

2011

February – **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Thirty-three paintings from Manitowoc students are displayed with paintings from Kamogawa students of the same age.

February – **Wisconsin State Representative Tom Petri visits Kamogawa**

Tom Petri, who assisted in the sister city relationship and exchange from the start, visits Kamogawa. Exchange is deepened over lunch at the Grand Hotel with KIRA members.

May – **The first Kamogawa and Manitowoc Mayor Internet Talks**

Kamogawa Mayor Katagiri and Manitowoc Mayor Nickels connect using an online video conference service.

July & August – **Student Exchange Program**

Six Kamogawa students visit Manitowoc facilities and home stays with local citizens.

Manitowoc canceled this year's Student Exchange Program due to the effects of the Fukushima nuclear power plant after the Great East Japan Earthquake.

September – **Annual Pen Pal Exchange**

First and second year students from Awa Higashi Junior High School and Nagasa Junior High School exchange letters with sixth graders from Manitowoc's Strangel Elementary.

September – **Former Mayor Kevin Crawford visits Kamogawa**

Former Mayor Kevin Crawford visits Kamogawa, the new Tai Bay Board, and the new Kamogawa Junior High School. He also visits Niemonjima Island and the store fronts in Futomi.

2012

July & August – **Student Exchange Program**

Six Kamogawa students and six Manitowoc students participate in the Student Exchange Program. During their homestay, students exchange culture with the youth, the citizens and experience daily life different from theirs.

October – **Annual Pen Pal Exchange**

Twenty-six students from Strangel Elementary School exchange letters with the students with students from Kamogawa Junior High School.

November – **42nd Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Twenty-seven paintings from Manitowoc students are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

2013

June - UW Manitowoc Lakeshore Wind Ensemble visits Kamogawa (35 participants)

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the sister-city relationship, the Lakeshore Wind Ensemble visits Kamogawa and performs with the Kamogawa Junior Chorus, Kamogawa Wind Ensemble, and the Nagasa High School Wind Ensemble.

July & August - Both cities cancelled this year's Student Exchange Programs due to the Budget deficit reduction in the U.S.

September - Sixth Manitowoc Citizen Delegation visits Kamogawa

41 participants from Manitowoc visits Kamogawa Sea World, Kameda Hospital and celebrated the 20th sister-city anniversary with the local citizens.

October - Seventh Kamogawa Citizens Delegation "Wings of Citizen Friendship" visits Manitowoc

Twenty-seven Kamogawa citizens visit Manitowoc. Delegates tour place like Farmer's Market in Downtown Manitowoc, Pinecrest Historical Village, and have dinner with host families.

2014

July & August - Student Exchange Program

Four Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students visit the facilities of Kamogawa and Manitowoc respectively while staying with host families and learning about history and culture of sister-city.

2015

May - MIRA President Dawn Nicol Dewane visits Kamogawa

MIRA President Dawn Nicole Dewane with her husband, Jeff Dewane meets Kamogawa Mayor, visits places like Kameda Sake Brewery, Minami no Sato, and Oyama Senmaida.

July & August - Student Exchange Program

Six Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students visit Kamogawa and Manitowoc respectively. They experience home stays and cultural exchange with local citizens.

2016

July & August - Six Kamogawa students visits Manitowoc

Kamogawa students visit Manitowoc and learn about the growing sister-city friendship while experiencing cultural exchange with Manitowoc citizens.

Manitowoc canceled this year's Student Exchange Program

September – Annual Penpal Exchange

Twenty-five Kamogawa students sends letters to Manitowoc Jackson Elementary School.

October - Four MIRA board members visit Kamogawa

MIRA President Cindy Kaesermann and three MIRA board members visits Kamogawa for 6 days. They were taken on a tour to Seichoji temple, Nagasa Junior High School, and other facilities. They also experienced Japanese Tea Ceremony.

2017

July - Eighth Kamogawa Citizens Delegation visits Manitowoc

Eighteen Kamogawa citizens visits Manitowoc where cultural exchange is deepened through homestays, visiting facilities and interacting with local citizens.

July & August – Student Exchange Program

Six Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students experience daily life and interact with the youth of Kamogawa and Manitowoc respectively.

October - MIRA President Cindy Kaesermann visits Kamogawa

MIRA President visits and tours Kamogawa; talks on annual projects between KIRA and MIRA.

2018

July & August – Student Exchange Program

Five Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students continue to deepen the sister-city relationship while learning about daily life in Kamogawa and Manitowoc.

October - Seventh Manitowoc Citizen Delegation visits Kamogawa

29 participants visited Kamogawa to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the sister-city relationship between Kamogawa and Manitowoc.

2019

July & August – Student Exchange Program

Four Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students participate in the Student Exchange Program

August - Manitowoc citizens visits Kamogawa (3 participants)

April, Sage, and Kai of the Meyer Family visit and tour Kamogawa. They also participated in a KIRA event with the Kamogawa citizens.

November – Manitowoc Student Art Exchange

Artworks by the Manitowoc students were displayed at Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

2020

July & August - Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, both cities canceled the Student Exchange Program

2021

July – Online Meeting

Kamogawa Mayor Takao Hasegawa, Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels, KIRA President Takeshi Suzuki, MIRA President Tina Prigge, and Executive Director Lori Denk meet online.

July & August - Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, both cities canceled the Student Exchange Program

November – KIRA-MIRA Online Exchange

Eleven participants each from Kamogawa and Manitowoc participates in an online exchange.

December - Secret Santa Exchange

Gifts were exchanged between the Mayors and the Association members (11 participants each)

2022

July & August - Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, both cities canceled the Student Exchange Program

November - Online Exchange

Eight participants of Kamogawa and eight participants from Manitowoc participates in an online exchange via zoom. KIRA introduced and showcased tourist spots and famous foods of Kamogawa.

November – Origami Exchange

The students of the Kamogawa Saturday School make Christmas themed origamis and send to Manitowoc.

December - Secret Santa Exchange

Ten participants each from KIRA and MIRA participates in gift exchange.

January – Annual Penpal Exchange

Kamogawa junior high school students receive and answers letters written by Manitowoc elementary students.