overseas study opportunities and joint seminars. The Nagaoka Institute of Design will host the Children's Creative Craft Workshop for the children of Honolulu.



A discussion with university students



University of Hawaii

## A Display of Nagaoka Fireworks at Pearl Harbor in Expression of Our Condolences and with Our Prayers for Everlasting Peace in the World

Nagaoka Fireworks are always displayed in honor of the Nagaoka Air Raid victims, in appreciation of our predecessors for their efforts in post-war reconstructions, and with our prayers for everlasting peace in the world. This year, 2015, the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the end of the Pacific War, Nagaoka Fireworks will be displayed at Pearl Harbor in honor of American and Japanese war victims and with our prayers for everlasting peace in the world.

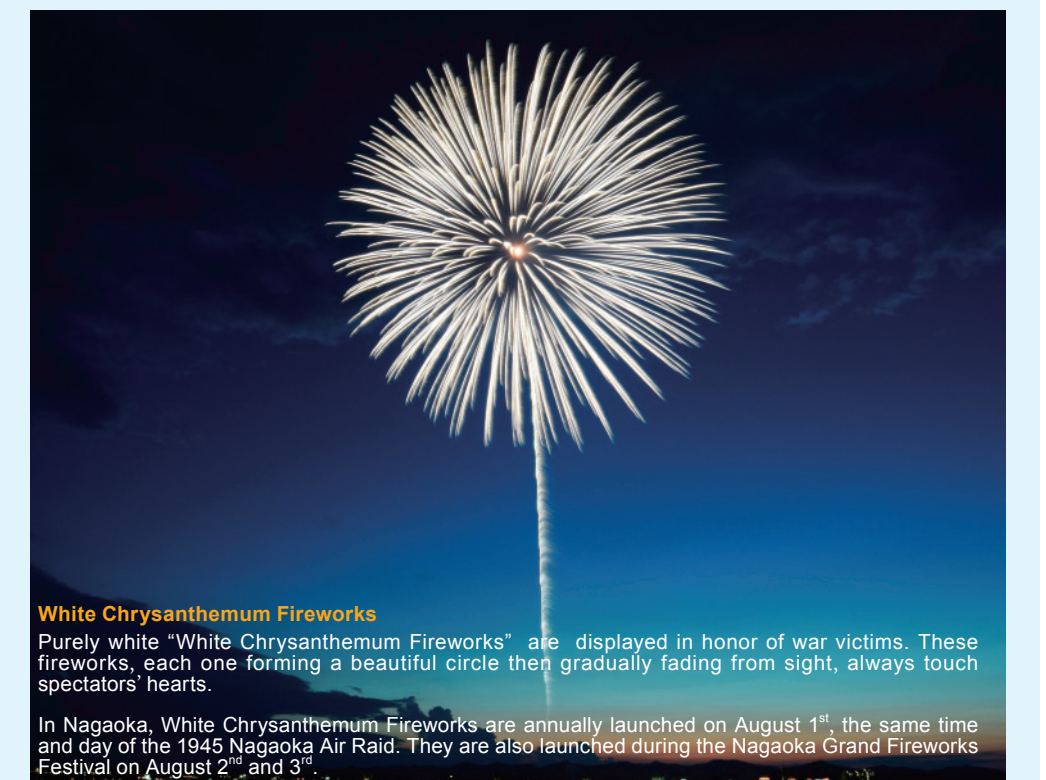
■ **August 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. ~ Fireworks in Expression of Our Condolences ~ White Chrysanthemum Fireworks (3 shots):** In Honor of American and Japanese War Victims and with Our Wishes for Peace in the World

■ **August 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. ~ Fireworks to the Future ~ White Chrysanthemum Fireworks (3 shots):** In Honor of American and Japanese War Victims and with Our Wishes for Peace in the World

**Phoenix Fireworks:** In appreciation of the support for the safe recovery from the damage caused by the earthquakes

**Ten Chi Jin Fireworks:** With wishes for the growth of children who will play leading roles in the future

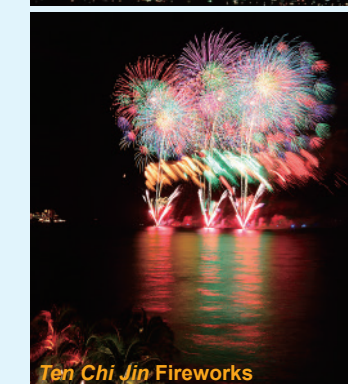
In addition to these fireworks, a total of 2,000 shots of star mine fireworks will be launched on August 15<sup>th</sup>, wishing for the further prosperity of the Cities of Honolulu and Nagaoka and symbolizing the Japan-U.S.A. friendship.



