

Commission International Travel Sister Port—Kitakyushu, Japan

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Action Requested



Approval of potential commission travel to Japan to participate in sister port activities with Port of Tacoma's sister port in Kitakyushu, Japan from approximately November 15-19, 2019.

Background



- Sister Port relationship established in 1984
- Ports of Kitakyushu and Tacoma have held periodic meetings at each port to discuss common interests



Port of Tacoma Commissioners Connie Bacon and Ted Bottiger at the 7th Sister Port Conference in Kitakyushu.



Tim Ferrell, Exec. Director, Port of Tacoma and Mr. Norihiko Yamagata, Director General, Port of Kitakyushu signing a Memorandum of Understanding at the 7th Sister Port Conference in Kitakyushu. (Jan 19, 2006)



Mr. Norihiko Yamagata, Director General—Port of Kitakyushu, and Port of Tacoma Commissioner Connie Bacon during gift exchange at the 7th Sister Port Conference in Kitakyushu.

Background



- Port of Kitakyushu is planning an event in November 2019 to celebrate their 130th anniversary and has suggested consideration of hosting our next sister port conference in Kitakyushu in conjunction with their anniversary celebration
- Estimated Cost: \$11,500/person

Source of Funds



- The 2019 Commission international travel budget provides funds for commissioner international travel from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Conclusion



Recommend approval of commissioner travel to Japan to participate in sister port activities with Port of Kitakyushu in November 2019.