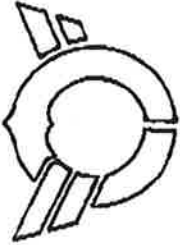


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滋賀県

STATE OF MICHIGAN

姉妹州協定



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"SISTER STATE AGREEMENT"

日本国滋賀県とアメリカ合衆国ミシガン州は、たがいに恒久的な友好関係を推進するため、正式に姉妹県の提携を結ぶ。

双方の縣と州は、今後その各分野において交流をはかり、理解を深め協力し合い相互の繁榮と幸福をもたらしため、いつそその努力を盡そうと思う。

この提携は、永久に滋賀縣とミシガン州民を結ぶ友好のきずなとなりまた滋賀縣とミシガン州の発展のため一つの布石となると同時に、世界の人々の理解を推進するものであることを確信する。

以上の合意を確認するため、昭和43年11月14日アメリカ合衆国ミシガン州ランシング市においてこの協定書に署名する、

日本
滋賀県知事
野崎欣一郎

Desiring to establish lasting friendly relations, the State of Michigan in the United States of America and Shiga Prefecture in Japan do hereby formally agree to enter into a "Sister State" relationship with each other.

The two states will promote interchange in various fields of activities with the object of deepening mutual understanding and working together to bring about mutual happiness and prosperity.

We firmly believe that this affiliation will unite the people of the State of Michigan and the people of Shiga Prefecture in everlasting bonds of friendship and promote understanding of the peoples of the world while marking another milestone in the development of both the State of Michigan and Shiga Prefecture.

In witness whereof, this Agreement is signed in the City of Lansing, the State of Michigan, U.S.A., on this 14th day of November in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

GEORGE ROMNEY
Governor
State of Michigan
United States of America



The United States of
America

Michigan State

Michigan is one of the states in the central part of the United States of America. Michigan has an abundance of natural resources such as Lake Michigan, one of the 5 Great Lakes in North America. The State Capital is Lansing. Detroit is another main city in Michigan which is world famous for the automobile industry.

Outline

	Michigan Shiga Prefecture	
Area(km²)	253,794	4,017
(Lakes & Land Ratio)	2/5	1/6
Population	9,295,297	1,287,005
Population Density(km²)	37	320
Number of Self Governments	83	50
Average Temperature	9.2°C (Central Region) 4.2°C (Northeastern Region)	14.1°C
Average Rainfall(mm)	869.4	1,653.7
Japan Time Difference -14 hours Eastern Standard Time (Daylight Saving Time)		



Lake Michigan

Lake Comparison

	Lake Michigan	Lake Biwa
Area(km²)	58,016	670
Water weight(billion tons)	4,871	27.5
Deepest Depth(m)	281	103,6
Average Depth(m)	84	41.2

Exchange with Shiga

1968 Shiga Prefecture and Michigan signs an agreement to become Sister States. (Lansing, Michigan)

1969 Michigan Economic delegates group comes to Shiga Prefecture.

1970 Shiga Prefecture opens exhibition for sight-seeing, products. (Detroit and Grand Rapids, Michigan)

1976 The first Shiga Prefecture Goodwill Mission visits Michigan.

1977 The first Michigan Goodwill Mission visits Shiga Prefecture. Since then, they visit

each other every other year.

- 1982** Michigan commissions a paddle-wheel steamboat on Lake Biwa. Japan Adventure Program started.
- 1984** The 1st International Conference on the Conservation and Management of Lakes was held.(Otsu, Shiga)
- 1985** Michigan fair held. (Shiga Prefecture) The first exchange teacher sent to Michigan from Shiga.
- 1986** The Second International Conference on the Conservation and Management of Lakes was held.(Mackinaw Island, Michigan) The first exchange teacher sent to Shiga from Michigan.
- 1989** The Japan Center for Michigan Universities was established. (Hikone City, Shiga Prefecture)
- 1990** High school exchange started.
- 1993** Sister States 25th anniversary events were held.Nagahama children performed kabuki in Detroit, Michigan.
Sister States exchange international conference. (Hikone City, Shiga Prefecture)
- 1995** The Governor of Michigan was the honorary leader of the 10th Michigan Goodwill Mission to Shiga Prefecture.





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Shiga prefecture (Japanese: [滋賀県](#); Hepburn: [Shiga-ken](#), [Kunrei-shiki](#): [Siga-ken](#)) is part of the [Kinki](#) region on [Honshu](#) island, [Japan](#). The capital is the city of [Otsu](#).

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Shiga prefecture (滋賀県)



Capital	Otsu
Region:	Kinki
Island:	Honshu
Area	Ranked 38th
- Total	4,017.36 km ²
- % water	14.0%
Population	Ranked 31st
- Total (Apr 1, 2000)	1,337,770
- Density	332/km ²
Districts:	11
Municipalities:	50
:	JP-25
Symbols	
Pref. Flower:	Rhododendron (Rhododendron metternichii var. hondoense)
Pref. Tree:	Japanese maple (Acer palmatum)
	Little grebe