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Hello, thank you for always sending us ICPRB news.

At the Arakawa Society's annual conference held in February of this year, the late Curtis Dalpra submitted a paper titled ``River swimming is a tool to improve water quality. and citizen appreciation."

The Arakawa downstream is a drainage channel that was excavated 99 years ago to adjust the flow to the Sumida River. At that time, many swimming practice areas were built and people swam downstream of the Arakawa River. Due to water pollution, the habit of swimming was lost.

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the waterway. As the water quality has improved, a swimming competition (pre-competition) will finally be held in Arakawa for the first time in 80 years. Check out the article published in the newspaper. We plan to make this an annual event starting next year. hoping.

<https://www.tokyo-np.co.jp/article/276759>

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Thanks to Mr. Dalpra

from Motoko Mitsui / the Society of the Arakawa River

In 1996, the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin signed a Sister River Agreement with Japan's Arakawa Sakura Club, hoping to create an exchange between the United States of America and Japan. After Japan's receiving association dissolved, however, this exchange became limited.

The Society of the Arakawa River was established in 1996 . And it was reorganized as a registered non-profit organization in 2003.

In 2012, when we visited the Potomac River to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Japan-U.S. cherry blossom exchange, I met with mr. Dalpra and proposed re-signing the sister river partnership. Then, I learned that ICPRB was also looking for an accepting organization to continue collaboration and exchange between sister rivers. Therefore, they have decided to re-sign with the following agreements:

1. Start small and continue long-term with citizen groups
2. Devise ways to collaborate at low cost
3. Promote online interaction among children

In December 2012, we connected via the Internet and held a signing ceremony.



ms.Mitsui, mr.Darpla and Natchan



Exchanges between sister rivers

In 2013, Mr. Dan Sclarew, who came to Japan for his wife's work, visited the Arakawa Society as a goodwill ambassador. He gave a lecture at a workshop sponsored by the Arakawa Society. We invited him on a bus tour to the middle reaches and a boat cruise down the Arakawa River with his family.



In 2019, nine Japanese people visited Washington DC for the 2019 National Cherry Blossom Festival. By Curtis's coordination, we interacted with a civic group on the Anacostia River and were given a boat tour. The next day we went on a big boat and toured the Potomac River and the Potomac River Science Center with Curtis and Dan and his wife.



At the Arakawa Society annual conference, The paper was submitted six times from ICPRB.

We are very grateful to him for his significant contribution.

We will learn the culture and the environment of both rivers, and act to make a better environment for the inheriting future through the Sister River Agreement.

We hope our friendship 'KIZUNA' with this agreement will continue forever.

Thank you very much Mr Dalpra!







































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