



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 1990

COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
MAYOR WOLF

- WHEREAS: On Saturday, June 16 an Open House Party is planned from 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m. for the official opening of the Meitec US-Japan Friendship House located in the City of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The Meitec US-Japan Friendship House is to be used as a gathering place for Boston area scholars, students and community leaders who share the common goal of improving US/Japanese relations; and
- WHEREAS: The stated intent of this Friendship House is to help bridge the communication gap by providing an informal setting to exchange ideas, information and knowledge; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is honored to be called home for this educational, cultural and social venture; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its warmest greetings and best wishes to the Meitec US-Japan Friendship House on this special opening; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to Meitec President Fusaro Sekiguchi and Harvard Mathematics Professor Dr. Heisuke Hironaka on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council June 4, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'J' and 'C'.

Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

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On Saturday, June 16, an Open House Party is planned from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the official opening of the Meitec US-Japan Friendship House in Cambridge. Entertainment will range from a Koto player, to native Japanese Geishas and Maikos, to a string quartet featuring members of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Inside, Sushi and other Japanese delicacies will be served; outside in the authentic Japanese Garden, a Teriyaki-style barbecue will be catered. Sake and cocktails will be offered.

Meitec President Fusaro Sekiguchi, and his long-time friend and colleague, Harvard Mathematics Professor Dr. Heisuke Hironaka, have shared a vision for many years of establishing a Friendship House. On June 16, their dream will become a reality. To honor the occasion, a ribbon-cutting and flag raising ceremony will take place promptly at 3:00 p.m. Afterwards, Sekiguchi and Hironaka will address their guests explaining the important role of the Friendship House in the community.

The Meitec US-Japan Friendship House is to be used as a gathering place for Boston area scholars, students and community leaders who share the common goal of improving U.S./Japanese relations. It is the first house of its kind in New England established to help bridge the communication gap by providing an informal setting to exchange ideas, information and knowledge.

Meitec has dedicated the past year to renovating the Friendship House, a three-story Victorian home near Harvard University, making significant investments in design and construction. The house features an authentic Japanese Garden, a tea room, bedrooms with tatami mats, and traditional Japanese furnishings. A library, and several conference rooms are available to the Cambridge community and to Greater Boston area organizations for lectures, seminars and meetings.

The Friendship House was acquired in May of 1989 by Meitec Corporation, one of Japan's fast-growing information services and engineering companies. Established in 1974, Meitec has grown from 7 to 6,000 employees with annual sales reaching more than \$250 million. Meitec America, a subsidiary of Meitec Corporation, is based in Santa Clara, California and assists U.S. companies in entering the Japanese market.

The Open House party will be an exchange of friendship and customs. As a hospitable gesture, Meitec will present two lucky guests with a trip to Japan. We hope you will reserve June 16 on your calendar to join us at this momentous occasion.



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Councillor Toomey resolutions on the open
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