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## **An appointment of Honorary Consul of Japan in Boise**

The Government of Japan, in accordance with regular practice, appoints Honorary Consuls in order to maintain the interests of our country and citizens, and to promote cultural exchanges with foreign countries in areas where official government offices cannot be established.

We are pleased to announce that the Government of Japan appointed Mr. Robert Hirai of Boise, Idaho State as the Honorary Consul of Japan in Boise as of February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

Mr. Hirai is a Sansei Japanese-American who is a native of the state of Idaho. He received a Bachelor of Science and business management degree from the University of Idaho, a Master of business administration from Boise State University and he has been active in the banking industry for many years. He is heavily involved in the local community and has served as the president of the Boise Valley Japanese American Citizens League for 13 years while also maintaining his own business.

We fully expect that the relationship between Japan and Idaho will grow even stronger under the supervision of newly appointed Honorary Consul Hirai.