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Mr. Rick Goldring,  
Mayor of Burlington

Dear Mayor,

As we welcome autumn's pleasant arrival, I would like to express my gratitude to Mayor Rick Goldring and to the citizens of the City of Burlington.

Thank you for informing us of the City of Burlington's twin city framework. I am grateful for your consideration of Itabashi City.

I understand the City of Burlington's decision to change the frequency by which it commemorates the twin city partnership from once every five years, the frequency up until the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, to once every ten years. I also understand that the next delegation and resident exchange events to commemorate the partnership will take place in 2024, instead of in 2019.

I respect the City of Burlington's twin city framework. Itabashi City will continue to commemorate the twin city partnership once every five years, and I hope that we can work together to build upon our achievements. I look forward to further strengthening our friendship, and I believe our friendship will continue to positively impact both of our cities and allow us to work towards establishing world peace.

Therefore, although the City of Burlington will commemorate the partnership once every ten years, we would like to hold an exchange or cultural understanding event once every five years. For these events, I humbly ask for your cooperation.

This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the twin city partnership between Itabashi City and the City of Burlington. I firmly believe that the relationship our cities have built over the years will continue to grow and positively impact both of our cities, as well as contribute to world peace.

In closing, I would like to wish the best of health and prosperity to Mayor Rick Goldring and his family, as well as to the citizens of the City of Burlington.



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