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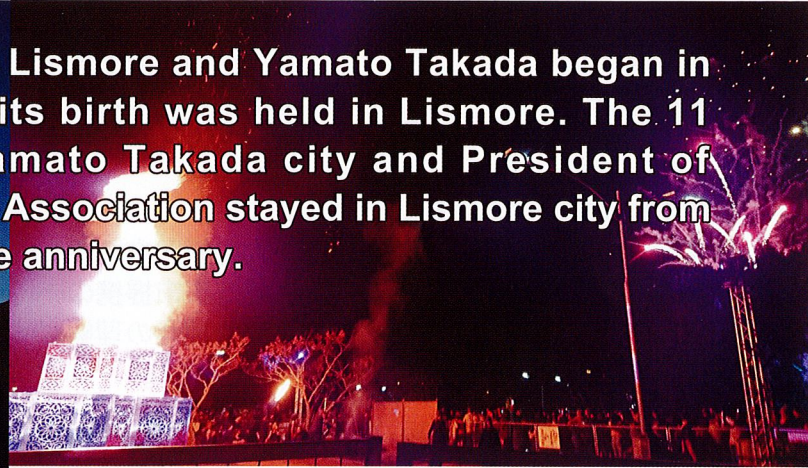
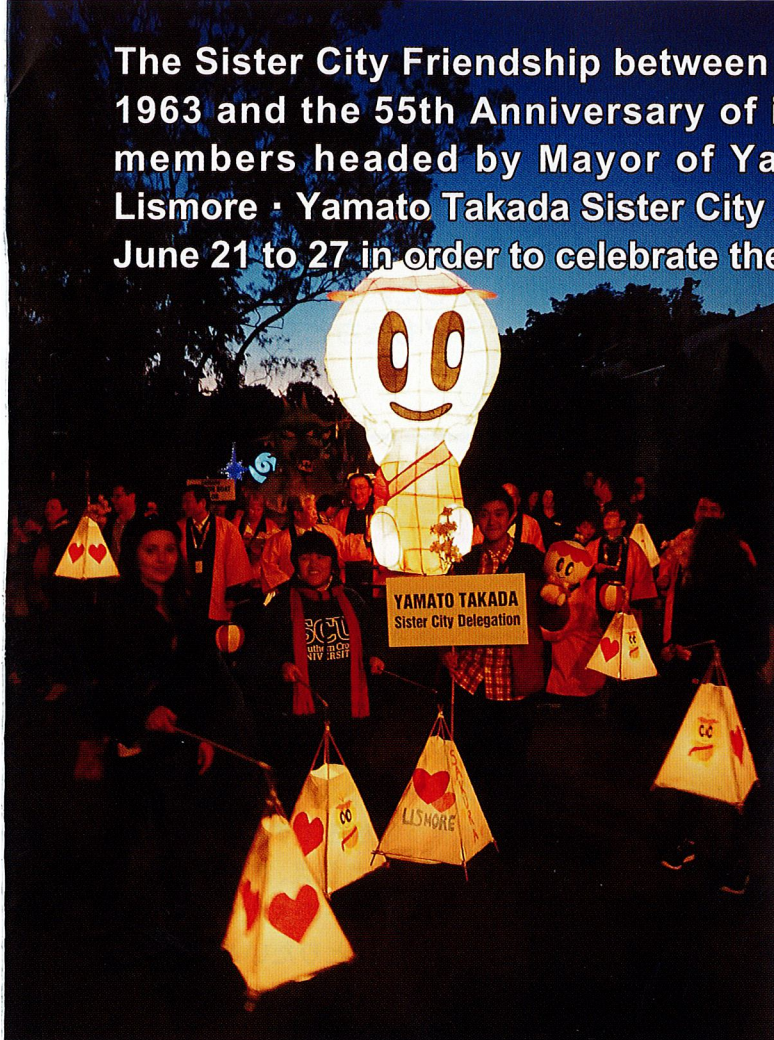
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We do hope The Bamboo Shoots born out of the soil of Yamato-Takada will grow up and act as a go-between for the citizens in Lismore and in Yamato-Takada

Celebration: 55th Anniversary of L-Y Sister City Friendship

The Sister City Friendship between Lismore and Yamato Takada began in 1963 and the 55th Anniversary of its birth was held in Lismore. The 11 members headed by Mayor of Yamato Takada city and President of Lismore - Yamato Takada Sister City Association stayed in Lismore city from June 21 to 27 in order to celebrate the anniversary.



