

July 31, 2005

Honorable Governor Victor Atiyeh  
519 S.W. Park Suite 208  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Governor Atiyeh,

Now back to Japan from a nostalgic trip to Oregon after almost 20 years, I wish to thank you very much for your time and kindness to meet my wife Masako, her friend Tamiko Hoss and myself.

During our stay in Oregon, the weather was perfect and Tamiko drove us to many beautiful places like Mt. Hood, Multnomah Falls, Cannon Beach, Vineyards, etc. But most of all, I was very happy and heart-warmed when I could meet you again and was able to find that both of us are still in good health and spirits! (For your information I am 72 years old. born February 16, 1933)

By watching various displays in your office, I understood very well how you

loved Japan and contributed to the better understanding and friendship between Oregon and Japan. Also, how kind and thoughtful of you to wear Keidansen tie when we visited.

please find enclosed here with some pictures. I hope you like them.

Again, I thank you for the happy time and send every good wish.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Dear Watakabe San,

I thank you very much for the photographs taken when you visited my office. It was especially interesting to see the souvenir photograph folder on the desk taken so many years ago. I am also very happy that Oregon turned out for you and Mrs. Watakabe by shining sun on you both as you visited some of the beauty of my state.

Another item of note—you are just four days short of being exactly ten years younger than I am. I was born on February 20, 1923!!

It was a joy to see you and to recall the visit of the Keidanren Committee of which you were an important part. It was all so vivid in my memory.

My very best wishes to you and Mrs. Watakabe.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh