



CG's Greeting

My name is Makoto Ito and I have assumed my post as the new Consul-General of Japan in Denver from the beginning of April,2015

I have never been to Denver before. When I arrived at Denver International Airport by the very useful direct flight from Tokyo, however, I was very impressed since the airport was so great, modernized, and well-equipped.

Spring has come with Easter, which spells the end of the severe long winter for this Rocky Mountain area. Beautiful nature and greens in Denver made me think to myself that I came here at a wonderful time of the year.

To introduce my career within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan, I have been posted in Eastern Europe, Central and South America, Canada and Southern Europe, and engaged in issues related to consular service, political and economic affairs, economic assistance, culture and public diplomacy, among others. In Tokyo, I had posts within the bureaus of European Affairs, International Cooperation, and Cultural Affairs. Most recently, I worked in Greece as Deputy Chief of mission, and then as a Special Coordinator in the Personnel Division in Tokyo.

From now on, I will do my best to further the strong relationships between Japan and the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming in a variety of areas, such as cultural and economic relations, while providing the best of service for Japanese residents in this region. Your kind support will be very much appreciated, and I am hoping that we will together deepen our mutual understanding for each other.

Sincerely,

April,2015

Makoto Ito