Among all the events held in Lismore every year 'Lismore Lantern Parade' is the biggest one. The delegate participated in the event on June 23. They paraded through the city carrying the big lantern of Yamato Takada's mascot character 'Miku-chan,' which Lismore city prepared. Crowds of people gathered along the roadsides and enjoyed the parade to the full. They were deeply moved to see the lantern emitting a mysterious and fantastic light. At the end of the parading course was held the fire show. A lot of fireworks were shot off and coloured the star-filled sky.



Appearance of 'Miku-chan' or Takada city mascot

Around the sites at the goal of the parade there were various kinds of events, such as stage dramas, exhibitions, open stands and so on. 'Miku-chan or Yamato Takada city mascot' had a great opportunity to come into contact with many children there.





June 22 (Fri.)

Reaffirmation about L-Y Sister City Agreement

The delegate from Yamato Takada city received a warm welcome dinner party at Southern Cross University in Lismore city. The signing ceremony of the agreement was held there and the mayors of the two cities firmly promised to strengthen the mutual understanding much more on the sister city relationship.



June 25 (Mon.)

School Visits

The delegate visited a pre-school, an elementary school which was in the good relationships as sister city school with Iwasono elementary school in Yamato Takada, and other school. In the pre-school 'Miku-chan' appeared before children and spent a happy time with them.

Yamato Takada city announces five Exchange Students to Lismore

Yamato Takada city decided to send the following five students to Lismore. They are expected to visit Lismore city and study a lot of things there from July 26 to August 10. They are followed by Mr. Akira Fukuoka, English teacher of Takada-nishi junior high school.



Marina
Munakata

Under a hard situation where no family of my own help me and at the same time English is the only language there, I mean that no Japanese are used, I am always wondering if I could really live by myself, making myself develop in many ways under such a situation. That is the reason I applied for the Exchange Project. Since I got a good opportunity, I do want to gain precious experiences there like I try anything useful to me as well as I tell a variety of wonderful and attractive points of Takada to local people in Lismore. We the five of us work together and we want to be praised by our host families who say, "Our student are very good."



Aika
Yoshikawa

I was looking forward to visiting Lismore and I have really wanted to learn a lot about some different culture, manners and customs shown between Yamato Takada and Lismore. That's why I applied for the Exchange Project. I will do my best to tell my host family about various kinds of wonderful points which Yamato Takada city has. To do so, I do want to talk to them as often as possible when we are free.



Mone
Ueno

An exchange student from Lismore stayed with our family two years ago. She told me a lot about Lismore and many other things. As I heard her telling me a lot, I was looking forward to visiting Lismore as an exchange student. So I made up my mind to apply for this program. I am filled with uneasiness before the visit to Lismore, like whether I can make myself understood in English or not, but I would like to use English as much as I can for local people in Lismore to understand Takada with great interest. I feel very happy to be an exchange student when we welcome the 55th anniversary of friendship.



Miwa
Matsui

This is my first visit to Lismore. I was looking forward to interacting with my host family and people in Lismore as well. And I was thinking about how wonderful it was to learn anything good about Lismore. I will tell them a lot of good points which Yamato Takada and Japan have. I hope that they will be interested in them. Now the time has come that I will do my best in Lismore.



Maho
Kamikawa

I am very pleased to be selected as exchange student. I'm going to take advantage of this opportunity as much as possible for my future life. In addition, I am going to make every effort to carry on an interesting conversation with my host family and local people in Lismore as well. I will tell them about what Takada city is like as well as her good points. And after returning home, I will try to tell Takada citizens what Lismore is like and her strong points. That will make me very happy.



Akira
Fukuoka
(Teacher)

When I visited Lismore last year, I remember that people in Lismore warmly welcomed us and interacted our lives and the difference of each culture. I'm glad to visit Lismore this year, too. I wish exchange students feel the importance of long sister city history, and they cherish the encounters with people in Lismore. I'm going to support them to have this valuable opportunity make the best use of their future lives.