



KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

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The Honorable Nathan Deal
Governor
The State of Georgia
State Capital
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Deal,

I am pleased to write to you on the occasion of the Atlanta film showing of "I Wish", originally titled "Kiseki" which means "Miracle" in Japanese.

"I Wish" is a moving tale of children who believe in miracles and the adults who watch over them and are healed by them. This film features the brand new Kyushu Shinkansen Line, which began full operation last year, and also Kagoshima's notable sights such as Kagoshima Chuo Station, the southern terminus of the Kyushu Shinkansen Line; Mt. Sakurajima, the active volcano and symbol of Kagoshima; and Tenmonkan shopping district.

I'm delighted to have this film showing as an opportunity to introduce Kagoshima to the citizens of our American sister state and sincerely hope that many Georgians will enjoy the movie.

As you know, the State of Georgia in the United States of America and Kagoshima Prefecture in Japan are both blessed with a warm climate and numerous other topographical, industrial, and historical similarities. This led the State of Georgia and Kagoshima Prefecture to sign a Sister Relationship Agreement in 1966 and since then, over the past 46 years, we have actively carried out various exchange programs such as the reciprocal dispatch of friendship delegations. Governor Deal, if you or your constituents have the chance to visit Japan in the future, we would be delighted to welcome you to Kagoshima Prefecture.

In closing, I would like to express my best wishes for happiness and prosperity to Governor Deal and all Georgians along with my sincere prayer that friendship between our sister states will deepen even further.

Sincerely yours,

Yuichiro Ito
Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture