

## **CG** Greeting

It has now been three months since I arrived to begin my assignment as Consul General here in Denver. During that time, I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to meet many wonderful people here in Rocky Mountain region, including several governors and mayors in the states of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

Also, I have been lucky enough to have several meaningful chances to listen to stories from local Japanese people, as well as those of people from the cultural, economical, business communities here. What has been especially impressive, that I have felt in my heart, is the number of these voices indicating a sincere willingness to pursue deeper relationships with Japan in areas such as business and culture.

During the summer, more and more people will be travelling between this Rocky Mountain region and Japan for vacations, business trips, sister city exchanges, school trips, and other activities. I am sure that this kind of direct interaction by so many people can only help strengthen the bonds between us as people.

I look forward to meeting many more good people that I have not yet met in coming months, and pledge to make my best efforts for the Consulate General of Japan in Denver to help further greater mutual understanding toward a deeper relationship between Japan and this beautiful Rocky Mountain region.

Sincerely,

Makoto Ito Consul General

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