


**Memorandum of Understanding  
On Friendly Exchanges and Cooperation  
Between  
The State of California, United States of America  
And  
Osaka Prefecture, Japan**

At the invitation of Mr. Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor of California, Mr. Ichiro Matsui, Governor of Osaka Prefecture led an official delegation to visit Sacramento, California on June 11, 2013. During this visit, Governor Matsui and Governor Brown held friendly talks and reviewed the cooperation between the two sides since the establishment of the sister-state relationship in 1994. Both agreed that Osaka Prefecture and California are economically complementary and that there exists significant potential to advance and strengthen economic and social ties.

California has the highest Gross State Product in the United States of America and is the ninth largest economy in the world. Osaka Prefecture has a population of 8.8 million and is the 29th largest economy in the world. Accordingly, both governments agree:

- I. To support and encourage economic and trade cooperation between California and Osaka Prefecture in the following key areas:
  - clean energy
  - environmental protection
  - information technology
  - bio-tech
  - manufacturing
  - tourism
- II. To support and encourage cooperation on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting low carbon development.
- III. To support and encourage their people and governments to further develop interpersonal contacts and exchanges, and to promote mutual understanding and friendship.
- IV. To promote exchange programs between universities and other educational institutions.
- V. That California will designate the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development and that Osaka Prefecture will designate the International Affairs Division to coordinate trade and investment relations between Osaka Prefecture and California.

This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Sacramento on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the languages of English and Japanese in duplicate, each party holding one; both texts being equally authentic.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California State

  
ICHIRO MATSUI  
Governor of Osaka Prefecture

