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Dear Members of the Nippon Minnesota Association,

It is with great pleasure that I write to wish you the best for your annual meeting and social event celebrating the ties between Minnesota and Japan.

This has been an exciting year for the relationship between Japan and our State. In May, we welcomed Japanese Ambassador to the U.S., Mr. Ichiro Fujisaki, to Minnesota. Later that month, there was a celebration to mark the appointment of a new Honorary Consul General for Japan at Minneapolis. And in September of this year, Governor Tim Pawlenty will visit Japan to promote trade and investment between Japan and Minnesota. This is the Governor's first trip to Japan, and we know that it will help inform people about the vital connections that Minnesota and Japan already have, as well as build new partnerships for future endeavors.

Thank you for your part in keeping these relationships strong, and we hope to have the opportunity to see all of you in Minnesota again soon.

Sincerely,

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