

Chamber, City Laud Delegates

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Editor

Hendersonville's Chamber of Commerce and City officials lauded the 11 Japanese visitors from Tsuru this week, paving the way for cultural, educational and economic ties between the two cities.

Mayor T.W. "Pat" Patterson and Tsuru Mayor Michimasa Takabe signed official documents at a special ceremony Wednesday night sealing the sister city relationship.

The delegation -- Mayor and wife Harue Takabe, Kyoichi Koito, Yoichi Sawada, Teruki Anano, Soithi Iwata, Sakae Nakagami, Masahisa Mori, Takeshi Hirai, Mikimasa Harada, and Noboro Marayuma -- presented gifts to officials, as well as receiving special presents from the City of Hendersonville.

Mayor Takabe also owns a textile company in Japan. The textile industry is a stable of manufacturing in Tsuru, but he

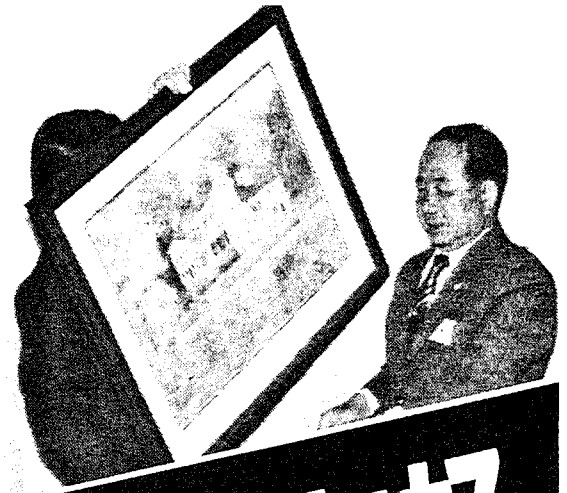
explained that "competition in recent times from China and Korea has pushed Japan, so now going into camera and sewing machine industries" more.

Other delegates' occupations are school music teacher, realtor, a trucking company owner, a tour guide and one is a vice-president of the Tsuru Chamber of Commerce.

Tsuru, explained the mayor, has the only college in Japan to train elementary and secondary school teachers. Although agriculture and silk weaving are the two main industries in Tsuru, sewing machine and camera factories are also two. Takabe said that natural land is scarce, so they are trying to develop other factories in the city.

Takabe said that one of "our delights is drinking water from the mountain streams."

Prior to the city's sister city relationship agreement, the city presented gifts to the delegation. A walnut clock from Ramcraft Gallatin, a Dutch patterned wooden drum from McDonnell, and a



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