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June 2nd~10th - **Manitowoc Musical Group Delegation, The Neustadters to Kamogawa**

Manitowoc musical group, The Neustadters, visits Kamogawa and performs at Kamogawa Sea Festa, elementary and jr. high schools, and Makuhari Messe.

July 9th~14th - **Manitowoc City Hall Dedication Ceremony**

During a Kamogawa City Employee Delegation to Manitowoc, Mayor Honda, KIRA President Sakai, Vice President Karikomi and fourteen other members of the delegation attend the Manitowoc City Hall Dedication and present Manitowoc with a "maiwai" (traditional Kamogawa cloth painting).

July 20th~Aug. 6th - **Student Exchange Program**

Six Manitowoc students and six Kamogawa students visit the facilities of Kamogawa and Manitowoc, respectively. While staying with host families, students learn about history and culture of sister city.

Sept. 6th~14th - **3rd Manitowoc Citizens' Delegation Visits Kamogawa**

Forty-four delegates from Manitowoc visit Kameda Clinic, Kamogawa Sea World, Tojo Elementary, participate in the Godosai Festival, and harvest rice at the Oyama Rice Paddies. The delegation also plants sugar maples at Minnami no Sato and visits the Governor Domoto for the purpose of deepening mutual friendship and understanding.

Oct. 19th~22nd - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Thirty works of art by Manitowoc students are displayed along with artworks of Kamogawa students on the 4th floor of Kamogawa Flore.

Nov. 3rd~5th - **31st Annual Culture Day Exhibition at Civic Hall**

Twenty works of art by Manitowoc students are displayed with Kamogawa student art.

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Jan. 5th~24th - **Manitowoc Children's Art Exhibition**

Works of art by Manitowoc's youth are exhibited with ones by Kamogawa students.

Oct. 24th~27th - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Thirty works of art by Manitowoc students are displayed along with artworks of Kamogawa students on the 4th floor of Kamogawa Flore.

Nov. 3rd~5th - **31st Annual Culture Day Exhibition at Civic Hall**

Thirty-seven works of art by Manitowoc students are displayed with Kamogawa student art.

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February - **Friendship City Delegation Visit to Sanya, China.**

To examine the possibilities of expanding on the friendship city relations with Sanya city, 21 delegates from Kamogawa visit Sanya to visit public facilities and businesses. Delegates also visit Sanya city government and hold a question/answer session to learn more about each other's city.

July - **Student Exchange Program**

Six students from Kamogawa and six students from Manitowoc visit sister city to learn more about history and culture of sister.

September~October - **4th Manitowoc Citizen's Delegation Visits Kamogawa/Kamogawa Citizen's Delegation Visits Manitowoc.**

Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Sister City Relationship, the two cities' delegation visits occur in the same year. Various celebration ceremonies and planting of memorial trees are held. Through home stays, visits to schools, participation in local festivals, the interaction between the citizens deepened and citizens renew the vow to further the sister city relationship.

November - **32nd Annual Culture Day Exhibition at Civic Hall**

Thirty-seven works of art by Manitowoc students are displayed with Kamogawa student art.

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July - **Five Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

While participating on a homestay, students visit Niemonjima Island and the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force Mineokayama Sub Base, and learn about the history and culture of Kamogawa.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

Students visit Rahr-West Art Museum, Lincoln Zoo, observe Japanese gardening techniques, and exchange culture through a homestay.

November - **34th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Twenty-two paintings from Manitowoc children are displayed with cultural works from Kamogawa Citizens.

2005

March - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Winning pieces from Kamogawa elementary and middle school students are displayed with works by Manitowoc elementary students in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

July - **Six Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

Manitowoc students learn about Kamogawa history and Japanese culture during a nine day homestay by experiencing first hand Japanese martial arts and the art of making traditional rice treats.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

Kamogawa students, during their homestay, participate in a pizza party as well as cookie making. They get to exchange culture with some of the youth from Manitowoc as well as experience daily life.

November - **35th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Thirty paintings by Manitowoc children are displayed in Kamogawa.

December - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Thirty paintings from Manitowoc children are displayed with 74 paintings from Kamogawa elementary and middle school students in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

2006

July - **Six Manitowoc Jr. High and High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

During their homestay, Manitowoc students learn about the history of Kamogawa and Japanese culture by visiting Tanjoji Temple, observing the Oyama rice terrace establishments, and participating in Nagasa High School club activities.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

Kamogawa students travel to Manitowoc with the Manitowoc students who are returning home. They exchange culture with the youth of Manitowoc and learn about daily life.