**White Chrysanthemum Fireworks**

Purely white "White Chrysanthemum Fireworks" are displayed in honor of war victims. These fireworks, each one forming a beautiful circle then gradually fading from sight, always touch spectators' hearts.

In Nagaoka, White Chrysanthemum Fireworks are annually launched on August 1<sup>st</sup>, the same time and day of the 1945 Nagaoka Air Raid. They are also launched during the Nagaoka Grand Fireworks Festival on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.



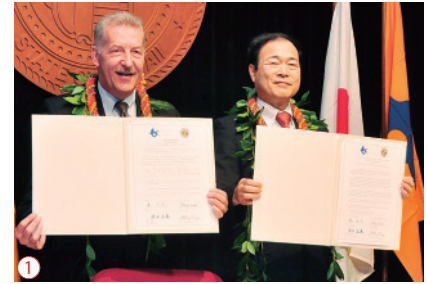
**Ten Chi Jin Fireworks**



**Phoenix Fireworks**

# The Chronology of the Developing of Bonds of Friendship between the Cities of Nagaoka and Honolulu

- 2007** Mayor Tamio Mori of Nagaoka City attended the Japan-US Mayors Fellowship Exchange Conference held in Honolulu.
- 2008** The Goodwill Civic Delegation, which consisted of 51 members, visited the City and County of Honolulu.
- 2009** Mr. Kirk Caldwell, the Managing Director of the City and County of Honolulu, made an official visit to Nagaoka City.
- 2011** - Mayor Tamio Mori of Nagaoka City made an official visit to the City and County of Honolulu.  
- Mayor Peter Carlisle of the City and County of Honolulu made an official visit to Nagaoka City.
- 2012** The Cities of Nagaoka and Honolulu united as sister cities. Nagaoka Fireworks were launched off the shores of Waikiki. ①
- 2013** The Honolulu City Council Chairman and the President of the Japan-America Society of Hawaii visited Nagaoka City.
- 2014** - The 1<sup>st</sup> Project of Visiting Honolulu by Junior High School Students for Overseas-Experience was conducted.  
- Dogwood trees, gifts from the U.S.A., were planted on the campus of the Nagaoka Institute of Design, symbolizing the Japan-U.S.A. Friendship.  
- The Hawaii Little League Delegation visited Nagaoka City.  
- Mayor Tamio Mori of Nagaoka City and Mayor Kirk Caldwell of the City and County of Honolulu attended the first meeting of the Committee of the Nagaoka-Honolulu Peace Exchange Commemorative Project for Japan-U.S.A. Friendship held in Nagaoka City. Both cities agreed to conduct the commemorative project with the future in mind in order to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> year since the end of the Pacific War. ②  
- The City and County of Honolulu sponsored a display of White Chrysanthemum Fireworks during the Nagaoka Festival.  
- Mayor Kirk Caldwell of the City and County of Honolulu presented flowers at the Peace Memorial Forest Park in Nagaoka. ③  
- Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Mayor Tamio Mori gave a joint press conference regarding the Nagaoka-Honolulu Peace Exchange Commemorative Project at Honolulu City Hall.  
- Mayor Tamio Mori attended the Pearl Harbor Day Commemoration with students from Nagaoka. ④
- 2015** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Project of Visiting Honolulu by Junior High School Students for Overseas-Experience was conducted.



## Nagaoka City Profile

185 mi. (300 km)  
90 min. from Tôkyô  
(via bullet train)

Area: 890.91km<sup>2</sup>  
Population: 278,892

A Variety of Locally Brewed Sake  
Produced by the City's 17 Breweries

City Fish  
Nishikigoi