

MICHIGAN SHIGA SISTER STATE PROGRAM  
P.O. BOX 4715, East Lansing, Michigan 48826  
GOODWILL MISSION 2009 TO SHIGA, JAPAN  
October 26 - November 7, 2009

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**COVER LETTER for  
SISTER CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

To: Goodwill Mission Sister-City Representatives  
From: Marilyn Schlieff, 2009 Goodwill Mission Coordinator  
Re: Cover letter & Forms for Sister-City Goodwill Mission Representatives

**GREETINGS**

The Planning Committee for the 2009 Goodwill Mission (GWM) is again offering an exciting trip for this year's travel to Shiga, Japan. Several new activities have been included in the schedule, so returning Delegates will also enjoy new experiences. Please encourage previous participants as well as first-time delegates to join the group.

Your efforts to engage at least 3-4 delegates from your community will be greatly appreciated. The Shiga International Friendship Association can comfortably accommodate about 40 Michigan delegates with host families.

**GOODWILL MISSION (GWM) INFORMATION**

- The dates for the GWM are **October 26 to November 7, 2009.**
- The GWM will depart from Detroit on October 26 at 3:50 p.m. and arrive in Nagoya on October 27. The returning flight will depart from Nagoya at 12:45 p.m. on November 7 and arrive in Detroit at 10:30 a.m. on November 7.
- The home stay portion of the Goodwill Mission includes the nights of October 30 through the night of November 3, 2009.
- Cost of the trip is \$2,600.
- Orientation meeting: Participants are expected to attend a Goodwill Mission Orientation meeting in Lansing.
- Delegates will receive a detailed itinerary and orientation information at a later date.

**FEBRUARY & MARCH: IMPORTANT PLANNING TIME!**

- Prospective participants are encouraged to contact our travel consultants during February & March, if they want to discuss extended personal travel following the close of the official Goodwill Mission on November 7.

\*\* After April 1, only 20% of the attending delegates will be allowed to make itinerary changes.

They will be charged \$50 per change AND the difference in fares, if any. Therefore:

- PLEASE urge prospective delegates to contact our travel consultants before April 1.
- Submit completed forms and \$200 non-refundable deposit as soon as possible.

**FORMS**

Please distribute the enclosed forms to prospective participants:

1. Invitation to Join the GWM
2. Registration Form & Waiver of Liability and Cancellation Clause
3. Itinerary

**FOR YOUR USE**

- These forms and related Power Point slides about the Goodwill Mission can be viewed and downloaded at [www.isp.msu.edu/jcmu/alumni/goodwill](http://www.isp.msu.edu/jcmu/alumni/goodwill).