

# LSCA

Lomita Sister City Association (LSCA) is a non-profit benefit corporation with the specific purpose and objective to promote understanding and friendship between the people of Lomita and those of its sister city: Takaishi, Osaka, Japan. Every other year since 1981, LSCA has been promoting student exchange programs by sending deserving students to Japan for three weeks. On the alternating years, we host students from our sister city.

We believe these exchange programs are educational, cultural, social, economic, and governmental, and offer the students an opportunity to learn firsthand about the culture, customs, history, and way of life. This provides an environment for social contact between residents of Lomita and visitors, including students from other cities. It is heartwarming to see the bond and lasting friendships that are created from this type of exchange.



Above: Kyoto's Kinkakuji Temple, one of the common stops on the exchange program

# Abroad

Participants in the Summer Student Exchange Program will spend three weeks in July and August in Takaishi, Osaka, Japan.

Prospective applicants must be:

- a student
- 16-22 years of age at the time of application
- interested in learning about Japanese customs, culture and language
- a legal U.S. resident
- live, work, or perform community service in Lomita
- carry a grade point average of a "C" (2.0) or better
- willing to participate in LSCA activities and join as a member
- commit to be a host family

If selected, a student must be willing to attend all orientation meetings, participate with his/her family in other LSCA activities, and support activities when Takaishi students visit Lomita.

Applications are available at the Lomita Library and City Hall. For more information, please come to our monthly meetings held at City Hall every third Thursday at 7 p.m., or contact City Hall at (310) 325-7110. We do not meet during December.



Above: A stone shrine near one of Kyoto's famous temples greets visitors



Top: Lomita students with Takaishi's mayor, Summer 2004  
Middle: Seeing students that came to Lomita in past years at a farewell party in Japan, Summer 2002  
Bottom: Students from Japan at the Sayonara ("Goodbye") party at Lomita Park, Summer 2001

# Mission

**L**omita Sister City Association is a non-profit organization diplomacy network created to strengthen relations between Lomita, California, and Takaisbi, Japan. The organization promotes cultural understanding, extends hospitality to foreign visitors and students, and provides an environment for social contact between residents of Lomita and visitors and students from Lomita and Takaishi.

Lomita leads the movement for local community development and volunteer action by motivating and empowering private citizens, municipal officials, and business leaders to conduct long-term programs of mutual benefit of the Sister City program.



Lomita students show off their calligraphy; Summer 2006



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Front: A view of the Japanese Garden in front of Lomita City Hall



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