



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 6, 1998

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of this City Council that Akio Kawato, Consul General of Japan in Boston, will be leaving Boston at the end of March, 1998, to take up his new assignment as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Japanese Embassy in Moscow, Russia; and

WHEREAS: During his two years in Boston, Mr. Kawato has both facilitated and strengthened the many ties that Cambridge has with Japan; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Kawato paid special attention to promoting access to Japanese markets by New England-based companies, bringing Japanese culture closer to the people of New England, promoting teaching of Japanese studies and language, and opening direct air flights between Japan and Boston; and

WHEREAS: As of April 2, 1998, the new Consulate General of Japan in Boston will be Mr. Shinichi Kitajima; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record thanking Akio Kawato for his hard work and assistance to the City of Cambridge in his position of Consul General of Japan in Boston, and congratulating him on his new position of Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record welcoming Shinichi Kitajima, the new Consul General of Japan in Boston; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Aiko Kawato and Shinichi Kitajima on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 6, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

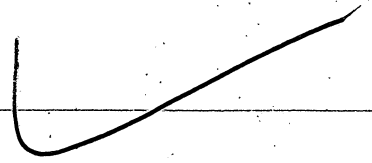
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ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Whereas: ^{As of April 2, 1998,} The new Consul General of Japan in Boston will be Mr. Shinichi Kitajima ~~who~~; ~~will assume the post~~; and therefore be it

Resolved: That the C-C go on record ~~congratulating~~
Akiro thanking Akiro Kawato for his hard
work and assistance ^{the City of} to ~~the~~ Cambridge in his
position of Consul General of Japan in Boston,
and congratulating him on his new position
of Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow; and be it
further

Resolved: That the C-C go on record welcoming ~~the~~
Shinichi Kitajima, the new
Consul General of Japan in Boston; and be it
further

Resolved: SEC to (both)

Councillor Russell: (8)

Ordered: That a suitable resolution
be prepared congratulating Akeo Kawato
Consul General of Japan in Boston
~~for his~~ as he takes up his new
assignment as Deputy Chief Mission
at the Japanese Embassy in ^{Moscow,} Russia,
and thanking him for his work in
Boston, and further welcoming
his successor Mr Shunichi Kitajima
who will take his post in Boston on
April 2nd.

CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN

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March 20, 1998

Hon. Sheila Doyle Russell
Mayor
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mayor Russell:

I would like to inform you that I shall be leaving Boston at the end of March to take up my new assignment as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Japanese Embassy in Moscow, Russia. During my almost two-year tenure in Boston, I have enjoyed your friendship and greatly benefited from your help.

As you are already aware, Japan and New England are important partners in various aspects of life. During my stay, I focused my efforts on furthering these ties. I paid special attention to promoting advances into the Japanese market by New England-based companies, to bringing Japanese culture closer to the people of New England, to promoting the teaching of the Japanese language and Japanese studies, and to opening direct air flights between Japan and Boston.

Due to the brevity of my stay, most of my ideas and projects are not yet fully realized. However, my successor, Mr. Shinichi Kitajima, who plans to take over this post on April 2, 1998, has been fully informed of my activities. Mr. Kitajima is one of the Foreign Ministry's most promising career diplomats. He has been in charge of Japan-U.S. economic relations, the World Trade Organization (WTO), and policy coordination. I hope that you will be kind enough to offer him the support and assistance which you did to me.

As you perhaps recall, my field of expertise is in Russian affairs. In Moscow, I shall do my utmost to further improve bilateral relations and to conclude the belated "peace treaty" with Russia by the year 2000, to which both Japan and Russia have recently agreed. Nevertheless, Boston will remain my second hometown, since it was from Harvard that I was "catapulted" as a Soviet expert some twenty-five years ago. I hope that we shall be able to stay in touch in the future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



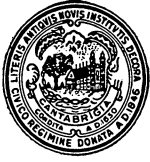
Akio Kawato
Consul General

*Thank you for your
attention.*

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Background information
for Japanese consulate visits.

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Consent Order #8

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Akio Kawato, Consul General of Japan for
his hard work and congratulate him on his
new position and welcom Shinichi Kitajima,
the new Consul General of Japan in Boston.

In City Council April 6, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED