

## 15 Year Anniversary – Sister City Relationship Sanda, Japan – Kittitas County, USA

This year marks the 15 year anniversary between the Sister Cities Sanda, Japan and Kittitas County, USA. There are several events scheduled to take place to honor this time.

On July 18, 2007 Kittitas County is excited to welcome two athletes from Sanda, Japan that will be participating in the Whisky Dick Triathlon. They will be hosted by two local families in Kittitas County from July 18, 2007 through July 24, 2007.

Mrs. Miyuki Yamada a 48 year old beauty artist from Sanda, Japan. She enjoys marathons, triathlons, watching sport games, and watching painting. She has been doing marathons for over twelve years and is very excited to come to Kittitas County to participate in the Whisky Dick Triathlon.



Miyuki Yamada

Mr. Tsutomu Oe is a 28 year old office worker from Sanda, Japan. He enjoys the outdoors, walking and watching baseball. He is a big Seattle Mariners fan. He has previously participated in marathons and triathlons. He is looking forward to making great memories during his visit to Kittitas County.



Tsutomu Oe

On July 24, 2007 Kittitas County will welcome the Sanda Little Senior baseball team. There are 15 members of their team who will be representing Sanda, Japan in a three day tournament held in Ellensburg, Washington. Their ages range from 14-15 years old. They will be accompanied by three coaches and four parent chaperones. They will experience staying with host families, along with other special events held in their honor, including a typical American barbeque with food and games, sightseeing, shopping, and a Seattle Mariners baseball game! Kittitas County is very excited to welcome all of them to our beautiful valley and hope they are able to take home wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.



From August 30 to September 2, 2007 Kittitas County will welcome approximately 20-25 delegates from Sanda, Japan. The delegation will experience first hand the Ellensburg Rodeo, Ellensburg Fair, the Ellensburg parade, and tours around the Kittitas Valley. During this time, we will formally celebrate the 15 year anniversary of our Sister City relationship.

Sanda will once again send some children's artwork to display during the Kittitas County Fair from August 30, 2007 through September 3, 2007. This is always a big hit with patrons of the Fair!