September - **Fifth Manitowoc Citizen Delegation visits Kamogawa**

Former Mayor Crawford with a delegation of thirty-seven people stays in Kamogawa for six days. During their stay, they visit Kameda Hospital, various establishments in the city, and Kamogawa Elementary. They participate in the reaping of rice and the Kamogawa Godosai Festival. The exchange with Kamogawa deepens.

October - **Fifth Kamogawa Citizen Delegation visits Manitowoc**

A delegation of twenty-nine visits Manitowoc. Through visiting public and educational establishments they learn more about Manitowoc and our sister city relationship. At the same time, friendships are deepened by a warm welcome, the chance to visit Stangel High School, and being blessed with the chance to exchange culture with local citizens.

November - **36th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Thirty-three paintings from Manitowoc children are displayed in the Civic Center alongside cultural pieces by citizens.

November - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Paintings from Manitowoc children are put on exhibit with forty-two pieces done by Kamogawa children and are enjoyed by the public.

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July - **Six Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

During their homestay, Manitowoc students learn about Japanese culture and history by visiting Nagasa High School and Tanjoji Temple.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

During their homestay, Kamogawa students exchange culture with Manitowoc youth and learn about American history by visiting Point Beach National Forest Park and the Two Rivers Museum.

November - **37th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Thirty pieces from Manitowoc students are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

December - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Seventy-four works done by Kamogawa and Manitowoc students are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

2008

June - **Takeshi Suzuki Succeeds Ryuichi Sakai as the President of the KIRA**

The then mayor of Manitowoc Kevin Crawford and MIRA president Perk Foster address the new and old Presidents of the Kamogawa International Relations Association in a letter.

July - **Six Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

During their homestay, Manitowoc students learn about Japanese history and culture by visiting the Oyama Rice Fields and Kamogawa Nature School and by exchanging culture with local citizens.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

During their homestay, Kamogawa students meet the youth of Manitowoc, they visit police officers and firefighters as well as the zoo, and learn about American history and culture.

October - **Manitowoc International Relations Association President Perk Foster comes to Japan**

Perk Foster comes to Japan and meets with the then Mayor Honda and former KIRA president Sakai to discuss the further development of our sister city relationship.

November - **38th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Twenty-Four pieces by Manitowoc children are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

December - **Manitowoc Student Art Exhibition**

Sixty-seven works by Kamogawa and Manitowoc students are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

2009

July - **Six Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

During their homestay, Manitowoc students exchange culture with local citizens, visit Kamogawa Sea World, and learn about Japanese Culture and history by trying on Yukata and practicing tea ceremony.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

During their homestay, students exchange culture with the youth of Manitowoc and learn about American history and culture as well as daily life.

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

Kevin Crawford participates in 「The 41st Annual Joint Meeting Japan-Midwest U.S. & Midwest U.S.-Japan Association」at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo as the representative for Wisconsin. With the intention of deepening the exchange with Kamogawa, he visits the city a day before the conference and participates in the Godosai Festival complete with a headband and split socks. The exchange with an old friend is deepened.

September - **First Pen Pal Club Project**

In order to develop friendships and deepen exchange, Kamogawa middle and Manitowoc elementary school students begin sending pen pal letters. The then Emi Middle School and Awa-Higashi Middle School do four exchanges with Manitowoc schools.

November - **39th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Twenty-eight pieces from Manitowoc are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.

December - **Christmas Cards arrive from Manitowoc**

As a link to the Pen Pal Program, cards arrive from Stangel Elementary students.

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July - **Six Manitowoc High School Students Visit Kamogawa**

During their homestay, students visit Uomizuka Lookout Point and participate in Japanese archery to learn about Japanese History and culture.

August - **Six Kamogawa Jr. High and High School Students Visit Manitowoc**

During their homestay, students learn about culture by visiting the museum, going to disc golf, and going bowling.

October - **2nd Annual Pan Pal Club Project**

The letters between Kamogawa middle and Manitowoc elementary students becomes a carrier of exchange for both cities.

October - **6th Kamogawa Citizen Delegation visits Manitowoc**

For the purpose of deepening the relations between cities, Kamogawa sends a delegation of twenty-six to visit Manitowoc. Through their homestay they experience American life and cooking, and by visiting sightseeing spots their knowledge of Manitowoc grows.

October - **40th Annual Culture Day Exhibition**

Forty-one paintings by Manitowoc students are displayed in the Kamogawa Civic Gallery.